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## SEFA Announces 2023 Conference Destination

The 2023 SEFA Spring Conference will be held at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Miramar Beach, FL. This venue offers everything in one location with shuttles to transport visitors to the town, golf courses, beach etc. The event returns to this popular destination where attendees can enjoy the many amenities while attending the conference. The 2 ½ day event features several sessions offering attendees, social events, golf, business meetings, entertainment, and industry networking. Plan to attend and learn more about your industry, economic forecasts, open discussions and more.

### *Schedule:*

- April 24th** Evening Opening Reception followed by Escape Room Opportunities
- April 25th** Golf, Dinner, Awards, Silent Auction, Raffles
- April 26th** Informative Sessions, Open Table Industry Discussion



*Additional details will be available on the SEFA website as plans are finalized*  
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**Anthony Crawl**  
Birmingham Fastener

## President Note

Season's greetings. I hope you all have had a wonderful 2022. The Board and I would like to thank all of our members for your continued support. We are

planning several regional socials for 2023, in an effort to stay connected with our members. Stay tuned for locations and dates.

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming spring meeting which will be held in Sandestin, FL, on April 24th- 26th. More details about this event will be listed inside our newsletter. Please follow SEFA and on LinkedIn for the latest news and events.

The Board and I continue our commitment to networking and providing educational resources for the fastener industry. We look forward to seeing everyone in Sandestin this spring. Thank you again to all of our members. Wishing all of you warm and Happy Holidays.

-Anthony Crawl & The SEFA Board



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**David Fretz** has announced his retirement from Hanger Bolt & Stud Co, after nearly 35 years. Initially heading up the sales and marketing effort of our fastener division, Dave quickly assumed a major role in the design and marketing of our emerging line of automatic Drill n' Drive machines. More recently, his efforts have helped build our HBS wire drawing operation which now overshadows our fastener footprint. His sound leadership in our organization and the industries we serve will be greatly missed. We wish you well Dave!



**Big Bolt** expands its presence in the strategic secondary services growth category. Big Bolt, LLC, one of the largest specialty fastener manufacturers in the US, announced it has acquired Delta Secondary, LLC (“Delta”), an Illinois-based manufacturer of fasteners and provider of secondary services.

Delta is a leading regional supplier of a broad array of fastener solutions for a variety of industrial segments. Headquartered in Bensenville, Illinois, Delta provides fast-turn manufacturing and key secondary services such as cut, chamfer, drilling, tapping, turning, milling, slotting, grooving and thread cutting. Delta’s products are supported by distributors nationwide.

Big Bolt is investing in Delta’s operations to create capacity to handle future growth. In addition, Delta’s team brings significant fastener manufacturing experience and capabilities which enables both organizations to optimize operations resulting in additional speed to service the industry.

“Delta is a great fit—commercially, operationally and culturally—and a valuable extension to Big Bolt’s existing operation,” said Tom Moore, Chief Executive Officer of Big Bolt. “This acquisition allows us to expand our manufacturing capabilities in a strategic area to better meet customer demand.”

Following the acquisition, the Delta team and its base of operations will remain in Bensenville, Illinois. The acquisition was effective on July 29, 2022.



Independence, Ohio (AUGUST 5, 2022) - Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI) has announced the publication of a new IFI standard, IFI-171, thread dimensions for sizes 1-5/8 – 5-1/2 and 1-7/8 UNS for Assembly of Bolts, Studs and Nuts in the Steel Construction Industry.

The new standard specifies thread dimensions and tolerances for two sizes of coarse threads, 1-5/8 – 5-1/2 and 1-7/8—5, that are commonly used in the steel construction industry. The standard resolves slight differences that commonly resulted from varied interpretations of ASME B1.1 (2019), which does not explicitly list sizes.

IFI standards are developed by industry experts that volunteer at the request of IFI members and industry stakeholders. Many of these experts are also engaged in the production of the IFI Book of Fastener Standards, a compilation of nearly 100 standards from ASTM, ASME, SAE and the IFI.

“I am very appreciative for the contribution of the task group members, beginning with Mike Friel from Haydon Bolts who identified the gap and pushed for a standard to be published,” said Salim Brahimi, Director of Engineering and Technology for IFI. “I am also grateful for the expertise and guidance of Al Barrows, chair of ASME Committee B1 on Threads. His support was essential to validate the accuracy of the dimensions and to ensure we did the work correctly and in concert with ASME B1.1. This standard will be added the Online Book of Fastener Standards and to future publications of the hardcover Book of Fastener Standards.”

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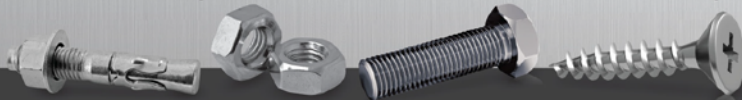


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