

# STEEL FOUNDERS' SOCIETY OF AMERICA (SFSA)

## BENEFITS HANDOUT

### **SFSA Membership:**

- Steel Casting Producing Companies – not individuals
- Member companies from US, Canada, Mexico
- Associate members from outside North America

### **Organization:**

- Four geographic divisions in North America that hold management and technical meetings
- Product group meetings for high alloy, investment castings, and heavy section technical programs and plant visits
- Board of Directors consist of President, four Directors from each division and four Directors-at-Large
- Ongoing Committees in technical & operating, research, marketing, and specifications
- Human Resources and Safety Committee meetings with plant tours
- Future Leaders Group to develop and network the next generation

### **Membership Dues:**

- Membership dues based on sales of captive production, billed quarterly and confidential
- Associate member dues same as regular members

### **SFSA Annual Meeting:**

- Three day Annual Meeting for top management of membership held every September or October

### **Programs & Publications:**

- Casteel Reporter published each month electronically with business level activity information
- Online *Directory of Steel Foundries* for all producers, only members available to public for free to all
- Technical and marketing publications including design assistance
- Feature articles and news releases promoting the use of steel castings
- Sponsors programs in sales and customer education
- Sponsors a yearly survey of castings by end-use
- Sponsors various marketing research projects
- SFSA Marketing Industry Forecast
- Annual Safety Awards for members

### **Steel Casting Research:**

- Funded by members for over 90 years
- Receives financial support of over \$3mil a year from US DOE and DOD
- Programs devoted exclusively to steel castings
- Separate research committees for carbon & low alloy and high alloy projects
- Research done at leading Universities
- Results published through Research Reports and Special Reports for members only
- Interim research reports presented at technical meetings and the yearly T&O Conference

### **SFSA Technical and Operating Conference :**

- Conference devoted only to steel foundry
- Networking with operations & technical staff
- Held each year in December in Chicago
- About 40 papers with half from operating member foundries

### **Technical Resources:**

- Research & Special Reports and Technical Folios
- *Steel Castings Handbook* and Supplements
- Aids for design and use of steel castings
- Website listing member capabilities and user information

### **Specifications Participation:**

- Specific Committees for ASTM, NACE, ISO and interface with the US Government
- Able to answer detailed member questions on all steel casting specification requirements

### **Member Technical Services:**

- Telephone questions answered any time
- In-plant technical service available
- Email enquiries answered promptly

### **International Activities:**

- Secretariat ISO/TC 17/SC 11 – Steel Castings
- Conducts overseas study tours

### **Advocating Member Interests:**

- AIME/ISS
- US DOD JDMTP – Metals sub panel
- US DOC ITAC Industry Trade Advisory Committee
- ANSI
- IFF International Foundry Forum