

Dear Colleagues,

Cost efficiency, process improvement, technology advancement. In today's economic climate these words carry even more importance. Going forward with the development of new aircraft to meet our customers' needs we must embrace these concepts, and that is why I'm honored to be selected as the General Conference Chair for the 2010 Aerospace Manufacturing and Automated Fastening Conference (AMAF) in Wichita, KS.

Living and working in the world's best known aviation cluster, I am pleased that Wichita was chosen as host for this year's conference. With over 75 technical presentations being offered by constituents from a multitude of countries around the world, no other conference provides the level of expertise in manufacturing and fastening for aircraft technology and application. Add access to industry experts in materials, structures, automation or fastening alongside a one-of-a-kind exhibition and you have a world class aerospace event in a location known for being at the forefront of technology advancements in design and manufacturing.

I am proud that Spirit AeroSystems is this year's host company and I would like extend my deepest gratitude to the Technical Program Chairs, along with all the Session Organizers, Authors, and Exhibitors who work tirelessly to make the conference a reality. On their behalf, I invite you to attend the plenary keynote, any of the 25+ sessions, two technical tours, or three networking receptions that make up the 2010 AMAF conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Urban".

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Vice President of Operations Fuselage Assembly
2010 AMAF General Chair

