

Associations

Spring Manufacturers Institute Joins Dream It. Do It. Network

The Spring Manufacturers Institute (SMI), Oak Brook, IL, a professional association for suppliers and manufacturers in the spring industry, has joined the Manufacturing Institute's Dream It. Do It. program, which works to educate young people about opportunities and careers in manufacturing. SMI and its members now will have access to the Manufacturing Institute's data and materials as they seek to reach the next generation of spring-manufacturing workers.

Business Notes

BTD Acquires South Carolina Metal Products

Metal-stampings and assemblies supplier Batesville Tool & Die, Batesville, IN, a subsidiary of BTD Manufacturing Inc., announced that it has acquired the assets of South Carolina Metal Products, Aiken, SC. With the acquisition, BTD seeks to expand its reach into the southeast region of the United States. The South Carolina facility will supply metal-stamping and robotic gas metal-arc and resistance welding services for the automotive and lawn-and-garden industries.

Internet

Cortec Launches Additives Website

Corrosion-inhibitor manufacturer Cortec Corp., St. Paul, MN, launched a new website, www.cortecadditives.com, devoted to its VpCI brand of additives. The new website divides VpCI corrosion-inhibitor additives into application categories to allow for simple navigation. Each category offers an overview of additive options and includes charts to guide selection based on additive characteristics such as transport mechanism, solubility and metal

types protected. The website also offers news updates and related brochures.

Awards

American Punch Wins Large-Business Award

Punch, die and shear-blade manufacturer American Punch Co., Euclid, OH, was named "Large Business of the Year" by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Chamber Awards Dinner on May 4. The award recognizes Euclid businesses, organizations and individuals that have made a contribution to the economic growth and welfare of the Euclid business community within the past year.

Reshoring Initiative and PMA Launch National Reshoring Award

The Reshoring Initiative, an organization that encourages companies to bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States, and the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), a trade association representing the metalforming industry in North America, have launched the National Reshoring Award for 2017.

The award will honor companies—one buyer and one supplier—that have successfully reshored parts or tooling made primarily by metalform-

ing, fabricating or machining between January 1, 2012, and August 1, 2017. Applications must be submitted by August 1, and the award will be presented on September 28 at the PMA-hosted Sourcing Solutions procurement program in Milwaukee, WI.

Beckwood Awarded for Press at Lawrence Livermore National Lab

Beckwood Press Co., St. Louis, MO, has been recognized by Bechtel's Nuclear, Security & Environmental global business unit for outstanding work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The unit's Supply Chain Recognition Awards honor subcontractors and suppliers who supported Bechtel's work in nuclear power, environmental clean-up, defense, and nuclear security and operations projects during 2016.

Prior to installing Beckwood's Triform model 20-10-10BD deep-draw sheet-hydroforming press, LLNL relied on decades-old equipment to research, develop and make hydroformed parts. Since upgrading to the Triform, LLNL has increased its forming capabilities—it now can form parts from a variety of materials including high-strength alloys, carbon steel, aluminum, stainless steel, pre-

cious metals, copper and brass, each with varying thicknesses. This flexibility is instrumental for developing LLNL's extensive range of parts.

"We are honored to receive such a prestigious award from Bechtel," says Josh Dixon, Beckwood's director of sales and marketing. "Providing technologically advanced machinery to our country's national labs, including Lawrence Livermore and Oak Ridge, has provided a lasting and positive impact on defense and sustainability initiatives."

Training

Lucas-Milhaupt to Offer Brazing Seminar in Philadelphia

Brazing- and soldering-materials supplier Lucas-Milhaupt, Milwaukee, WI, will offer its Fundamentals of Brazing seminar October 3-5 at the Wyndham Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The two-and-a-half-day seminar, open to all levels of brazing experience, will cover the latest brazing techniques and offer insights on lowering the overall cost of metal joining.

Facilities

New SC Stamping Plant to Supply BMW

In June, officials cut the ribbon to officially open Tower International's \$75 million 264,000-square-foot plant in Fountain Inn, SC, slated to produce metal components and assemblies for BMW. The plant is anchored by two Aida 2000-ton presses, with product destined for BMW's South Carolina assembly plant. By 2019, the new Tower International