

FABTECH 2018 A Success, Sees Strong Attendance In Atlanta

*Cutting-edge technologies, compelling education, prominent speakers
and new show floor features among the highlights*

ATLANTA, GEORGIA – Nov. 14, 2018 – FABTECH 2018, North America’s largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event, welcomed more than 1,500 exhibiting companies and a total of 33,755 attendees from 75 countries to Atlanta’s Georgia World Congress Center last week to celebrate manufacturing at its best.

With more than 650,000 net square feet of exhibit space, FABTECH offered visitors the chance to network, learn and explore three exhibit halls full of new products, technology and the latest manufacturing innovations. The event showcased several emerging technologies including additive manufacturing, automation systems, advanced fiber laser cutting machines, and more. Attendees benefitted from the hands-on product demonstrations and expert insight into current and future manufacturing trends.

“FABTECH 2018 was a successful one—there was a palpable energy radiating in and around the show floor and the education sessions,” said John Catalano, SME senior director, FABTECH. “The week was full of excitement and enthusiasm and the introduction of leading-edge technology showed manufacturers there is a lot to be optimistic about in the year ahead. We were thrilled with the high turnout in Atlanta and hope that everyone that participated in FABTECH 2018 left feeling inspired by the ideas, insights and new connections made at the show.”

Education continues to be a cornerstone of FABTECH, with an extensive lineup offered of more than 130 expert-led presentations and sessions covering the latest and best practices in the metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing industries. The most popular education tracks focused on automation, robotics, cutting and lasers, welding fabrication, lean, and workforce development. Attendees learned solutions to make their businesses more productive and profitable.

New show floor features also gave attendees an unparalleled glimpse into the technologies driving the future of the industry. The Smart Manufacturing Hub featured displays and daily presentations on advanced manufacturing technologies including automation, IoT, 3D printing and more. An expanded 3D/Additive Manufacturing Pavilion introduced an Ask the Experts Knowledge Bar which hosted small group sessions designed to provide answers to specific 3D/additive manufacturing challenges.

“Eastern Metal Supply (EMS) had a great week of meetings, conversations and collaborations with a large and diverse group of attendees within the metal fabrication industry at this year’s FABTECH,”

said Anthony Rockecharlie, EMS. “The show served as the perfect place to meet with several of our existing clients and build relationships with many new prospects from across the country and continent alike. FABTECH is an expansive, all-inclusive, well-organized, showcase of the best suppliers in the metal fabrication arena, and we were thrilled to be there as an exhibitor and be associated with such high caliber vendors! If you are not part of FABTECH, then you are really missing out on a great opportunity!”

A variety of special events took center stage as well, including the popular FABx Tech Talks opening session, an inspirational keynote from NASCAR icon Kyle Petty, and an eye-opening panel discussion on the next generation entering the workforce. Recordings of the keynotes and panel discussions are available for purchase at fabtechexpo.com/digital-package.

FABTECH 2019 is set for November 11-14 at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. Registration will open spring of 2019. For more information, visit fabtechexpo.com.

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About FABTECH

FABTECH is North America’s largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event. The event provides a convenient venue where you can meet with world-class suppliers, see the latest industry products and developments, and find the tools to improve productivity and increase profits. FABTECH is made possible by its five co-sponsors, all of whom represent the varied and diverse makeup of the manufacturing industry. They include the [American Welding Society](#), the [Chemical Coaters Association International](#), the [Fabricators & Manufacturers Association International](#), the [Precision Metalforming Association](#) and [SME](#). Read more about FABTECH’s co-sponsors [here](#).