

Januray 19–24—Tooltech. Bangalore International Exhibition Center, Bangalore, India. This exhibition on cutting tools, tooling systems and machine tool accessories focuses on technology, design, quality and production. Exhibitor profile includes: abrasive tools and products, accessories, dies and moulds, electrical and electronic equipment for machine tools, feeding system, finishing and cutting tools, forming tools, hand held tools, hydraulic pneumatic system and components, instrumentation and process control equipment, lubrication/cooling and refrigeration system, material testing, quality assurance testing equipment, production control and networks, measurement and quality control, CAD/CAM, robots, manipulators and automation, safety equipment, services, slitter collers, decoilers and straighteners, forming simulation software, tooling systems and devices, waste disposal and environment, work and tool holders, work piece and tools handling etc. For more information, contact Knox Johnstone at (703) 827-5224.

March 7–8—Lean Transformation Summit. Jacksonville, Florida. The Lean Enterprise Institute (LEI) summit raises consciousness, generates enthusiasm and explores new frontiers in lean thinking. Attendees will learn from leading lean practitioners and colleagues who have faced the same challenges. They'll also enjoy the industry's best networking to build (or continue to build) their own network of lean thinkers. Summits are two-day events designed for mid- to upper-level managers, with a focus on sustaining the lean journey, and insights into innovative ways to enhance your lean journey. LEI present a series of summits and conferences globally throughout the year to teach actual applications, not just concepts, in plain language with the case studies, worksheets, formulas, and methodologies needed for implementing lean into your business. For more information, visit www.lean.org.

March 8–11—The MFG Meeting (Manufacturing For Growth). Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando, Florida. The MFG Meeting brings together a broad spectrum of manufacturing business owners and top industry executives for a four-day forum on how manufacturers can work together to restore manufacturing to its rightful place as an engine that drives the U.S. economy. Jointly produced by four major industry trade groups, the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT), American Machine Tool

Distributors Association (AMTDA), National Tooling and Manufacturing Association (NTMA) and the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), this event tackles the issues that affect the entire realm of manufacturing and provides a forum for a conversation that can't be found at any event presented from a single sector's perspective. Visit www.themfgmeeting.com for registration details and to watch highlights from the 2011 event.

March 13–15—Composites Manufacturing 2012. The Composites Manufacturing conference and exhibition provides knowledge on composite applications, processes and best practices. This three-day program features a combination of education, networking, exhibits, exclusive tours, industry keynotes and in-depth manufacturing insight. Manufacturing engineers and management from the aerospace, medical, wind energy, transportation, recreational, consumer products and green manufacturing will come together to discover new ways to stay relevant and competitive. This dynamic event continues to evolve, grow and improve to provide an array of different learning and networking opportunities. Developed by a team of SME professionals who work hand-in-hand with an industry advisory board, this team has its finger on the pulse of composites manufacturing and understands what attendees need to succeed. For more information, visit www.sme.org.

March 27–29—Westec 2012. Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles. Westec returns in 2012 redefined with a renewed commitment to local manufacturing. The manufacturing event includes keynote presentations from industry leaders in aerospace/defense, renewable energy and the manufacturing economy. The show also consists of technical sessions on topics that include small parts machining, high-speed alloy machining, milling, drilling, cutting advanced carbon fiber, carbon laminates and advances in additive manufacturing. Attendees view emerging technologies and emerging equipment applications and many other topics with an emphasis on using technology to innovate. Westec offers a place to network, form relationships and build partnerships, putting an emphasis new developments, integration, lean methods, and how to manufacture with composites, titanium, or other advanced materials. For more information, visit www.westeconline.com.