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MSC Industrial Supply Acquires Tower Fasteners

Distributor of metalworking and MRO supplies, **MSC Industrial Supply Co.**, Melville, NY, USA and Davidson, NC, USA, has acquired **Tower Fasteners**, a valued-added distributor of OEM fasteners and components. Under the equity purchase agreement, Tower will continue to operate under its current name after becoming an MSC company. **Mark Shannon**, President of Tower, will continue to lead the business, which has approximately 100 associates. MSC's acquisition of Tower, made through its **All Integrated Solutions (AIS)** subsidiary, expands the MSC's presence in the OEM fastener market, which it entered in 2018 with the acquisition of AIS, a distributor of industrial fasteners, MRO supplies and assembly tools based in Wisconsin.

Tower's growing footprint complements AlS's existing locations concentrated in the midwest USA. The company operates eight distribution centers along the east coast and in the southwestern regions of the USA, Mexico and Europe. Tower serves manufacturers in the industrial, electronics, medical equipment, aerospace, military and security, fire and safety sectors.

MSC plans to maintain Tower's operations, providing the company's customer base access to MSC's 2 million-plus product portfolio to support the full metalworking and MRO needs. Similarly, MSC will extend Tower's production fastener solutions to its manufacturing customers.

www.mscdirect.com www.towerfast.com**

LindFast Acquires Star Stainless Screw Co.

LindFast Solutions Group (LSG), Blaine, MN, USA, a leading master distributor of specialty fasteners in North America, has completed its purchase of **Star Stainless Screw Company**. Together LSG and Star will be even more effective at meeting the needs of their diverse customer base, ranging from stainless to inch, to metric, to value-added services and more.

"We believe the combination of LSG and Star will give our collective cus-



tomers unparalleled ability to meet all of their fastener needs with one company," said LindFast CEO **Bill Niketas**. "With Star's 14 branches and distribution centers across North America and the 16 locations we have, this collective footprint will allow our customers to access product even more efficiently than in the past."

As with other recent acquisitions by LindFast, little change is expected in the near

term from a customer perspective. LSG's goal is to maintain the exceptional Star brand name in the market. For the foreseeable future, Star will continue

to operate out of its existing facilities, will remain on the same ERP system, and will extend the same policies currently in place.

LindFast Solutions Group is pleased to welcome Star Stainless to the LindFast team. LinFast says it is confident that this combination will be a powerful force to better serve all customers involved.

www.lindfastgrp.com • www.starstainless.com

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ParkOhio Completes Two Acquisitions

Effective August 2, 2022, Park-Ohio acquired Southern Fasteners & Supply, Inc., which will be included ParkOhio in the company's

Supply Technologies segment. Southern Fasteners is headguartered in Winston-Salem, NC, USA, and has annual revenues of approximately US\$25 million. Southern Fasteners provides commercial fasteners and industrial supplies to a diverse base of MRO and OEM customers throughout the USA and specializes in the design of customized inventory programs for its customers. Southern Fasteners complements Supply Technologies' growth initiatives centered around industrial supply and MRO products to ParkOhio's global OEM customer base.

ParkOhio also finalized the acquisition of **Charter Automotive** (Changzhou) Co. Ltd., to also be included in the Supply Technologies segment. Charter is headquartered in Changzhou, China, and has annual revenues of some US\$15 million. Charter is strategic to ParkOhio's fastener manufacturing business and will boost global growth of proprietary products to EV and other auto-related platforms.

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Record Results for Bossard Group

According to the Bossard Group, Zug, Switzerland, a broad-based economic upturn dominated the first half of 2022 in spite of repeated lockdowns in China and geopolitical tensions in Europe.

Bossard reached new records in sales as well as EBIT and net income.

Sales in the first half of 2022 grew by 18.4% to CHF 586.0 million (versus the prior year's CHF 494.8 million). The EBIT increased by 14.9% to CHF 77.2 million (versus the prior year's CHF

67.2 million). Bossard net income rose 14.0% to CHF 59.9 million (versus the prior year's CHF 52.6 million).

The continued dynamic growth in the first half of the year results from solid demand in all three

> market regions, the result of successful

establishment of new customer relationships, and Bossard's sustained delivery capability. Bossard products include standard fastening elements, custom fasteners and branded parts. www.bossard.com

Semblex wins GM supplier award for 10th consecutive year

Semblex Corporation, Elmhurst, IL, USA, has once again received the



2021 GM Quality Excellence Award.

This year's award was received on behalf of all Semblex employees by Ryan McGlynn, GM Strategic Account Manager and Ray Lafferty, Director of Quality.

