

Fact Sheet

Through top-notch educational programs; award-winning publications; and North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event, FMA provides the tools and resources companies need to improve operations.

FMA serves members involved in the following processes: bending, blanking, cutting, drawing, extruding, fastening, finishing, leveling, piercing, punching, roll forming, shearing, slitting, spinning, straightening, stamping, swaging, and welding.

FMA also has a technology affiliate, the Tube & Pipe Association, Intl. (TPA), which focuses on the unique needs of companies engaged in tube and pipe producing and fabricating. **Visit fmanet.org to learn more.**

Community

- Online discussion forums as well as social media involvement provide constant contact to the metal fabricating community.
- 15 Technology Councils help determine the FMA's direction within specific industry sectors.
- Groups of geographically-dispersed FMA member companies gather quarterly to share operational/financial metrics and best practices.
- Industry awards are open to individuals or companies in industry who have successfully improved operations, attained business success, and contributed to both the local and industry communities.

Training/Professional Development

FMA provides individuals with the tools to advance their careers and companies with the ability to enhance operations.

- Webinars, e-learning, custom training, conferences, and events improve quality, productivity, and competitiveness.
- Precision Sheet Metal Operator Certification and the Roll Form Operator Skilled Trade Certificate Program are designed to assess and document the skills most critical to employers in the industry.

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Industry Resources

Publications

The official publications of FMA include - *The FABRICATOR*®, *TPJ - The Tube & Pipe Journal*®, *STAMPING Journal*®, *Practical Welding Today*®, *Green Manufacturer*®, *Canadian Industrial Machinery* and *The FABRICATOR En Espanol*.

FMA's e-newsletters deliver the latest industry news and product information.

Trade Show

FABTECH® connects an overwhelming array of products, services and technical experts together with thousands of industry professionals. The show is North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, tube and pipe, welding and finishing exposition, attracting over 25,000 attendees and more than 1,000 exhibitors. The 2011 show will take place November 13-16 at McCormick Place in Chicago, and the 2012 show will take place October 15-17 in Las Vegas.

Leadership

FMA Chairman of the Board 2010-2011
Tom Nederpel, VGAN Inc.

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