

Support the Industry through the PMAEF Silent Auction

FOUNDATION Companies interested in advancing training and education in the metalforming industry can do so by supporting the PMA Educational Foundation's 2007 Silent Auction at METALFORM, scheduled for March 25-28 in Rosemont, IL. PMAEF is currently accepting donations with a minimum retail value of \$100. Great additions to the 2007 auction slate could be equipment, which is on display at METALFORM; vacation packages; sporting goods; support and consultation fees; tickets for sporting events and other items of this nature.

Companies that make contributions before December 15, 2006, will be listed on donor signs throughout METALFORM and the donated items

will be featured on a sign in the Silent Auction booth. Additionally, companies that donate will gain exposure to the 60,000 readers of *MetalForming* magazine thanks to an upcoming feature in the March issue.

Since PMAEF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations may be tax deductible. All proceeds raised through the 2007 Silent Auction will be funneled back to the industry through grants used to develop district training and education programs for existing and future employees.

For more information or to make a donation to the 2007 auction, contact Anne Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or acunningham@pma.org.

Educational Foundation Hosts First Best Practices Event

FOUNDATION Educators and leaders from nine PMA districts came together to share experiences and learn new ideas about implementing education and career awareness programs in their areas of the country at the PMA Educational Foundation's inaugural best practices event on September 26-27, 2006.

A few of the programs discussed at the event include:

- A new curriculum developed by Hennepin Technical College to teach Occupational English to employees that don't speak English as their first language
- The Indiana District's successful use of a PMA



Educational Foundation seed grant to develop a stamping press operator training system used to train member and nonmember companies in Indiana

- The Connecticut Business and Industry Association's "Manufacture your Future" career expo that introduced more than 3,000 middle school and high school students to careers in manufacturing

To learn more about these programs and the other programs highlighted during the two-day event, contact Anne Cunningham at 216/901-8800 or acunningham@pma.org.

Call for Pilot Companies for Flexible OJT Training Initiative

FOUNDATION The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) is now accepting letters of interest from companies to pilot its Flexible On-the-Job Training (OJT) initiative. The project is intended to enable companies to deliver effective on-the-job training that meets their individual business needs by helping them place qualified people at the training controls. The NIMS Expert Panel has developed certifications for core competencies for the critical positions of training coordinator, OJT senior trainer and OJT trainer. The panel is also developing Technical Assistance Guides to be used by

the pilot companies.

The project is supported by the Business Relations Group of Employment Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. NIMS Expert Panel members for this project include the following PMA members: Laura Frost, Admiral Tool and Manufacturing Company; Greg Chambers, Oberg Industries; Charles Guiste, Penn United Technology; and Michael Bermudez, Walker Corporation.

Companies interested in piloting this project should contact Stephen Mandes at NIMS, smandes@nims-skills.org.



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