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See You at the Capitol Rotunda!

By the IOF-WV team

It's a new year, a new Administration and time for West Virginia manufacturers and technology providers to renew communications with **State Legislators**, with **Development Office** representatives and with each other! And what better place to do it than around the **WV State Capitol Rotunda and along the Senate and House corridors** surrounded by exhibits of products manufactured in the state and technical services available!

Two exciting networking opportunities are coming up in February to showcase products and to communicate your ideas to **Legislators** and others on what the State can do to create advantages for manufacturing and production companies in West Virginia.

For example, consider energy – West Virginia is an energy/resource state, yet many of our energy-intensive manufacturing companies are struggling to survive. Why can't the **Legislature**, the **PSC**, the **WVDO**, and other organizations work together to create "energy advantages" for energy-intensive industries – industries that provide more than 60% of West Virginia's manufacturing jobs and generate approximately 70% of our manufacturing Gross State Product!

Other states are rallying behind manufacturing – see, for example, the article below on how Florida proposes to spur manufacturing.

2005 WVMA Day at the Legislature

"West Virginia Manufacturers Day at the Legislature" will be February 10, 2005. This is a great opportunity for WVMA members to inform **Legislators** about their companies and how products made in West Virginia relate to finished consumer goods used daily across the country.

Three West Virginia industry leaders are scheduled to testify to the **Joint Committee on Economic Development** on the impacts to their companies of escalating energy costs. A luncheon with plant managers and legislative leaders is tentatively set for noon in the **Governor's Press Conference Room** that day and a reception, hosted by WVMA member companies will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the WVMA office, 2001 Quarrier Street, Charleston. For further information on WVMA Day at the Legislature, please call (304) 342-2123.

IOF-WV Day at the Capitol

The fifth annual IOF-WV Day at the Capitol will be held Tuesday February 22, 2005. As a manufacturer or technology

provider – large or small, you are cordially invited to join with others to showcase products and technologies important to the state's economy and to discuss critical issues with **State legislators** and representatives of the **West Virginia Development Office**.

The **WVDO's Energy Efficiency Program** will sponsor a luncheon for registered participants at noon in the lobby of the **State Cultural Center**. For further information on IOF-WV Day, you may contact Kathleen Cullen at (304) 293-2867 ext. 5426 or register online at www.iofww.nrcce.wvu.edu.

WVTA Technology Summit

The West Virginia Technology Association's annual Technology Summit will also be held on February 22 in the **House Chamber** starting at 1:30 in the afternoon. The topic for this year's Technology Summit is Intellectual Property and includes presentations by leading patent attorneys, entrepreneurs, and academic leaders. The Summit is free of charge and open to the public.

Florida Wants to Spur Manufacturing *

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has proposed tax cuts to spur manufacturing. The state's Economic Development Council says it wants to eliminate the 6 percent sales tax on research and development equipment purchased by manufacturing companies. It would also end the \$50,000 tax revenue threshold on manufacturing equipment purchased by manufacturing companies, "providing a sales tax exemption on any new manufacturing equipment purchased by companies that expand their production output by 10 percent," says the Economic Development Council. "As manufacturers continue to innovate, particularly in areas of breakthrough technologies, they face conflicting tax and regulatory codes," Bush told the First Annual Manufacturing Summit in Orlando in December. "Currently, Florida's tax system penalizes for innovating, expanding and modernizing. The tax abatements will help grow manufacturing in Florida and create wonderful career opportunities for Floridians."

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2005 WV Manufacturers Association Day at the Capitol will be held Thursday, February 10, 2005 at the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. For further information contact the WVMA at (304)342-2123 or wvma@wvma.com.

A.B. Brooks Forestry Symposium will be held March 3-4, 2005 at the Charleston House Holiday Inn, Charleston, WV. For further information visit wvfa.org or contact the WV Forestry Association at (304) 372-1955 or wvfa@wvadventures.net.

2005-FHWA Conference "Integral Abutment and Jointless Bridges" will be held March 16-18 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. For further information visit www.cemr.wvu.edu/cfc/conference.

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Co-Funding Opportunities for IOF–WV Research Teams

Announcement	Due Dates	Funding
DOE/Industrial Technologies Program Glass Industry of the Future http://e-center.doe.gov	January 31, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	TBD
DOE/Industrial Technologies Program Steelmaking Research and Development http://e-center.doe.gov	January 31, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	TBD
DOE/State Energy Program Special Projects http://e-center.doe.gov	February 1, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	\$14,700,000 total funding
DOE/Industrial Technologies Program Ultra-High Efficiency Industrial Steam Generation http://e-center.doe.gov	February 11, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	TBD
DOE/Industrial Technologies Program Plant-Wide Assessments http://e-center.doe.gov	February 14, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	TBD
DOE/Biomass Research and Development Initiative http://e-center.doe.gov	February 15, 2005 (Request for Proposals) April 15, 2005 (Proposals due)	\$15,000,000 total funding
DOE/Industrial Technologies Program Chemical Industry of the Future http://e-center.doe.gov	February 28, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	\$3,000,000
DOE/Mining Industry of the Future http://e-center.doe.gov	March 1, 2005 (Request for Proposals) TBD (Proposals due)	TBD
Oil and Gas Program www.Grants.gov	March 1, 2005 (Proposals due)	\$11,300,000 total funding
DOE/Component Development for Distributed Wind Technologies http://e-center.doe.gov	March 14, 2005 (Proposals due)	\$1,400,000 total funding
DOE/EPSCoR:		
Building EPSCoR-State/National Laboratory Partnerships	April 1, 2005 (Endorsement letters due) April 12, 2005 (Proposals Due to DOE)	\$1,200,000
Implementation Awards http://www.wvepscor.org/programs	March 23, 2005 (Proposals due)	\$2,000,000



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