

Silent Auction Results: Thank You Donors and Bidders!

The PMA Educational Foundation (PMAEF) raised more than \$15,000 at this year's Silent Auction held during METALFORM'05. PMAEF thanks all the bidders and donors for making this year's silent auction a success. Auctioned items ranged from educational seminars, to manufacturing equipment, to the ever-popular sporting event tickets.

The winning bid for the largest donation to this year's auction, a SMARTPAC2 Press Automation Control donated by Wintriss Controls Group of Honeywell, was made by Pat Thompson, Trans-Matic Manufacturing Co. Chip Michaelson of ODM Tool & Mfg. Co. was the most successful bidder—winning four items, including registration to PMA's upcoming annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.



METALFORM attendees place a bid during the Silent Auction.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction go directly to grants to support industry workforce development training and education programs. A complete list of winning items and winning bidders can be found at www.pmaef.org. For information on how to donate a tax-deductible contribution to the Educational Foundation, contact Anne Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or acunningham@pma.org.

Thank you to all the 2005 Silent Auction donors:

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- Wintriss Controls Group of Honeywell

Twin Cities District Awarded Training Grant

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Manufacturing Institute and the National Network of Sector Partners has selected PMA's Twin Cities District for a grant to implement its "Building the Employer Infrastructure in Sectoral Strategies" project. PMA member companies Boker's Inc., Dayton Rogers, E.J. Ajax & Sons, Meier Tool & Engineering, Morrissey, Inc., Thomas Engineering, Toro, and Paradise Press Equipment participated in the selection team site visit. Hennepin Technical College, under the leadership of PMA Educational Foundation board member Joe Fredkove, has been selected as the lead organization.

This two-year project is funded by the Hitachi, Charles Stewart Mott and Annie E. Casey Foundations. It is intended to promote career lad-

ders and workforce development through training and job placement in specified locations using local training providers and coordinating with the local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS), one-stops, and community-based organizations. Factors such as strength-of-organization, interested partner groups, transferability of the business plan to other sites, and the ability to train 90-100 individuals and place or promote 65-75 of them in sector-related jobs were included in the selection criteria.

PMA's Twin Cities District is one of two locally based, nationally supported project sites selected. PMA's West Michigan District was also in the running with a strong proposal. For more information, contact Dave Sansone at 216/901-8800 or dsansone@pma.org.



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