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March 3–6—GEAPS Exchange 2012

Minneapolis Convention Center. Once known as the grain milling capital of the world, Minneapolis will again be the focus of the grain handling industry when the Grain Elevator and Process Society (GEAPS) brings the Exchange back to the Twin Cities. GEAPS 83rd annual technical conference and exposition will bring attendees from around the world to generate leadership, innovation and excellence in grain-related industry operations. From companies that have been at every Exchange for more than 40 years, to new exhibitors eager to be a part of the premier show in the industry, attendees will enjoy a diverse slate of topical education sessions on equipment, safety and new technologies. The Educational Programming Committee has carefully planned workshops on developing a culture of safety as well as the Idea Exchange which highlights innovative ideas from industry professionals. The Expo Hall will feature exhibitors like Baldor, Gates Corporation, Nord Gear Corp., Siemens, SEW-Eurodrive and Rexnord. For more information, visit www.geaps.com.

March 7–8—Lean Transformation Summit

Jacksonville, FL. The Lean Enterprise Institute (LEI) summit raises consciousness, generates enthusiasm and explores new frontiers in lean thinking. Attendees will learn from leading lean practitioners and colleagues who have faced the same challenges. Summits are two-day events designed for mid- to upper-level managers, with a focus on sustaining the lean journey, and insights into innovative ways to enhance your lean journey. LEI present a series of summits and conferences globally throughout the year to teach actual applications, not just concepts, in plain language with the case studies, worksheets, formulas, and methodologies needed for implementing lean into your business (www.lean.org).

March 13–15—AGG1 Aggregates Forum & Expo

Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. AGG1 Aggregates Forum & Expo focuses exclusively on the aggregates industry and features in-depth industry-focused educational programming and comprehensive exhibits that showcase the latest technologies and innovations in aggregates-related equipment, products and services. The 2012 AGG1 Aggregates Forum & Expo is co-located with the 2012 World of Asphalt Show & Conference, providing an enhanced show experience for attendees by offering additional exhibits and education opportunities. AGG1 is geared to the decision makers and buyers from the companies that produce the vast majority of crushed stone, sand and gravel in the marketplace, including company owners, senior managers, plant managers, superintendents, regional managers, engineers, technical professionals and safety managers. AGG1 features a New Products & Technology Program as another way for attendees to quickly find new and innovative products and services on the show floor. In addition, product-focused exhibit pavilions will make it easier for attendees and exhibitors to connect and discuss specific operational functions. The AGG1 education program offers courses on a full range of topics so that industry professionals can have a choice about the topics they want to learn about and the areas where they want to focus, based on

their unique situation. For more information, visit www.agg1.org.

March 13–15—Composites Manufacturing 2012

The Composites Manufacturing conference and exhibition provides knowledge on composite applications, processes and best practices. This three-day program features a combination of education, networking, exhibits, exclusive tours, industry keynotes and in-depth manufacturing insight. Manufacturing engineers and management from the aerospace, medical, wind energy, transportation, recreational, consumer products and green manufacturing will come together to discover new ways to stay relevant and competitive. This dynamic event continues to evolve, grow and improve to provide an array of different learning and networking opportunities. Developed by a team of SME professionals who work hand-in-hand with an industry advisory board, this team has its finger on the pulse of composites manufacturing and understands what attendees need to succeed. For more information, visit www.sme.org.

March 27–29—Westec 2012

Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles. Westec returns in 2012 redefined with a renewed commitment to local manufacturing. The manufacturing event includes keynote presentations from industry leaders in aerospace/defense, renewable energy and the manufacturing economy. The show also consists of technical sessions on topics that include small parts machining, high-speed alloy machining, milling, drilling, cutting advanced carbon fiber, carbon laminates and advances in additive manufacturing. Attendees view emerging technologies and emerging equipment applications and many other topics with an emphasis on using technology to innovate. Westec offers a place to network, form relationships and build partnerships, putting an emphasis on new developments, integration, lean methods, and how to manufacture with composites, titanium or other advanced materials. For more information, visit www.westeconline.com.

April 29–May 1—BSA Annual Convention

Bonita Springs, FL. Business programming at BSA's 2012 Annual Convention will help attendees plan strategically for the latest developments in technology. Help your company focus on the cost- and time-saving ways in which the latest mobile technologies deliver sales and solutions. How will you move your business forward in this new mobile communications culture? How will you and your customers benefit? How will this differentiate you from your competition? BSA challenges the industry to consider how to best leverage the latest business tools with "Technology Drives Productivity." Business programming at the 2012 event will provide an overview of how authorized distributors and their supply chain partners can differentiate themselves in the marketplace, providing customer solutions and products using the latest technology. Speakers at this year's convention include Daniel Burrus, Guy Blissett, Matthew Bookspan and Brian Eccles. For registration information, visit www.bsaconventions.org.