

Molex to Have iPass+™ HD Connector Included in SAS 2.1 Standard

Molex Continues Industry Standard Development Leadership with iPass+™ HD Connector Included in SAS 2.1 Standard

LISLE, Ill. June 23, 2009— Molex Incorporated (NASDAQ: MOLX and MOLXA) today announced it has won the vote for the iPass+™ HD system to move forward for inclusion in the Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) 2.1 standard. The SAS 2.1 standard is created by the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) which is accredited by and operates under rules approved by the American National Standards Institute. Molex provides assistance to many standard setting committees and groups from the earliest stages of development.



This vote included new high-density internal and external connector I/Os. The Molex solution provided the same port density for low profile PCIe® cards as the current Molex iPass+ solution does for standard height PCIe cards. The planned release of the SAS 2.1 standard will be at the end of 2009.

"Several OEMs needed the higher-density connector solution for the new SAS switch and RAID controller products much sooner than the previous 2011 release plan for SAS 3.0," said Debbie Kiley, high speed I/O group product manager, Molex Incorporated. "Molex was honored to be selected for inclusion in the SAS 2.1. This win validates our strong presence and participation in leading standards organizations and our continued commitment to develop innovative product designs."

Several months ago, the T10 SCSI Standards Committee, a committee within INCITS, moved forward with requirements for a new high-density SAS 6 Gbps (12 Gbps capable) I/O connector and scheduled a selection vote in the Oklahoma City March meeting. The Molex iPass+ HD system was chosen in the SAS Phy Work Group meeting on March 17 and recommended to the T10 Plenary meeting on March 19.

Several other products are moving through the standardization process. Molex's QSFP interconnect system, already part of the InfiniBand† Specification, has also just been submitted to the T10 Standards Group for inclusion in SAS 2.1 and is moving through the IEEE® 802.3ba 40G/100G standard development process. Similarly, Molex's CXP I/O connector is being incorporated in the 120 Gbps 12x Small Form-factor Pluggable InfiniBand specification and also is being written into the IEEE 802.3ba 40G/100G Ethernet standard as the 100G solution as it moves through the process. Customers are already ordering the CXP I/O and QSFP connector for their new product designs.

For more information about the iPass+ HD connector, visit www.molex.com/link/ipassplushd.html.

About Molex

Molex Incorporated is a 70-year-old global manufacturer of electronic, electrical and fiber optic interconnection systems. Based in Lisle, Illinois, USA, the company operates 45 manufacturing locations in 17 countries. The Molex website is www.molex.com.

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