

## **News from the International Fastener Manufacturing Exposition (IFME)**

The International Fastener Machinery & Suppliers' Association (IFMSA) announced the launch of the only event in the USA with an exclusive focus on the manufacture of fasteners and precision formed parts. The International Fastener Manufacturing Exposition (IFME) will take place May 14-16, 2019, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The three-day event will be co-located with Interwire 2019, the Wire Association International's biennial event, which has served the wire and cable industry since its introduction in 1981.

Commenting on the announcement, Ray Zirkle, executive director of IFMSA, said: "Although IFME is a new launch, we have been organizing successful exhibitions concentrating on the machinery aspect of the fastener industry for over 35 years. The name of this new event reflects our focus on and dedication to providing the machinery manufacturers a much higher profile than may be available elsewhere. The decision to co-locate IFME in Atlanta, with Interwire 2019, is based in large part on previous successful co-locations and the synergy between the fastener and wire industries."

Attendees will include fastener manufacturers and those allied to the field from across the industrial spectrum, including automotive, aviation/aerospace, military/defense, appliance, communications, energy, marine, furnishings, medical equipment, building and construction, packaging, inspection, electrical/electronics, MRO, heavy equipment and many other segments. The high-profile attendee base is actively involved in every aspect of manufacturing fasteners and precision formed parts.

"The co-location of IFME with Interwire 2019 in Atlanta is an exciting development," said Jim Flanagan, president of Reed Machinery in Worcester, Massachusetts. "The show will provide a needed and focused event for meeting with U.S. manufacturers of fasteners and precision formed parts." With an unparalleled manufacturing renaissance and resurgence taking place across the United States, the domestic demand for fasteners and precision formed parts is expected to increase dramatically. As such, there is a demonstrated need for a dedicated event for key suppliers of machinery, materials, tooling, controls, systems, and supplies to display and demonstrate their products, equipment and services to an active, buying audience of manufacturers.

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