# formnext CHICAGO

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## FORMNEXT CHICAGO SECURES PREMIER EXHIBITORS FOR ITS NEWLY ANNOUNCED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING SHOW AT MCCORMICK PLACE IN SPRING 2025

McLean, Va. (October 12, 2022) – The organizers of Formnext Chicago today announced that they have secured letters of intent from 20 companies to exhibit at Formnext Chicago, held April 8-10, 2025, at McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois. These companies represent some of the world's premier providers of additive manufacturing technologies, as well as startup companies launching new materials solutions. Confirmed exhibitors include EOS, Desktop Metal, Autodesk, HP, Zeiss, Mazak, Markforged, 3DEO, 3D Systems, Oqton, Baker Industries, Dyndrite, Hybrid Manufacturing Technologies, Massivit 3D, nTopology, Velo3D, Carpenter Technology, Trumpf, Ingersoll Machine Tools, and America Makes.

"Formnext Chicago will truly capture the entire spectrum of AM-related technologies, creating a unique experience at a familiar destination," says Douglas K. Woods, president, AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology. "The initial exhibiting companies represent an additive value chain that starts with materials, moves through design and control software, production and post-production equipment, service providers, and metrology."



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"Our team had direct conversations with many of the top additive suppliers in the world at IMTS," says Rick Kline Jr., president of Gardner Business Media (GBM). "And the feedback we received across the board was extremely positive. People are excited about the breadth and depth of audience reach and technical understanding that our three organizations [Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH, AMT, and GBM] can bring together."

#### **Collaboration at Its Best**

Formnext is the premier industrial additive manufacturing trade show in the world. The 2019 event featured 852 exhibitors and attracted 34,532 visitors, and the November 2022 show has more than 760 exhibitors. Formnext Chicago resulted when Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH, the organizers of Formnext, cooperated with AMT and Gardner Business Media, creating a unique partnership beneficiary for the whole additive and manufacturing industry in the North American market.

Glynn Fletcher, president of EOS North America, shares: "EOS has been engaged with both Formnext, AMT, and GBM for many years. The combined strengths of these three organizations brings exceptional value to the additive manufacturing industry and stimulates further peer-to-peer engagement."

Woods adds, "With the AM show experience of Formnext, the manufacturing audience brought by AMT and IMTS, and the conference technology and media resources from GBM, we have created the most complete experience for those who want to invest in innovative capital AM technology."

Petra Haarburger, president, board of management of Mesago Messe Frankfurt, Germany, says: "The group also invites other organizations to participate in Formnext Chicago, as the goal is to build a coalition of leaders with broad appeal to the additive and manufacturing communities. In addition to Formnext Chicago in 2025, the partnership has launched the Formnext Forum Austin (Aug. 28-30, 2023) and the Formnext Forum co-located at IMTS 2024." The forums offer intimate and immersive



learning experiences for attendees and are built around a robust conference schedule with an emphasis on sharing ideas and technology advancements in production 3D printing.

Woods notes that there are 12 million people directly connected to the manufacturing industry in the United States. "As a still-evolving industry, much of the industrial manufacturing community is just beginning to explore and fully understand the production benefits of AM," he says. "The U.S.-based Formnext events create more opportunities for jobs shops, OEMs, startups, and service providers. Formnext Chicago will expose them to different parts of the supply chain and different parts of the innovation cycle so that they can learn how to apply AM tech to their existing business and create new opportunities."

In support of bringing Formnext to the United States, a series of Formnext Forums will be held over the next two years. The first is in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 28-30, 2023.

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Watch the press conference from IMTS 2022 on **Formnext Chicago coming to the United States**: <u>https://www.imts.com/watch/video-details/Formnext-Chicago-2025-</u> Coming-to-Chicago-Press-Conference-September-15-2022/253

For more information, visit <u>www.formnextusa.com</u>. If your company is interested in exhibiting, please visit <u>www.formnextusa.com/exhibit</u>.

#### What is Formnext

Formnext is the leading trade fair for Additive Manufacturing and the next generation of intelligent manufacturing solutions. It focuses on the efficient realization of parts and products, from their design to serial production. Formnext shows the future of innovative manufacturing. Formnext is organized by Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH. Formnext 2022 will run November 15 – 18, 2022, in Frankfurt, Germany. (formnext.com)

#### About Formnext Chicago

Formnext Chicago creates one event in the United States dedicated to all aspects for additive manufacturing and industrial 3D printing. Formnext Chicago will be the North American gathering place for the next generation of industrial production. Formnext



Chicago will run April 8 – 10, 2025, at McCormick Place, Chicago, III. (formnextusa.com)

#### About Formnext Forum Austin

Formnext Forum Austin offers an intimate and immersive learning experience for attendees and is built around a robust conference schedule with an emphasis on sharing ideas and technology advancements in production 3D printing. Formnext Forum Austin will run August 28 – 30, 2023, at Palmer Event Center, Austin, TX. (formnextusa.com)

#### About Mesago Messe Frankfurt

Mesago, founded in 1982 and located in Stuttgart, specializes in exhibitions and conferences on various topics of technology. The company belongs to the Messe Frankfurt Group. Mesago operates internationally and is not tied to a specific venue. With 160 members of staff Mesago organizes events for the benefit of more than 3,300 exhibitors and over 110,000 trade visitors, conference delegates and speakers from all over the world. Numerous trade associations, publishing houses, scientific institutes and universities work with Mesago closely as advisers, co-organizers and partners. (mesago.com)

#### About Messe Frankfurt North America, Inc.

Messe Frankfurt North America, Inc. is a subsidiary of Messe Frankfurt and is headquartered in Atlanta, GA. Messe Frankfurt North America, Inc. produces and manages 10 shows within the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including: The Clean Show, Texworld New York City, Apparel Sourcing New York City, Home Textiles Sourcing, Techtextil North America, Texprocess Americas, INA PAACE Automechanika Mexico City, Waste & Recycling Expo Canada, Festival of Motoring Atlanta, and Process Expo. For more information, please visit our website at www.us.messefrankfurt.com.

#### About AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology

AMT represents and promotes U.S.-based manufacturing technology and its members – those who design, build, sell, and service the continuously evolving technology that lies at the heart of manufacturing. Founded in 1902 and based in Virginia, the association specializes in providing targeted business assistance, extensive global support, and business intelligence systems and analysis. AMT is the voice that communicates the importance of policies and programs that encourage research and innovation, and the development of educational initiatives to create tomorrow's Smartforce. AMT owns and manages IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show, which is the premier manufacturing technology event in North America (AMTonline.org).

#### About Gardner Business Media, Inc.

Gardner Business Media is the premier publisher and event producer for manufacturing in North America – providing unique, one-of-a-kind, relevant information of keen interest to the people who power plants, shops, and factories. With powerhouse media brands



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