

**May 3–6—BSA Annual Convention 2014.**

Scottsdale, Arizona. The BSA Annual Convention theme is "Legacy of Excellence...Shaping the Future." The business program will examine the convergence of industry trends and sustainable growth. How do we continue to achieve more in a mature marketplace? Presentations will include Dr. Barry Lawrence of Texas A&M University on "Industry Trends and Sustainable Growth," Courtney Killion, Cleveland Research, on "An Evolving Industry: Analysis and Insight" and Dr. Jeff Dyer, Brigham Young University and the Wharton School, on "Disruptive Innovation: Empowering Growth." In addition to these individual presentations, all three thought leaders will participate in an industry panel to continue the discussion. This learning-based programming is just the beginning. Important updates from BSA and ABMA on the state of the industry and BSA's Conference Table Session, which encourages distributors and manufacturers to build problem-solving relationships, are also scheduled. For more information, visit [www.bsaconventions.org](http://www.bsaconventions.org).

**May 5–8—Windpower 2014.** Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas. Windpower is the annual conference and exhibition for the U.S. wind industry. It's the nexus of wind energy professionals who converge to generate actionable ideas for expanding the wind energy economy through technology and collaboration. In 2014, Windpower comes to Las Vegas as a place for business. American wind power topped 4 percent of the U.S. power grid for the first time last year and has delivered 30 percent of all new generating capacity for the last five years. In Iowa and South Dakota, wind power now exceeds 25 percent of total electricity production. In nine states it provided more than 12 percent and in 17 states, more than five percent. "Wind energy continues to make inroads as a major contributor to the U.S. power mix," said Elizabeth Salerno, vice president of industry data and analysis for the American Wind Energy Association. "The electricity generated by American wind power has more than tripled since 2008 not only due to significant growth in new wind projects but also technology innovation leading to more productive wind turbines." All renewable energy sources now deliver nearly 13 percent of the nation's electricity." For more information, visit [www.awea.org](http://www.awea.org).

**May 6–8—MFG 2014.** Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Manufacturing is growing and changing... moving from low value repetitive assembly to high value, technology-rich products and services. To serve the evolving needs of East Coast industry, SME produces this exclusive event for aerospace, defense (including arms), medical, and micromanufacturing. These three major industries plus one strategic technology are driving change through their supply chains and leading the way in innovation and collaboration. Mfg4 surpasses the traditional manufacturing technology event by delivering content and suppliers mandated by industry. Mfg4 is an event for industry developed by industry, with an emphasis on industry-specific solutions with attention to cross-collaboration. Technology Zones include additive manufacturing, automation,

contract manufacturing, finishing & coatings, joining and fabrication, materials, micromanufacturing, machining and tooling and inspection, software and design. For more information, visit [www.mfg4event.com](http://www.mfg4event.com).

**May 12–14—MMTS 2014.** Place Bonaventure, Montreal, Canada. The Montreal Manufacturing Technology Show (MMTS) is Quebec's leading manufacturing event, attracting more than 4,500 buyers and influencers. MMTS specializes in Machine Tools, Tooling, Metalworking, Automation, Design and Physical Asset Management solutions for manufacturing professionals looking to upgrade their operations, source new solutions and keep up-to-date with current industry news and products. The three-day event features credible and relevant education, technical sessions and working demonstrations of the latest cutting edge technologies. More than 150 leading suppliers exhibit at MMTS to showcase new and proven metalworking solutions, meet face-to-face with decision makers and expand their business network. Featured technologies include automation, cutting tools, lubricants, energy, machining, lean manufacturing, material handling, robotics, workholding and more. The show is produced by SME. For more information, visit [www.mmts.ca](http://www.mmts.ca).

**May 18–22—PM2014 World Congress.**

Orlando. PM2014 World Congress boasts more than 450 experts presenting the latest in PM, particulate materials, tungsten, refractory and hard materials. An inaugural conference on additive manufacturing will feature worldwide industry experts presenting the latest developments in this fast-growing field. It is an essential meeting for anyone interested in metal components produced via additive manufacturing. The trade exhibition will include 175+ booths from suppliers in the PM industry. Special conference events include global trends sessions, three luncheons, a welcome dinner and a closing dinner. Conference session topics include composites, mechanical properties, sintering, magnetics, heat treatment and more. For more information, visit [www.mpif.com](http://www.mpif.com).

**June 9–12—Rapid 2014.** Cobo Center, Detroit, Michigan. Interest in Additive Manufacturing, 3-D printing and 3-D scanning is skyrocketing. It suddenly seems like everyone wants to take advantage of these technologies. Even more so, they want to know what's next. How will these technologies revolutionize manufacturing in the future? Rapid brings these answers to life. For nearly 25 years, Rapid has been the authority on 3-D. The event was developed by SME members who wanted an annual forum to learn and share additive manufacturing knowledge and best practices, and buy and sell related equipment and services. These members built a community of like-minded professionals with whom they have grown their skills, developed their network, and advanced their businesses. Rapid continues this tradition in 2014, leading the way for innovation in all areas of manufacturing. Highlights include: slot car races, innovation exchange, personal 3-D Playground, additive manufacturing resource center and the literature lounge. For more information, visit [www.sme.org](http://www.sme.org).