This special award recognition is given to specific top performing supplier manufacturing locations. The supplier companies that receive this award recognition have met or exceeded an extremely stringent set of quality performance criteria and have also have received the cross-functional support of the entire GM organization for the calendar year 2021.

Semblex Cororation has won the GM Quality Excellence Award for the tenth consecutive year.

www.semblex.com

PTP adds Engineered Components, Inc. to its aerospace sales network

PTP (Precision Threaded Products), Bristol, CT, USA,



has expanded its sales and service capabili-

ties with the addition of Engineered Components, Inc., Palmertown, PA, USA, to its aerospace sales network.

Engineered Components has, for more than four decades, specialized in sales to the aerospace sector, specifically switches, sensors and fluid power systems for OEM and MRO applications. The company will provide business development and technical consulting

Patriot Bolt Named to Inc. 5000 List

Patriot Bolt, Houston, TX, USA, a manufacturer and supplier of industrial bolts, fasteners and gaskets, announced that it has been named in Inc. Magazine's Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing, privately-owned companies in America. For the 2022 list, Patriot Bolt is ranked at No. 1172, placing it as the 23rd fastest-growing company in manufacturing, 110th in Texas and the 15th fastest-growing company in Houston. Since its inception in 2018, the company made a significant impact on the supply of specially machined fasteners and static





sealing element supply focused on the global energy sector.

"Our incredible growth during difficult economic times has been made possible by our amazing team, and I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Patriot Bolt family on this momentous achievement." said Kris Kolb, CEO and Founding Partner at Patriot Bolt. www.patriotbolt.com



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ND Industries Sponsors Fastenal Mustang in NASCAR Cup Series

ND Industries, headquartered in Clawson, MI, USA, is excited to announce its sponsorship of the Fastenal Mustang, racing in the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series. ND Industries is cheering on Chris Buescher, who is the driver of the No. 17 RFK Racing Ford Mustang, as he competes for the championship.

The NASCAR Cup Series Championship takes place Sunday, November



6, 2022, at Phoenix Raceway in Avondale, AZ, USA. www.ndindustries.com

for PTP's ring and key lock studs and inserts, specialized bolts, screws and shafts and similar components.

www.ptp-inc.com

Promotions at Advance Components

Advance Components, Carrollton, TX, USA, announces recent personnel promotions.

Mallory Cravens Nichols has been promoted to Vice President

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of Business Development. She

will focus on finding new customers and markets for the company's products, and growing existing customer relationships through strategic partnerships. Mallory is also President of the Young Fastener Professionals (YFP) and a Board Member of Women in the Fastener Industry (WIFI).

Also, Brian Nichols has joined the Advance Components sales team as a Regional Account Manager. He will manage several key states and a number of strategic accounts for the company. Brian previously

Precision Cold Forming Solutions

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worked on the distribution team, where he learned a lot about Advance's product offerings and customers, and excelled at shipping and customer service.

www.advancecomponents.com

BlackHawk accelerates growth across the USA with more acquisitions

BlackHawk Industrial, Tulsa, OK, USA, a market-leading distributor of metalworking and other mission-critical industrial products, accelerated its growth and announced it has acquired Cornerstone Supply) in Jacksonville, FL, USA, and two Intermountain Machining Supply locations in Meridian, ID, USA and Belgrade, MT, USA. Terms of these acquisitions were not disclosed.

Acquiring Intermountain and Cornerstone expands BlackHawk's capabilities across the country and further distinguishes it as a fast-growing and dominant distributor of metalworking products, cutting tools and industrial offerings.

Acquiring Intermountain's two locations in the Northwest expands BlackHawk's capacity and capabilities in the region and broadens its machining-related solutions to a wide variety of industries. And BlackHawk continues to broaden its presence in Florida. The acquisition of Cornerstone is its second in the

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Novaria Group to Acquire Stroco Manufacturing

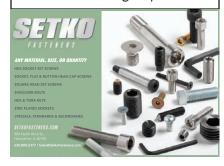
Novaria Group, Fort Worth, TX, USA, a leading manufacturer of specialty hardware for the aero-

Space and defense industries, has signed an agreement to acquire **Stroco Manufacturing, Inc.** Upon closing, the acquisition will be Novaria's ninth since June 2020.

