



## TRADE GROUPS COLLABORATING TO PROMOTE MANUFACTURING

NEW YORK – The Precision Metalforming Association (PMA) has joined forces with the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) to strengthen industry advocacy efforts for small and medium-sized manufacturers.

The PMA and the NTMA are combining their federal government advocacy programs to promote government policies that will ensure a strong manufacturing sector in the United States. However, the PMA and the NTMA will maintain their status as separate organizations.

"PMA and NTMA have both led effective Washington advocacy efforts independently, but this collaboration gives us greater strength," PMA president William E. Gaskin said. "This now gives us a unified voice in Washington."

"This joint effort will allow us to further enhance awareness of our industry among members of Congress," PMA chairman Ralph Hardt said in a statement.

The Franklin Partnership LLP, Washington, a bipartisan government

relations firm that provides legislative affairs and public policy services, has been called upon by both the PMA and the NTMA for the 111th Congress starting in January.

James McGregor, president of Morgal Machine Tool Co. Inc. and Ohio Stamping & Machine LLC, both based in Springfield, Ohio, and chairman of the PMA's government relations committee, said that metalworking trade associations must work together to develop a larger, more effective footprint in Washington.

"PMA's partnership with NTMA to fight for manufacturing in America is a big step forward in increasing our industry's effectiveness in lobbying for policies that help create high-wage, high-skilled jobs among small- and middle-market manufacturers," he said.

"Manufacturing is the backbone of America, and if we want this sector not only to survive—but thrive—we need to assert our priorities in Washington as effectively as possible," Roy Sweatman, chairman of the NTMA, said in a statement.

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