

Mid-West Fastener Association to Host Fastener Training Week

MWFA is proud to announce it will host Fastener Training Week in Elk Grove, IL, August 22-26, 2016. This industry-leading fastener training program is co-produced by the Fastener Training Institute (FTI) and the Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI). This is the industry's only program where students who successfully complete the class are awarded their Certified Fastener Specialist (CFS) certificate.

MWFA Executive Director Nancy Rich, President Bob Baer, and its Board of Directors agreed to host the first Fastener Training Week in the Chicago area. This location is ideal because it's home to many of MWFA's major fastener manufacturers, secondary processors and major distributors. The MWFA has a long history and tradition of providing fastener product training. FTI is excited about the opportunity to complement its programs with this advanced curriculum and certification program.

The class registration includes:

- five consecutive days of training (three full days and two half days); Monday instruction will begin at 1 p.m., and Friday instruction will end at 12:30 p.m.;
- training materials to take back to the job;
- continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments;
- transportation for all plant tours;
- certificate of completion; and
- eligibility for the Certified Fastener Specialist™ designation.

Fastener Training Week will feature learning labs taught by leading industry experts Carmen Vertullo CFS (CarVer Consulting), Salim V. Brahimi (IBECA Technologies and the new Director of Engineering Technology at the IFI) and Laurence Claus (NNI Training and Consulting). The format includes interactive exercises, quizzes to reinforce learning, and plant tours to Brico Industries, MSI Testing and Engineering and SWD Inc. for students to see manufacturing, secondary processes and testing facilities.

Joe Greenslade, former IFI Director of Engineering Technology, has been instrumental in developing this program and providing content. Joe said: *"Almost everyone in the fastener industry—from one month to 30 years of experience in any capacity related to sales, engineering, or quality—can learn and benefit from this program."*

Class size is limited, so please register early to ensure your participation. Contact Nancy Rich, MWFA, at 847.438.8338 or Jo Morris, FTI, at 303.257.4406 for more information. For a complete listing of all FTI programs, visit www.FastenerTraining.org.

The Fastener Training Institute's core purpose is to enhance fastener use, reliability and safety by providing fastener product and technical training at all levels. Through this, FTI can achieve its goal of strengthening the industry and its personnel in all segments.

The objective of the Fastener Training Institute is to elevate the level of technical understanding and expertise of individuals in the fastener industry by providing a variety of training programs

presented by recognized industry experts. FTI provides beginning and advanced training on fastener products, standards and specifications.