

More IMTS Stuff

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STUDENT SUMMIT INTRODUCES NEXT GENERATION TO MANUFACTURING

The IMTS 2002 Show offers an opportunity for students, ranging from grade school to college, to take part in the exhibition.

This opportunity started at the 1998 show and attendance rose 11% by the time of IMTS 2000, according to the IMTS website.

Whether these students are college seniors ready to enter the engineering field or in elementary school, they will have the opportunity to visit the inside of the booths and speak to company representatives to better understand the technology. In the past, older students took advantage of this opportunity in greater number but all ages are invited, according to the IMTS website.

A goal of the student summit is to introduce the students to career opportunities and explain the future of the manufacturing technology industry.

Teachers and parents are also permitted to participate in the student summit. Show itineraries and assignments are available to teachers.

In 2000, a total of 3,923 students were chaperoned through the IMTS show by 605 teachers and parents. The students and their chaperones represented 35 states and 13 foreign countries.

Registration is free for the student summit and students may attend on any day of IMTS.

Interested students and industries can obtain forms on the IMTS website at www.imtsnet.org. For more information, call Myrta Mason at (703) 827-5219 or e-mail her at mamason@amtonline.org.

NEW BUSWAY SHORTENS COMMUTE FROM HOTELS TO MCCORMICK PLACE

During the eight days of the IMTS show, shuttle buses will be able to bypass traffic by traveling on a two-lane, 2.5-mile roadway.

By avoiding the congestion of the Randolph Street to McCormick Place route, IMTS attendees should be able to make the trip in about eight minutes.

According to the official IMTS website, the busway should cut shuttle bus costs for show organizers by one-third.

Funding for the busway, which totaled about \$43 million, was provided by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. Part of the money will be used for the second phase of the project, which will add a connection that will cross the Metra tracks and provide access to the North Building and Lakeside Center of McCormick Place.

For those who opt not to use the shuttle buses, the Metra line transports attendees directly to McCormick Place's grand concourse, to level 2.5. Service from the Randolph station on Wacker Drive to the convention center begins at 5:15 a.m. and runs on the hour until 12:50 a.m. During the rush hour commute, more frequent pickups are offered.

For more information on the Metra schedule, contact the Chicago Transit Authority at www.transitchicago.com or at (312) 836-7000.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR IMTS ATTENDEES

Travel Technology Group (TTG), the official housing coordinator for the 2002 IMTS Show, has blocked off rooms in more than 55 hotels for IMTS attendees. Accommodations run the gamut from the economical to the more exclusive hotels.

Among the hotels offered are some of the city's finest, including landmarks like The Drake, The Inter-Continental, and The Swissotel.

For visitors seeking simpler lodgings, TTG presents options that provide a resting place as well as an economical advantage to attending the show. For example, the Essex Inn and the Congress Plaza Hotel are both centrally located and available for about \$130 a night.

Room rates vary from about \$120 to nearly \$800, depending on factors like room or suite size, hotel amenities and proximity to the city's financial and entertainment districts.





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This pavilion will feature cylindrical grinders; internal grinders; angular wheelside grinders; creep feed grinders; thrufeed grinders; centerless grinders; surface grinders; abrasive belt grinders; jig grinders; CNC tool and cutter grinders; universal grinders; cam grinders; bench, crankshaft and abrasive cutoff machines; band saws; circular saws; lapping machines; balancing machines; honing machines and polishing machines.

Controls and CAD-CAM—East Building, Hall D

This pavilion focuses on CIM/CAD/CAM systems, CNC controls, automation management systems, communications systems and LANs, software development systems and services, computers and software, instruments-controls and systems integration services.

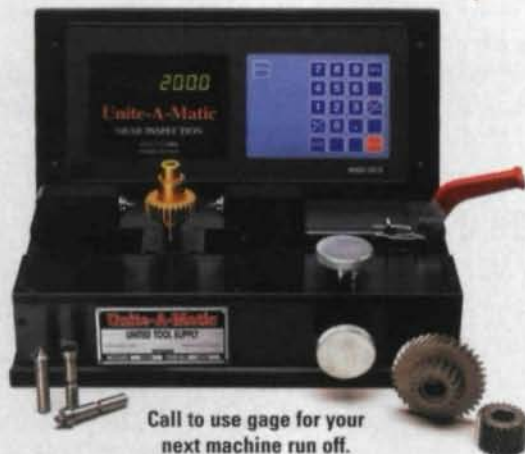
EDM—East Building, Hall D

One of the largest gatherings of EDM manufacturers ever assembled, the pavilion features CNC wire EDM, EDM filtration system and supplies, ram-type EDM, metal disintegrators and die sinking machines.

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Metal Cutting—South Building, Hall A and North Building, Hall C

The Metal Cutting Pavilion includes machining centers, turning centers, assembly automation, milling machines and centers, boring machines, drilling machines, transfer machines, screw machines, broaching machines, burnishing machines, gun drilling machines, planer/mills, boring mills, multiple spindle drills and automatics, drill/mill/bore heads and slides, thread rolling, jig boring/milling machines and knurling machines, vertical turret lathes, bar feeds, automation systems, assembly machines, end finishers, machining cells, chucks and CNC lathes.

Metal Forming & Fabricating/Laser—North Building, Hall B

All types of presses and the latest in laser production and technology are displayed here.

Quality Assurance—East Building, Hall D

Precision, laser and coordinate measuring machines; automated, precision and in-process gaging machines; tool condition monitoring equipment; measurement software; quality, control, testing and measuring equipment; comparators; metrology and vision systems will be on display.

Tooling & Workholding Systems—East Building, Hall E

This pavilion has special tooling, including boring bars, coolants, oils, ceramics, and composite cutting tools, gun drilling systems, jigs, reaming tools, and vises.

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