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2010 GRAND VIEW SUMMIT FOCUSED ON PRESERVING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Minneapolis, Minn. — The Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association (MPMA) has dedicated 2010 to preserving technical education programs in both high schools and technical colleges across the state. As part of the Association's efforts, the 2010 Grand View Summit will focus on encouraging industry representatives to support education, and to inspire education to enlist the help of industry in order to keep students interested in manufacturing careers. The goal: create lasting partnerships between schools and companies.

The Association's 2010 theme, "Preserve the Programs. GET ENGAGED." will also serve as the theme for the half-day summit.

The Grand View Summit is a unique opportunity bringing educators and business representatives together to get a "grand view" of technical education and workforce development in Minnesota. The summit compliments the bi-annual Grand View Conference and is designed to help continue the relationships formed at the 3-day conference held in odd years.

MPMA welcomes keynote speakers Andy Wells, Wells Technology and Wells Academy, and Tim Rashleger, former owner of Milltronics CNC, as the keynote speakers for the event. Both have a long-standing commitment to both industry and education and serve as prime examples of how industry can involve itself in technical education. Attendees will also hear ways to support their high schools from a panel of technical education instructors, and about customized training programs available for incumbent workers at Alexandria Technical College and Hennepin Technical College.

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The 2010 Grand View Summit is Thursday, April 29 at the Schwan's Center at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. Doors open at 3 p.m. for registration and networking. The conference concludes at 8 p.m. Registration for the event is now available at www.mpma.com/events.html.

For over 50 years, the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association has been a source of information, education and support for those in the precision manufacturing industry. It is the vision of MPMA that Minnesota be the recognized world leader in precision manufacturing and related technologies.

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