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Dear Center for Friction Stir Processing members,

The 2008 spring Industrial Advisory Board meeting of the CFSP is fast approaching. It will be held April 22-24 in Wichita, Kansas at the campus of the Wichita State University. You should have already received registration and hotel information.

We have received important feedback from you during previous meetings that has caused us to make changes in research programs and center business operations. We will have the presentations from all the universities on the CFSP website site starting Monday, April 7. (Note that the CFSP Website is being transferred to a SDSMT server and the new CFSP Website address is <http://cfsp.sdsmt.edu> Instructions to access the temporary location of the spring meeting documents will be sent shortly).

The meeting will follow the format from the 2007 Fall meeting with a one day Technical Workshop and a 2 day Program Management Review meeting. The WSU CFSP Site has prepared an exciting agenda of tours and dinners – including the Kansas Aviation Museum, Spirit Aerosystems, and the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center. A limited tour of the NIAR Full Scale Test facility is available immediately after the meeting (20 person limit), and, for those of you golfers who can stay over till Friday April 25, Dwight is planning the first annual CFSP Golf Classic @ Braeburn Golf Course – please contact Dwight Burford [dwight.burford@wichita.edu](mailto:dwight.burford@wichita.edu) for more information.

We are again making the opportunity available for member companies to present brief (about 15 minute) presentations on exciting work going on within their facilities. If you would like to make a presentation during the technical conference portion of the meeting, please let Dwight know by Monday, April 7. This will allow us to finalize the agenda and distribute to the IAB. If time at this meeting does not permit all the presentations to be given, we will be sure to schedule your presentation for the next meeting.

Thank you again for your membership in the Center. We value the contributions, both financial and technical, of each of our member companies.

Will see you in Wichita ....

Sincerely,

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