

# PMA Educational Foundation Awards \$34,370 in Grants

The PMA Educational Foundation (PMAEF) has awarded a total of \$34,370 in grants to five programs created to enhance the U.S. metalforming workforce.

Following is a summary of the grants awarded:

- \$10,000 to the Connecticut Business & Industry Association's Manufacture Your Future Careers Exposition in Hartford, CT on May 16-17, 2006. The event was designed to expose 3000 middle and high school students to advanced manufacturing by displaying technology such as CAD/CAM, coil slitting, metal finishing, CNC programming and more.
- \$5000 to the Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC) to supplement its funding for the Manufacturing Technology Summer Camp in July 2006 as part of the Education-to-Careers Program. The summer camp will expose 14 applicants to manufacturing technology in a concentrated curriculum.
- \$6370 to East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, IL to provide equipment for its highly regarded Machine Tool Program. The funding will support the replacement of four vertical mills with four new vertical mills equipped with

digital readout and x-axis servos.

- \$10,000 to the National Institute for Metalworking Skills Assessment Inc. (NIMS) to assist in the management of the precision machining technology competition as part of SkillsUSA. The competition reflects national industry standards for entry level machinists, bringing state champions together to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.
  - \$3000 to the development of a PMA/Science Olympiad partnership in an effort to link Science Olympiad with careers in science and technology, specifically manufacturing design and engineering.
- PMAEF congratulates all of the grant recipients from this cycle. The deadline to submit applications for the next grant cycle is October 1, 2006. PMAEF accepts requests for funding from organizations whose initiatives, programs and services promote, enhance and/or support the development of a metalforming workforce in the United States. Throughout the past five years, PMAEF grants have averaged \$10,000 per request granted. Interested parties can download an application at [www.pmaef.org](http://www.pmaef.org) or contact Anne Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or [acunningham@pma.org](mailto:acunningham@pma.org).

## PMAEF Best Practices Symposium Scheduled for September

The PMA Educational Foundation's inaugural Best Practices Symposium is set for September 26-27, 2006 at PMA headquarters. PMAEF will bring together district leaders and educational personnel from regional vocational schools and community colleges to learn about the leading educational and career awareness programs being implemented in PMA's districts. District officers are invited to join the Educational Foundation in September to learn how such programs can be developed locally. For more details or to sign up for the program, contact Anne Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or [acunningham@pma.org](mailto:acunningham@pma.org).

## Enhanced Catalog Offers More Industry Training Resources

PMA has recently published a comprehensive training and education product catalog with additional resources for the metalforming industry offered by the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) and the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI). This new brochure allows industry professionals to locate all the training and education materials they need in one central place. It includes an expanded list of products from all three organizations, such as videos, books and consulting services.

This product catalog is another collaborative effort between PMA, NTMA and IFI to offer products and services that benefit the metalworking

industry. Both NTMA and IFI have worked closely with PMA on advocacy-related issues, and PMA and NTMA will also be holding a joint purchasing fair on October 17, 2006 in St. Louis, MO.

To receive the new training and education product catalog, contact Marianne Sichi at 216/901-8800 or [msichi@pma.org](mailto:msichi@pma.org). More information about the purchasing fair may be obtained by contacting Allison Grealis at 216/901-8800 or [agrealis@pma.org](mailto:agrealis@pma.org).



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