Stroco Manufacturing serves the defense and aerospace industries in both the military and commercial sectors. Its customers include Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Bell Helicopter and Gulfstream. Stroco specializes in an array of product offerings including small precision sheet metal and machined parts and assemblies. Stroco, St. Louis, MO, USA, will continue operations under the leadership of Kris Welhart, the current owner. KAL Capital, which provides aerospace and defense M&A advisory services, represented Stroco Manufacturing on the transaction.

"We are delighted to add Stroco as Novaria further bolsters its product and service offerings, specifically in the defense market," said Novaria CEO **Bryan Perkins**. "Stroco's products are complementary to several of our business units."

www.novariagroup.com



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EJOT® Concrete Screws Get New Approval & More Embedment Depth

EJOT® JC2 concrete screws now feature an additional, reduced embedment depth of 35 mm, so it is now possible for multiple fastening of nonload-bearing systems in concrete (ETA 18/0221) using the JC2 concrete screws with a diameter of 6 mm and hexagon head (KB), truss head (FR) or countersunk head (ST). As well as the two installation depths of 35 or 40 mm for multiple fastening, a third installation depth of 55 mm can now be used for single fastening. This aives contractors even areater flexibility for application while at the same time reducing the risk of colliding with the installed reinforcement during fastening.



The new approval Z-21.8-2141 regulates the option of reusing the JC2 Plus concrete screw, 14 mm diameter with hexagon head. The ETA-approved JC2 Plus concrete screw for high loads is now approved by the German Institute for Building Technology (DIBt) for reusage with the EJOT checking gauge.

www.ejot.com



Fastener Distributor Index (FDI) Decreases to 46.1

The FDI dipped to 46.1 last month (July), marking the first reading below 50 since May of 2020. The June reading was 53.8. seasonally adjusted. Remaining positive, the Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) came in at a robust 58.1, up from June when it read 51.5. The reading marks the 26th consecutive month of positive (+50.0) FLI outlook.

Listen to episode #179 of the Fully Threaded Radio podcast as Solution Industries GM Tim Vath joins Fastener Technology

International (FTI) Editor Mike McNulty for further commentary and analysis.

Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors and encourage them to participate. Your help keeps the index strona:

www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/ main.nsf/fFastenerDistributorIndex

> www.fullythreaded.com www.fdisurvey.com

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE July 2022											
	Jul		May	In	dex Val Mar	ues Feb	Jan	Dec	 Direction	Rate of Change	
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	52.8	53.0	56.1	55.4	57.1	58.6	57.6	58.7	Growing	Slower	
FDI	46.1	53.8	52.7	52.6	57.2	56.0	52.7	56.2	Declining	Faster	
FLI	58.1	51.5	55.4	55.1	65.4	55.6	62.8	63.7	Growing	Faster	
(Other Metrics) Sales		65.5		60.5	75.2	79.1	64.5	75.7	Declining	Faster	
Employment	62.5	59.1	62.9	53.1	62.1	48.3	55.0	54.7	Growing	Faster	
Supplier Deliveries	52.1	65.2	69.4	68.8	69.7	72.4	71.7	79.7	Growing	Slower	
Respondent Inventories	66.7	63.6	62.9	59.4	50.0	56.9	41.7	46.9	Growing	Faster	
Customer Inventories	27.1	28.8	27.4	29.7	21.2	25.9	18.3	15.6	Declining	Faster	
	68.8	68.2	77.4	78.1	83.3	81.0	81.7	85.9	Growing	Faster	
Pricing, month-to-month		an a	95.2	95.3	95.5	94.8	95.0	96.9	Growing	Faster	
Pricing, month-to-month Pricing, year-to-year	91.7	50.5	JJ.2								
-	91.7	30.3	33.2			Higher	Same	Lower			

above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcina Network, Institute for Supply Management

Jacksonville area and its third in the state in just over a year.

www.bhid.com

Gong Ping to Cooper Turner Beck Operations Manager

Cooper Turner Beck (CTB) has named, Gong Ping, Operations



Cooper Manager, at Cooper per Turner Beck, Fasteners for Safety Critical Applications Ching, reporting to

Barry Piper, GM Asia. Ping takes on this new role with Barry supporting the transition process during the coming months.

