



Chicago District Hosts Metalforming Pioneer Company Workshop Thursday, April 18, 2013

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Learn how industry-leading metalforming companies with a history of successful business results have instituted their best practice initiatives and how they engage their workforce through skill enhancement and advancement opportunities . . . which in turn fosters company success.

Event Details

Who Should Attend

Metalforming company executives at any level of management responsible for implementing company-wide initiatives to improve business results.

Kick Off Presentation:

Manufacturer internal career paths nurture workforce development: *A career pathway guide for manufacturers* -- Bruce Braker, Director of the Chicago Manufacturing Renaissance Council and Treasurer of the National Institute for Metalworking Skills

Pioneer Company Presenters:

Diemasters Manufacturing, Eclipse Manufacturing and Marlin Steel Wire Products

These companies have been recognized by the PMA Educational Foundation's "Metalforming Pioneer Award Program." This recognition program was established through a grant from the Hitachi Foundation to identify companies that combine successful business results through well-defined values, culture, policies, practices and investments with exemplary workforce development practices resulting in skill/career advancement, efficiencies for the company and recognition in the community. Each of the companies and their award-winning programs were featured in a special insert in the February issue of MetalForming. Their presentations will cover the following:

Diemasters Manufacturing, Elk Grove, IL will explain The Diemasters Productivity System (TDPS) and LISSTs Training Series, a proprietary platform that promotes customer satisfaction, continuous improvement and lowest landed costs, allowing the company to Manufacture Smarter™ for its customers, while creating an open, collaborative environment within the company.

Eclipse Manufacturing, Sheboygan, WI will discuss their workforce development efforts which have contributed to measurable improvements in quality and throughput and their dedication to lean manufacturing practices to grow capacity while using non-traditional marketing to gain new customers.

Marlin Steel Wire Products, Baltimore, MD will describe how it has grown from a small operation supplying baskets for bagel shops to a premier supplier of enclosures for a variety of markets through investment in technology and through vigorous training and professional growth for its employees to make that technology work.

During this workshop each company will describe its programs in more detail. Following their presentations and a panel question-and-answer session, you will have the opportunity to learn even more from the pioneer companies in small group breakout sessions.

Benefits of Attending

Attend this workshop to learn more about these best practices and how your company can apply these concepts to model similar programs to meet your specific needs.