

Volunteers Needed (*Desperately!*) for the Suppliers' Night Committee

Greetings!

For many of us the CSIFT Golf Outing serves as a kind of milestone reminder that summer, as unfortunately brief as it can be here in Chicago, is beginning to wind down. Soon we'll be asking ourselves "Where did this year go?" And for as challenging as this year has been for so many, some will likely reply, "Good riddance!" I for one plan to convert the challenges of 2011 in to the successes of 2012 and I will begin that process at the 2011 CSIFT Suppliers' Night in November.

For many years now Suppliers' Night has provided our industry a valuable and highly cost effective platform from which to kick-off a new year filled with hope while also welcoming the Holiday Season surrounded by friends and respected peers. As I begin serving CSIFT ("The First Section") as its new Chairman of the Suppliers' Night committee, permit me to personally invite all of our Section members and supporting manufacturers to participate in the nation's leading Suppliers' Night event.

My first challenge is to have a committee filled with volunteers who can support this event. We currently have several openings we need filled ASAP:

1. **Sponsorships** – The role of this sub-committee is to solicit sponsorships for Suppliers' Night. This is a vital role as sponsorships support our exhibitor guide and our social hour. The work of this committee is now through October 15.
2. **Hospitality** – The role of this sub-committee is to contact hotels for discounts and also to order the food for the show and social hour. The work of this committee is primarily now through September 30.
3. **Innovation NOW! Forum** – This sub-committee needs day of show volunteers to assist with last minute details and introduce speakers. (Contact INF chair Heather Brotcke hschnitz@aerotek.com)
4. **Volunteers** – This sub-committee is responsible for managing the day of show volunteers at the registration table and also at the CSIFT booth. Only have an hour to share? Then this is the committee for you! (Contact Mike Gough mikegough@att.blackberry.net or Mike O'Hare mikeohare@dawsonsales.com)

Did you know that Suppliers' Night volunteers get to register for their booths before anyone else? What a great benefit for sharing your time for CSIFT committee work! (This excludes the day of show volunteers at the registration table.)

Please contact me if you can serve on any of these committees.

Warmest Regards,
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