Like most of CTB's senior managers and leaders, Ping, has been promoted from within. She has worked in or worked closely with most areas of our CTB China and wider CTB family for the last 12 years. More recently she has led the Quality function since 2018, led Hex Bolt and 'Big' Studs Production since 2019 and has been part of our leadership team since 2020. She joined CTB as a purchasing assistant in 2010.

www.cooperandturner.co.uk

IFE's Christian Georgievski named YFP Board Member

Christian Georgievski, a Customer Service Representative at





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Ronald Harenberg Retires After Legendary Fastener Career

Kevin R. Weidinger, President of Great Lakes Fasteners, Inc./Nut & Bolt Fastening Solutions, Twinsburg, OH, USA, reports, "On July 15, Ron Harenberg made the difficult decision to retire. In doing so, he puts an exclamation point on a fastener career that has touched nearly seven decades. "Ronald was born in 1933 in Johnstown, PA, USA. He attended Fenn College (now Cleveland State) studying business and accounting. He also served his country in the United States Army from 1956-1958.

"Harenberg's professional career began in 1952 with Lamson & Sessions, where he started in the mail room and was also tasked with making bank deposits via streetcar. Over 18 years at Lamson, Ron was promoted many times obtaining a '360 view' of the fastener business. When he was asked to lead the consumer sales department, Ron found his calling—working with customers and business development.

"With an entrepreneurial spirit, Ron left Lamson & Sessions and started The Fastener House. Ron and R.G. Patterson and Joseph Taddie grew The Fastener House to 16 locations. In 1979, Harenberg became the Owner/Operator of Mid-Ohio Bolt & Nut, later selling the business to Mr. Bolt in Mansfield, OH, USA. After the acquisition, Ron stayed on as Sales Manager.

"Great Lakes Fasteners (GLF) acquired Mr. Bolt in 1991, and Ron joined GLF's sales team to focus on window/resident at GLF and has served some of the largest window and door companies for over forty-five years.

"Ron was married to his incredible wife **Mamie** for 59 years until her passing in 2018, and he is the proud father of two sons—Jim and Scott and many grandchildren. Ron is a lifelong **Ohio State** fan and attends many football games at the Horseshoe or on the



Above I-r: Kevin Weidinger and Ron Harenberg. Below: Harenberg at IFE in Las Vegas.



road at other Big Ten venues.

"In December, Ron turns 89 and one thing has never changed—Ron still loves people. He makes those all around him comfortable with his easy smile and he is courteous, genuine and thoughtful in all he does.

"Congratulations Mr. Harenberg from all of us at GLF and thank you for being that steady beacon in our business. You will always be a Legend in Fasteners and more importantly in Life." www.glfus.com

IFE Americas was recruited to join YFP while attending the NFDA/PAC-WEST Joint Conference in Long Beach, CA, USA, in March 2020. Since that time, Christian has been an exceptionally strong industry participant, attending many regional and national association events and spreading the good word of

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IFE's products and services and has been an exceptional ambassador for IFE and YEP



www.ife-group.com

Brian Yeary named BoltsandNuts.com President

BoltsandNuts.com, Perry, OH, USA, reports, "We are pleased



to announce that Brian Yeary, our current Vice President of Sales, has been promoted to

company President. He will be responsible for directing the company

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Record 2021 Anniversary Year for Bontempi VIBO

A record 2021, the year of the 60th anniversary of **Bontempi VIBO**, resulted in 2022 dedicated to investments and new ambitious goals. VIBO says that despite the conflicting signals coming from the market, linked to the increase in the cost of energy, 2022 also looks like a record year.

In 2019, the company acquired **Fram Srl**, a specialist in hot forged bolts, while in March 2021, VIBO took over 100% of **Mi.Me.Af. SpA**, a provider of special parts for the automotive and furniture industry.



Growth continues internally as well, where the expansion of the Rodengo Saiano automated warehouse (from 11,400 to 18,200 pallet places), is added to an important expansion of the Calabritto's site, where the doubling of the production area, the inclusion of a new fleet of machines and the purchase of latest generation of heat treatment and packaging machinery allows an unprecedented expansion of its product range.

www.vibo.com





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Tanner Launches New Concrete Screw Anchor

Tanner, Brooklyn, NY, USA, is pleased to announce the product launch of a new tamperresistant concrete screw anchor: the Secure-Bolt Plus with Tanner Guard+ coating is a one-piece, heat-treated heavy-duty screw anchor.



The Secure-Bolt Plus is available in two head styles: Button Head with Serrations and Flat Head Countersunk. Two standard diameters are available, 3/8" and 1/2", and two lengths, 3" and 4". www.tannerbolt.com

New IFI Standard

The Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), Independence, OH, USA, has published a new standard, IFI-171, thread dimensions for sizes 1-5/8 - 5-1/2 and 1-7/8 UNS for Assembly of Bolts. Studs and Nuts in the Steel Construction Industry. The new standard specifies thread dimensions and tolerances for two sizes of coarse threads, and it resolves slight differences that commonly resulted from varied interpretations of ASME B1.1 (2019), which does not explicitly list sizes.

