

## News Release

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### **VMA HOSTS FIRST VALVE INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE FORUM**

WASHINGTON, DC - The Valve Manufacturers Association of America (VMA) announces its inaugural Valve Industry Knowledge Forum.

The Valve Industry Knowledge Forum will be held at The DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, GA, April 11-13, 2018, and is the first event of its kind. It combines three prior conferences into one, with three distinct educational tracks: Technical, Manufacturing and Human Resources. The event includes an educational conference, exhibits, networking events, and optional tours of Mitsubishi Power Systems' Savannah Machinery Works & Gulfstream Aerospace Headquarters.

The technical program, "Advancing Valve Integrity through Technology," is an exchange of cutting-edge knowledge intended for experienced technical and engineering personnel. "Combating Complacency in Manufacturing: Safety, Customer Focus and Technology," is a manufacturing-focused program for production and assembly leaders. The human resources program, "From Hello to Goodbye: Improving the Employee Experience," delves into the many challenges faced by HR leaders in the valve industry. Attendees can customize their experience and choose to attend sessions across all three programs.

This joint event provides meaningful dialogue across disciplines in the valve industry, as well as industries that use valves and related products. It is open to members and non-members of VMA. Attendees who would benefit from this conference are industrial valve end-users, EPC personnel, distributors, manufacturers, suppliers and related industry professionals. Attendees will receive 12 Professional Development Hours for attending the event.

Find out more by visiting VMA [online](#) and register by Feb. 23 to receive an early-bird discount.

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[About](#) VMA: Founded in 1938, the Valve Manufacturers Association of America is a trade association that represents the interests of nearly 100 North American manufacturers of valves, actuators and controls. Collectively, members account for approximately 80% of the total industrial valve shipments out of U.S. facilities. VMA is headquartered in Washington, DC.