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CLEVELAND, OHIO -- Forging Industry Association (FIA) is pleased to announce the addition of a new section to its web site entitled "Design Engineering Center." The section is intended to assist the engineer and/or prospective buyer of forged components in quickly locating specific information about the forging process. Information ranges from straightforward overviews for those not familiar with the process, to sources of in-depth design information for those that require it.

Subjects covered include:

- *How Forging Compares to Other Processes*
- *How Forgings are Produced*
- *Common Applications of Forgings*
- *Metals Forged: Their Characteristics and Applications*
- *Photographs of Forgings for Various Applications*
- *Forging Case Studies*
- *Importance of the Forging Industry*
- *Frequently Asked Questions of Engineers*
- *Obtaining In-depth Design Information /Literature*

Of course, the Design Center also includes a link to the FIA *Custom Forging Producer Buyers Guide*, a free and fully searchable database of custom forging manufacturers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The Guide can be searched by process, material, part size, geographic location or any combination of each.

Interested parties may access the Design Engineering Center at www.forging.org, and click on Design Center.

Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of over 150 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for about 75% of the custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metals 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! Some 85 firms supplying equipment, materials, or technical services to the industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.

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