

American Foundry Society Metalcasting Industry Government Affairs Conference

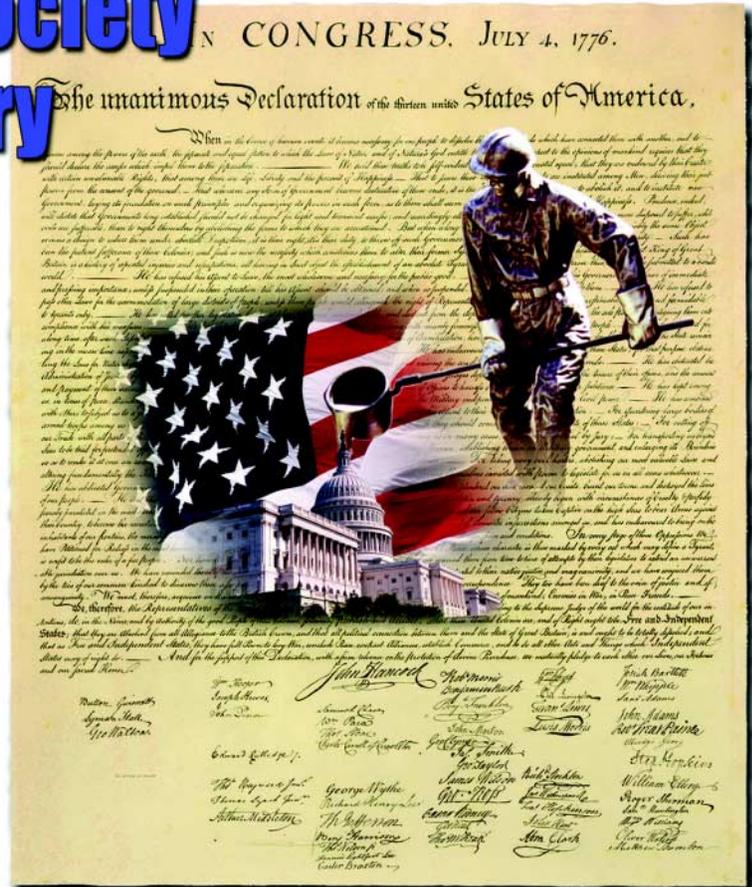
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Casters of the Future**

March 9-11, 2005

**Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
Washington, D.C.**

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Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel ★ 480 L'Enfant Plaza ★ Washington, D.C. 20024 ★ Hotel phone: 202/484-1000

Make your plans now to attend the 2005 AFS Metalcasting Industry Government Affairs Conference, March 9-11, 2005. We need your voice in Washington today as we did in 1776.

The American foundry industry has a long, proud tradition of creating the items needed to make the United States go. In fact, seven signers of the Declaration of Independence were foundrymen and helped cast the direction of a fledgling democracy. These businessmen realized that for this new American government to work, participation by its citizens was vital.

Everyday policy makers in Washington are involved in decisions that impact your business' bottom line. Each new initiative brought forth by Congress has the potential to give needed help or hinder your ability to remain competitive and grow in the global market.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Your voice is needed in DC to tell your elected government officials about the importance of the U.S. remaining a competitive location for businesses.

AFS Metalcasting Industry Government Affairs Conference AGENDA

Wednesday, March 9

1:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon will focus on current legislative issues and the impact on your ability to compete against low-cost imports.

Thursday, March 10

The day will kick-off with a breakfast and briefing at 8:00 a.m. Following that attendees are encouraged to make hill visits and discuss issues that are affecting your business with your Congressional representatives. **Call Capitol Hill at 202/224-3121 to contact your congressional offices and schedule an appointment.** Thursday evening we will have a reception with guest speaker Newt Gingrich.

Friday, March 11

8:00.-11:30 a.m.

Friday will be dedicated to regulatory issues. Various representatives from OSHA and EPA will be on hand to discuss regulations that are affecting you and the cost to do business.

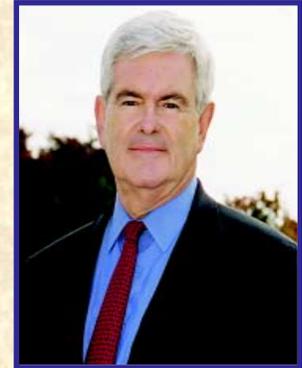
(For a more complete agenda, please visit our website at www.afsinc.org)

SPEAKERS

Newt Gingrich – Guest Speaker, Thursday evening, March 10

Newt Gingrich is well known as the architect of the Contract with America that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994 by capturing the majority in the United States House for the first time in 40 years. After he was elected Speaker, he disrupted the status quo by moving power out of Washington and back to the American people. Under his leadership, Congress passed welfare reform, passed the first balanced budget in a generation, and restored funding to strengthen our defense and intelligence capabilities, in addition to passing the first tax cuts in 16 years.

But, there is a lot more to Newt Gingrich than these remarkable achievements. As an author, Newt has published seven books including the best sellers, *Contract with America* and *To Renew America*. His most recent books are *Saving Lives & Saving Money*, which demonstrates how to transform health and healthcare into a 21st century system; *Gettysburg: A Novel of the Civil War* an active study in the lessons of warfare based on a fictional account of the battle of Gettysburg; and the sequel, *Grant Comes East*, co-authored with William Fortschen.



Newt Gingrich

Newt Gingrich is CEO of the Gingrich Group, a communications and consulting firm that specializes in transformational change, with offices in Atlanta and Washington, DC. He serves as a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC, a distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, the honorary chairman of the NanoBusiness Alliance, and as an advisory board member for the Museum of the Rockies. Newt is also a news and political analyst for the Fox News channel.

Other invited speakers include: Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-IL), Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) and Rep. Tom Delay (R-Tex)

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The conference will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 and conclude at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

Registration Information

AFS Member.....\$550

Nonmember.....\$650

Name _____

Title _____

Company _____

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Conference Fees: Conference registration is \$550 for AFS Members and \$650 for nonmembers. Fee includes conference registration, materials, breakfast, luncheon, reception and coffee breaks.

Cancellations and Substitutions: Substitutes will be accepted at any time. However, cancellations of confirmed registrants with full refund of fees cannot be accepted unless received one week prior to conference date. In the unlikely event the conference is canceled for any reason, AFS liability is limited to the return of the registration fee.

Housing Information: Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20024, Phone: 202/484-1000. Ask for "American Foundry Society Conference" room block. A room rate of \$189 single and double is available to conference participants. Room reservations must be made by February 9. Any reservations made after this date will be confirmed on a space-available basis.



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