

# PMA Educational Foundation Awards \$88,000 in Grants

The PMA Educational Foundation (PMAEF) Board of Trustees awarded grants totaling \$88,000 at its November meeting.

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Grants were awarded to seven programs that the board determined would further the foundation's mission, "To create the means to educate and motivate the current and future workforce of the North American metalforming industry." Following is a summary of the grants awarded:

- \$28,000 to Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN, for curriculum development for beginning and advanced die protection courses, working with PMA's Indiana District.
- \$15,000 to the Center for Polytechnical Education for the development of manufacturing-oriented high schools in Chicago.
- \$15,000 to Riverworks Development Corporation to offer advanced training programs for press operation and setup in Milwaukee, WI, working with PMA's Wisconsin District.
- \$10,000 to the Connecticut Business and Industry Education Foundation to support the 2008 Manufacture Your Future Careers Expo II, a one-day career awareness event in Hartford.
- \$10,000 to the California Coalition for

Manufacturing, Education & Government to support two projects – \$5,000 for designing a framework for podcasts of NIMS-based curriculum and \$5,000 for a public image campaign to support manufacturing careers.

- \$5,000 to Red Education Consulting Services, Apex, NC, to achieve NIMS credentialing for high school and community college instructors throughout the state.
- \$5,000 as a challenge grant to Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, CT, for the purchase of a rotary machine for sheetmetal training, contingent on the school's ability to secure the remaining funds needed.

Congratulations to all of the grant recipients from this grant cycle. 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. Grants typically average \$10,000 per request granted. The deadline to submit applications for the next grant cycle is March 1, 2008. Qualified organizations can download an application at [www.pmaef.org](http://www.pmaef.org) or contact Amy Thacker at 216/901-8800 or [athacker@pma.org](mailto:athacker@pma.org).

## PMAEF Sponsors Bingo at METALFORM

At this year's Regional METALFORM in Birmingham, AL, everyone on the floor has an opportunity to go home a winner in the foundation's fundraising bingo game. This event promises to be fun for attendees and attention-getting for exhibitors.

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All attendees will receive a bingo gamecard upon registration. The gamecard squares will be sponsored by participating METALFORM exhibitors. Players must visit the booths represented on squares in a row in order to earn bingo. Winning cards will be entered into drawings for prizes, including tickets for Talladega Superspeedway's April NASCAR race.

Exhibitors, it is not too late to reserve a bingo square. It will draw traffic to your booth while supporting the work of PMA's Educational Foundation.

The foundation also is still seeking donated items to be used as bingo prizes. Those interested in donating to the 2008 bingo game or purchasing sponsorship squares should contact Amy Thacker at 216/901-8800 or [athacker@pma.org](mailto:athacker@pma.org).



Established in 1996 to address the shortage of workforce skills, PMAEF brings strong focus to the training and educational needs of the metalforming community. The money raised through the METALFORM Birmingham event will be used to award grants to industry programs that promote metalforming careers or that provide training for incumbent workers.

## PMA University Course Catalog Available Online

Information on all PMA University offerings can now be found on the PMA website at [www.pma.org/pmauniversity](http://www.pma.org/pmauniversity). Go to the PMA University page to learn about PMA and PMA Educational Foundation training products and services, seminars, online learning and assessments for workforce development at your company.

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