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while establishing and carrying out organizational goals.

"Brian is a driven individual and already was an integral part of the company. We are confident he is the right leader for the position."

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Jason Boling to Avantus Aerospace Interim CFO

Avantus Aerospace, Santa Clarita, CA, USA, has named Jason W.



Boling, CPA, to serve in the capacity of Interim Group CFO. The announcement follows Jolene My-

ers' recent decision to step down from her role as Avantus Group CFO for personal reasons.

Boling comes to Avantus with 30 years of finance, operations and public accounting experience.

Avantus Aerospace is a family of six Aerospace & Defense businesses and one Industrial Supply Chain & Logistics Solutions business. Five of these businesses are based in North America and two are located in the United Kingdom.

Avantus Aerospace is owned by Inflexion Private Equity as well as Auctus Industries, both of which are located in the UK.

www.avantusaerospace.com

Brighton-Best International advances three people

Brighton-Best International (BBI) is happy to announce that Nora Hluz, from BBI Los Angeles, has



BRIGHTON-BEST been promoted to Assistant Branch

Manager. With 18 years of experience in the fastener industry. Hluz's hard work and attention to detail has made her an invaluable team member in the Sales Department. BBI looks forward to her new role as the Assistant Branch Manager.

Congratulations also go out to Yvonne Martinez, from BBI Los Angeles, on her promotion to Branch Manager. Led by many years of dedication and experience. Martinez advanced from an entry-level position to Branch Manager. BBI takes pride in her many accomplishments and looks forward to the positive impact she will have.

BBI Australia also announces the promotion of Lucie Rushton, as Regional States Manager at Brighton-Best International-Melbourne. Rushton has held several positions at BBI including Branch Manager.

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Keller & Kalmbach Group & Mohindra Fasteners Establish Joint Venture

Keller & Kalmbach Group, headquartered in Munich, Germany, a specialist for fasteners and fixing technology and the expert when it Keller &Kalmbach comes to intelligent C-parts management has formed a ioint venture with India-based Mohindra Fasteners Ltd., having their presence in NCR Delhi, a manufacturer of cold and hot ning Redefined forged fasteners and precision machined components for automotive and industrial applications. The joint venture, named KK Mohin-

dra Fastenings Private Limited. is registered in Delhi, India. Based in Pune, the company will provide local support to industrial customers in India in the future and continuously expand its activities.

KK Mohindra Fasteners plans to start its operations in about six months in Pune and will enlarge its horizon to other geographical locations in the next phase to cater customers on a Pan-India basis.

www.keller-kalmbach.de

Sales & Net Income 7	Net Income			
Company	Sales	<u>%</u> ∆	(Net Loss)	<u>%</u> ∆
Arconic Corporation	2548	41.5	115	126.9
Bulten*	1006	10.5	22	NA
Distribution Solutions Group	321	139.5	(5)	NA
Dorman Products, Inc.	417	34.4	38	19.9
Fastenal Company	3483	19.1	371	64.9
Grainger, Inc., W.W.	3837	19.6	366	53.8
Howmet Aerospace Inc.	1393	16.6	147	98.6
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	4011	9.1	738	-4.8
Nucor Corporation	11,794	34.2	2561	70.0
ParkOhio	429	22.5	1	118.9
Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	593	44.6	94	29.1
Stanley Black & Decker	4393	15.9	88	-80.9
TriMas Corporation	238	8.5	20	67.8
WESCO International, Inc.	5484	19.3	206	96.8

Quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2021 quarterly data. * Millions of Swedish Kronas

Quarterly Dividends Report...

- Fastenal Co., Winona, MN, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.31/share to be paid Aug. 24, 2022, to holders of record at the close of business Jul. 27, 2022. investor.fastenal.com
- Howmet Aerospace, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.2/share on the outstanding common stock, payable Aug. 25, 2022, to holders of record Aug. 5, 2022; and a dividend of US\$93.75 cents share on outstanding US\$3.75 Cumulative Preferred Stock, payable Oct. 1, 2022, to holders of record at the close of business on Sept. 9, 2022. www.howmet.com



