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SME “MANUFACTURING 4 THE FUTURE” EVENT MARKS THE CONTINUED STRENGTH OF U.S. MANUFACTURING

Biennial event brings together leading manufacturing minds from aerospace, defense, and medicine, for shared collaboration and learning opportunities



For generations, the strength of our country has rested on the power of our factory floors—both the machines and the workforce behind them. This May, industry professionals will gather together on another floor, at the Mfg4—Manufacturing 4 the Future event to gain knowledge, network, collaborate and share solutions.

Mfg4, sponsored by SME, is one of the manufacturing industry’s trusted sources of knowledge and information. The event will return to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Conn., on May 6–8.

This biennial event convenes professionals from leading manufacturers in aerospace, defense (including arms) and medical industries. New this year, is the addition of the co-located Micro-Manufacturing and Medical Manufacturing Innovations conferences. With a focus on these three major industries

plus one strategic technology, Mfg4 encourages both industry solutions and collaboration through exhibits, education sessions, conferences, and networking opportunities.

The technologies to be exhibited include: additive manufacturing (commonly called 3D printing), automation, finishing and coating, fabrication, micromanufacturing, precision machining and tooling, quality, and more.

“Collaboration is key to innovation. At Mfg4, manufacturers from diverse industries can connect and innovate around their common design and production challenges,” said Debbie Holton, SME managing director of industry and technology. “Surrounded by technology—in a highly interactive format—attendees will leverage the knowledge of industry experts and each other to gain competitive advantage.”

The inaugural event in 2012 attracted registrants from 42 states and more than a dozen countries seeking to share integrated solutions to common manufacturing challenges. This year, SME is looking forward to returning to New England and exposing attendees to the newest technologies and applications in the region.

“Mfg4 is much more targeted to the markets and job titles we look for—the higher level engineer and department people. Our products require an investment so we need to meet management level people and Mfg4 is delivering just that,” said Jeffrey Bourque, communications manager, Nikon Metrology.

This year’s keynote speakers include: Tom Herald, PhD, senior fellow, Lockheed Martin – Global Training & Logistics; Dr. Robert J. Shaw, deputy director, office of technology partnership & planning chief, Venture Development & Partnership Office NASA Glenn Research Center; Peter Walsh, vice president, global operations, Medtronic; Christopher Kaye, vice president of research & technical innovation, U.S. Endoscopy; Lynn Gambill, chief engineer of manufacturing engineering & global services, Pratt & Whitney; Mike Reopel, principal, Deloitte Consulting.

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