

NAMII To Host A MFG Day Open House

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Youngstown, Ohio - September 27, 2013. NAMII, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute, driven by the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM), proudly announces that to commemorate national Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) observed on October 4th, it is holding a Public Open House on the evening of Thursday, October 3rd, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the NAMII facility at 236 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Light refreshments will be served. The public is welcome to this free special event and encouraged to attend, but registration is required. To register for the MFG Day Open House, visit www.namii.org [1].

On MFG Day on October 4th, NAMII is also opening its doors for private tours of the facility by local schools and civic organizations. To schedule a private tour on October 4th or any other day, please contact NAMII at 330-622-4305.

MFG Day is an annual national event, executed at the local level that supports hundreds of manufacturers across the nation by hosting students, teachers, parents, job seekers, and other local community members at open houses designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers. The goal of MFG Day is to address common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a coordinated effort, what manufacturing is - and what it isn't.

"NAMII is honored to be able to participate in MFG Day and support the mission of this important, national event," said NAMII Director and NCDMM Vice President Ed Morris. "The manufacturing industry has been and continues to be a driving economic force in our country. National MFG Day serves as a way to remind the public of the manufacturing industry's important economic role and educate them on the latest manufacturing innovations being developed. With the introduction and adoption of more of additive manufacturing technologies, the mainstream manufacturing sector is on the cusp of a resurgence. Additive manufacturing combines innovative design and manufacturing capabilities that will create new products and the jobs that follow as a strategic boost to the U.S. economy. We invite the public to visit NAMII and learn more about the innovations in additive manufacturing."

NAMII's singular focus is to accelerate additive manufacturing technologies by fostering a highly collaborative infrastructure; facilitating the development and deployment of efficient and flexible additive manufacturing technologies; and

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educating students and training workers in these technologies to create an adaptive, leading workforce.

"Participating in national MFG Day and opening our doors to the public is an extension of the education and workforce outreach that NAMII does every day," said Darrell Wallace, Ph.D., NAMII Deputy Director of Workforce and Educational Outreach. "The open house is providing yet another opportunity for NAMII to engage and educate the public on the capabilities and potential of additive manufacturing technologies and introduce them to those technologies in our Innovation Factory."

About NAMII

NAMII is a public-private partnership with member organizations from industry, academia, government, and workforce development resources all collaborating with a singular, shared vision to transition additive manufacturing technology to the mainstream U.S. manufacturing sector. NAMII is the pilot institute for up to 15 National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) institutes and is based in Youngstown, Ohio. NAMII is managed by the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM). For additional information, visit www.namii.org [1].

About NCDMM

The NCDMM delivers optimized manufacturing solutions that enhance the quality, affordability, maintainability, and rapid deployment of existing and yet-to-be developed defense systems. This is accomplished through collaboration with government, industry, and academic organizations to promote the implementation of best practices to key stakeholders through the development and delivery of disciplined training, advanced technologies, and methodologies. For additional information, visit the NCDMM at www.ncdmm.org [2]

About Manufacturing (MFG) Day

Manufacturing Day is an annual national event, executed at the local level that supports hundreds of manufacturers across the nation by hosting students, teachers, parents, job seekers, and other local community members at open houses designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers. A panel of co-producers comprised of the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International® (FMA), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Manufacturing Institute (MI), the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), and guest producer Industrial Strength Marketing (ISM) provide the centralized support necessary to coordinate this nationwide array of simultaneous events. The national media partner for the event is the Science Channel. For more information about MFG Day, visit www.mfgday.com [3].

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