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- Illinois Tool Works Inc., Glenview, IL, USA. declared a third guarter dividend of US\$1.31/ share on common stock, payable on Oct. 14, 2022, to shareholders of record on Sept. 30, 2022. investor.itw.com
- Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., Pleasanton, CA, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.26/ share on common stock, payable Oct. 27, 2022, to holders of record Oct. 6, 2022. www.simpsonmfg.com
- Stanley Black & Decker, New Britain, CT, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.80/share of stock, payable on Sept. 20, 2022 to shareholders of record on Sept. 6, 2022. www.stanleyblackanddecker.com
- TriMas, Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.04/share on TriMas stock, payable on Aug. 11, 2022, to shareholders of record on Aug. 4, 2022. www.trimascorp.com
- W. W. Grainger, Inc., Chicago, IL, USA, declared a quarterly dividend of US\$1.72/ share on common stock, payable on Sept. 1. 2022, to shareholders of record at the close of business on Aug. 8, 2022. pressroom.grainger.com

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Optimas Sponsors Fastener Training Institute Programs Optimas Solutions, Wood Dale, IL, USA, a global industrial manufacturer/distributor and supply chain solutions provider, has become a 2022 Educational Program Sponsor for the Fastener Training Institute (FTI), the leading nonprofit provider of fas-

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tener product and technical training. "As a leader in the fastener industry, we felt it was im-

perative to get involved with educational programs to further the field," said Daniel Harms, Optimas President of the Americas. "The FTI's Educational Programs are the perfect opportunities for us to do that very thing. We are pleased to be a sponsor and look forward to advancing the industry through education."

As part of the sponsorship, Optimas will support Fastener Training Week in Chicago IL, USA, August 22 to 26, 2022; in Los Angeles, CA, USA, November 14 to 18, 2022; and an online seminar for the industry that has yet to be determined.

Optimas will use the sponsorship to showcase its commitment to education in the fastener industry at events, online and in-person, throughout the year.

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IFE 2022 Schedule

The 2022 schedule for the International Fastener Expo (IFE) in Las Vegas, NV, USA, has been released. Highlights include the following:

Monday, October 17: IFE Golf Tournament, Exhibitor Move-In, FTI Training Class: "How Fasteners are Made and What Drives the Cost of a Fastener", Welcome Reception.

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Tuesday, October 18: Keynote Presentation - "INNOVATE! How to Create Relevancy in the Age of Disruption", Dirk Beveridge, Founder UnleashWD; Expo Hall Open; "Aerospace Fasteners", presented by the Fastener Training Institute®, Laurence Claus, NNi Training and Consulting, Inc.; "Why 3D Printing Will Have an Impact on Fasteners", AJ Strandquist, Wurth Additive **Group**; "Boosting Automation and Productivity: Everything Your Need to Know About APIs and Integration". Lonni Kieffer, Brandi Bertoia and **Brad Burel, SmartCert by Aramid:** "The Five Ideals of the Ecommerce Experience", Jason Hein, Bloomreach; Hall of Fame and Young Fastener Professional Awards Ceremony.

Wednesday, October 19: Expo Hall Open; "How to Succeed During the Most Unusual Job Market in American History", Nelson Valderrama, Intuilize.

www.fastenershows.com



TriMas Aerospace's Allfast **Gets Award from Boeing**

Bloomfield Hills, MI, USA-based **TriMas** has announced that **TriMas** Aerospace's Allfast Fastening Systems business has received a 2021

Supply Chain Performance



Certificate from The Boeing Com**pany** for the tenth consecutive year.

Boeing issues the award annually to recognize suppliers who have achieved superior performance each year. Allfast Fastening Systems maintained a Silver composite performance rating for each month of the 12-month performance period from January to December 2021.

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MWFA FSTNR Week Elk Grove Village, IL, USA www.mwfa.net

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Fastener Training Week Chicago, IL, USA www.fastenertraining.org

September 8 - 10, 2022

Fastener Fair Mexico Mexico City, Mexico www.fastenerfairmexico.com

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Pac-West Fall Conference Denver, CO, USA www.pac-west.com

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FTI Class: How Fasteners Are Made and What Drives the Cost of a Fastener Las Vegas, NV, USA www.fastenertraining.org

October 17 - 19, 2022

International Fastener Expo 2022 Las Vegas, NV, USA www.fastenershows.com

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STAFDA San Diego Convention & Trade Show San Diego, CA, USA www.stafda.org

November 9 - 11, 2022

NFDA Executive Summit Naples, FL, USA www.nfda-fastener.com

November 29 - December 3, 2022

Fastener Training Week Los Angeles, CA, USA www.fastenertraining.org

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Fastener Fair Italy Fiera Milano City, Italy www.fastenerfairitaly.com

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