

# METALFORM Bingo Raises Funds for Industry Grants

“The bingo game was great. The Educational Foundation should create two different cards next year.” These words from Kurt Aucoin of Dayton Precision Punch summarize the comments of many exhibitors at METALFORM Birmingham. This year’s PMA Educational Foundation fundraising event raised \$14,000! All proceeds will be used by the foundation to fund grants that assist in the development of metalforming industry training and education programs. Please visit [www.pmaef.org](http://www.pmaef.org) or contact Amy Thacker at 216/901-8800 or [athacker@pma.org](mailto:athacker@pma.org) to learn how to apply for an Educational Foundation grant.

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## Best Practices Workshop Scheduled in Conjunction with District Leadership Conference

The PMA Educational Foundation’s (PMAEF) third annual Best Practices Workshop will be held for the first time in conjunction with PMA’s annual Leadership Conference at PMA headquarters in Cleveland, OH, on June 3-4, 2008.

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The workshop brings together representatives from industry and education from PMA districts to learn about innovative career awareness and education programs that can be used as models for local workforce development efforts. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. on June 3, and conclude in the early afternoon

of June 4, just before the Leadership Conference begins.

Speakers from Chicago, Cleveland, Indiana, North Carolina, Twin Cities and Wisconsin are on the agenda to share information about their programs. The workshop is funded through a PMAEF grant which includes funding to defray some travel costs for districts. District officers are encouraged to invite a local educator to attend with them to discuss how similar programs may be developed in their districts. Contact Amy Thacker at 216/901-8800 or [athacker@pma.org](mailto:athacker@pma.org) for more information.

## Teaching Resources for the Metalforming Industry

The PMA Educational Foundation has added more training resources to its PMA University offerings with the new *Tools of the Trade* series. The series consists of five sets of easy-to-use PowerPoint slides, including *Basic Safety* (44 slides), *Metalforming Basics* (33 slides), *Introduction to Quality* (30 slides), *Measurement & Prints* (45 slides) and *Communications & Teamwork* (33 slides). The slides are intended as instructional resources for your existing workforce development programs or as a foundation to develop new programs. They can be easily modified and customized

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and can be incorporated into currently used PowerPoint or overhead presentations. *Tools of the Trade* can be purchased in downloadable format in individual sets or in a “bundle” (all five sets).

Other “tools you can use” as instructional resources include *SkillStarts*™ booklets that address basic concepts and applications key to the metalforming industry. *SkillStarts* are available in Basic Safety, Introduction to PLCs, Basic Maintenance, Basics of Fluid Power, Introduction to Quality Concepts, and Basic Electricity.

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