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2002-2003 CUSTOM FORGING CAPABILITY GUIDE & ELECTRONIC RFQ SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE FROM FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO -- Forging Industry Association's (FIA) latest directory of custom producers of forged metal components is available free to your readers. The 64-page publication is intended to assist designers and buyers of forgings in locating reputable suppliers in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The **Custom Forging Capability Guide** features detailed information on well over 100 custom forging producer plants including: location; major equipment and size ratings; weight capabilities; other forging capabilities; and metals processed. A "Special Capabilities" column further defines forging company capabilities, making it easier for customers to select prospective sources.

Each of the four major forging processes (impression die, open die, seamless rolled ring and cold forging) is described in straightforward language, complete with photographs of common applications and clear-cut drawings of process operations. Separate sections detail how forging compares to other manufacturing processes, and characteristics and applications of metals that can be forged.

A fully searchable version of this guide is available free of charge on FIA's Web Site: www.forging.org. Click on *Buyers Guide*.

Another option to finding the right forging supplier is through **FIA's Electronic RFQ Service** on the internet. This is a free, simple and fast method for design engineers, component specifiers or purchasing professionals to receive bids from FIA forging producers to manufacture their forged component. The user goes to www.forging.org, answers a few short questions about their component requirements, clicks *submit*, and about 100 FIA Member companies will instantly and automatically be e-mailed the RFQ. Those forging companies interested in receiving further information on the RFQ then contact the company directly. No strings attached... no obligations, no fees, no contracts, no commissions, no hassle!

NOTE TO EDITORS: Single copies of the Forging Capability Guide are available to your US., Canadian and Mexican readers at no charge. Please feel free to place notice of availability in your free literature department.

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Forging Industry Association is comprised of some 140 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for almost 60% of the custom forging volume produced annually. Forged metal parts are pressed, pounded or rolled into countless configurations, and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial equipment industries -- to name a few! About 75 firms supplying equipment, materials or technical services to the forging industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.