

# PMAEF Seminars Promote Workforce Development

So far this year 180 employees from 87 metalforming companies have improved their skills and knowledge by attending PMA Educational Foundation seminars. For example, 32 people learned key techniques for improving their pressroom efficiency at the Operating Coil Fed Presses Seminar in Chicago. And 41 others gained knowledge of basic metals, their properties and their application in metalforming from Dr. Stuart Keeler at the Amateur Metallurgy Seminar in Charleston, SC. Attendees of this program were also treated to a plant tour of Nucor Steel's nearby facility.

Look into PMAEF's seminars as a cost-effective way of improving employees' skills and knowledge. Upcoming learning opportunities include:

Seminar	Date	Location
Simulation & Design Technology	April 24	Cleveland
Sheet Metals 101	May 22	Chicago
Amateur Metallurgy	June 7	Chicago
Estimating Metal Stamping Dies	June 19	Cincinnati
Troubleshooting Formability Problems	July 11	Detroit
High-Strength Steels	July 12	Detroit
Costing & Pricing	July 25	Chicago
Designing & Building Metal Stamping Dies	August 14-15	Chicago
CFO Roundtable	August 21-22	Cleveland
IT Roundtable	September	Cleveland
Forming Difficult Stampings	September 26-27	Louisville
Circle Grid Analysis	October 10	Cleveland
Die Maintenance	October	TBD

For more information about any of these events or to let PMAEF know what seminar topics would be of interest to you, contact Jillian Petrocci at 216/901-8800 or [jpetrocci@pma.org](mailto:jpetrocci@pma.org), or go online at [www.pma.org/seminars](http://www.pma.org/seminars).

## More than 13,500 NIMS Credentials Earned

The National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS) announced that more than 13,500 industry credentials have now been earned by metalworking industry employees and by students in manufacturing technology programs.

NIMS was formed 12 years ago by PMA and other metalworking trade associations to develop and maintain a globally competitive American workforce. NIMS sets skills standards for the industry, certifies individual skills against the standards and accredits training programs that meet its quality requirements.

To improve industry training and increase the acceptance of its standards, NIMS has developed a competency-based apprenticeship system for the nation's metalworking and metalforming industries. Apprenticeships for press setup operator—stamping; tool and die maker—stamping; machinist; machine builder; CNC setup-programmer-

milling; CNC setup-programmer-turning; CNC setup-programmer-milling and turning; and machine tool maintenance, service and repair have been approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

NIMS' latest initiative is the development of industry certifications to assist companies in delivering effective on-the-job-training. The certifications cover three levels: OJT trainers, OJT senior trainers and training coordinators.

In addition, more than 162 schools have achieved NIMS accreditation. These schools throughout the country are excellent candidates for companies and districts to partner with to deliver essential training and education. To find out which of these schools are near your company or for more information on NIMS, visit [www.nims-skills.org](http://www.nims-skills.org). To learn more about how to implement apprenticeships at your company, contact the PMAEF staff at 216/901-8800 or [pmaef@pma.org](mailto:pmaef@pma.org).



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