

AWS Weldmex-Fabtech-Metalform Show sets another attendance record!

Monterrey, Mexico – May 31, 2011 – The 3rd edition of the AWS Weldmex-Fabtech-Metalform Expo held May 11-13 in Monterrey, Mexico set another attendance record of 7086 buyers. With over 57,000 net sq. ft, 241 exhibitors and 7086 attendees, the event surpassed the previous record of 6156 attendees in 2009 in Monterrey, Mexico.

“We could not be more pleased with the turnout”, said Chuck Cross, show manager. “The attendance numbers were great, but the quality was more important” stated Cross. Executives from Caterpillar, John Deere, Whirlpool, GM, Magna, Metalsa and PEMEX were among the number of high quality attendees who participated in the event.

The mega event which combines AWS Weldmex sponsored by the American Welding Society, Fabtech Mexico, sponsored by the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Metalform sponsored by the Precision Metalforming Association has grown over 50% the last three years.

The event generates over 15 million dollars in economic impact to the Nuevo Leon region of Mexico. The next event is scheduled for May 2-4, 2012 in Mexico City.

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ABOUT AWS: The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 67,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society’s website at <http://www.aws.org>.

About PMA: The Precision Metalforming Association (www.pma.org) is the full-service trade association representing the \$91-billion metalforming industry of North America—the industry that creates precision metal products using stamping, fabricating and other value-added processes. Its nearly 1200 member companies include metal stampers, fabricators, spinners, slide formers and roll formers as well as suppliers of equipment, materials and services to the industry. Members are located in 30 countries, with the majority found in North America—in 41 states of the United States as well as Canada and Mexico. Visit www.pma.org.

About FMA: The **Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International**, headquartered in Rockford, Ill., USA, is a non-profit educational association dedicated exclusively to metal forming and fabricating professionals. Founded in 1970, it is considered the world's largest educational association for its industry, with thousands of members worldwide. FMA provides in-depth technical information and educational opportunities through conferences, award-winning magazines, extensive research services, and co-sponsorship of the FABTECH International series. Visit FMA at <http://www.fmanet.org>.

About SME: The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (www.sme.org) is the world’s leading professional society supporting manufacturing education. Through its member programs, publications, expositions and professional development resources, SME promotes an increased awareness of manufacturing engineering and helps keep manufacturing professionals up to date on leading trends and technologies. Headquartered in Michigan, SME influences more than half a million manufacturing practitioners and executives annually. The Society has members in more than 70 countries and is supported by a network of hundreds of technical communities and chapters worldwide.