

The Refractory Metals Association (RMA) is one of six trade associations which comprise the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF), the world's leading trade organization serving the interests of the metal powder producing and consuming industries. Membership provides a unique opportunity to interact with business colleagues including competitors, suppliers and others working together to advance and grow the PM industry.

RMA serves to promote and expand the markets for refractory metals: tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum, columbium, chromium, rhenium, vanadium, boron, hafnium, cobalt, and the rare earth metals, principally neodymium, cerium, lanthanum, and yttrium.

### ***BENEFITS OF RMA MEMBERSHIP:***

#### Meetings and Conferences:

- Members meet twice annually in winter and fall where members conduct association business and usually have guest speakers of interest and often include a plant site visit.
- Members can attend the annual PowderMet conference that brings together the global PM industry for technical exchange, networking and a trade exhibition showcasing suppliers of powders, equipment, and products. Registration fees are discounted for members and exhibitors receive substantial discounts for booth space.
- RMA also actively supports the International Conference on Tungsten, Refractory and Hardmaterials that is held every three years in conjunction with the MPIF PowderMet conference.
- Members are invited to attend the PM Management Summit where senior industry leaders gather to exchange ideas and discuss management issues relevant to all segments of the PM industry.

#### Management and Statistical Programs:

- RMA maintains ongoing contacts with the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Interior, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and other government agencies.
- RMA keeps members up to date on U.S. stockpile developments and international environmental compliance regulations.
- Members receive the "Monthly Economic Indicators & Industry Trends" report, tracking leading and lagging indicators and reporting on automotive sales & production, agricultural and lawn & garden, aerospace, oil & gas, semiconductors, firearms, powder shipments, and U.S., Japanese and European imports & exports.
- Members provide input to the PM Sentiment Survey and receive detailed results from the PM Confidence Index, an index that tracks 5 key metrics for our industry by current month and six months out. It is presented by the whole industry, by each association, and by key executive role.
- Members receive the monthly *MPIF Member Briefs* summarizing industry manufacturing and management updates with pertinent information solely for PM management.

- Members submit input and receive comprehensive results from the *PM Industry Pulse*, an annual survey of industry trends covering all segments and associations within MPIF
- Members receive quarterly statistics on metal powder shipments useful for industry trend analysis.

#### Standards:

- RMA actively supports an industry standards development program that issues materials standards for PM parts and products, including methods of testing. Members can vote on acceptance of these standards, which are used by many end users when specifying PM parts.

#### Publications and Training:

- MPIF conducts educational seminars and short courses open to your employees at member discounts.
- MPIF hosts the Guide to PM Microstructures website offering images of most MPIF material designations in a number of property influencing conditions.
- Members have direct access to the world's most comprehensive library on PM. MPIF is the leading publisher of PM books, proceedings, standards, and electronic media. Members receive discounted pricing.
- Members enjoy discounted rates on individual technical manuscripts in the online Digital Library.

#### Marketing Opportunities:

- Members receive a discount when advertising in the *FocusPM* Newsletter.
- Members can participate in the annual PM Design Excellence Awards Competition showcasing exceptional PM part design with winners receiving wide media coverage and publicity.
- Members are listed on various MPIF websites in a fully searchable online database of industry parts, powder, and product manufacturers.
- Members are listed in the annual *Who's Who in PM Membership Directory* published by APMI International.

### Membership Information

The Refractory Metals Association operates as a trade association within the Metal Powder Industries Federation, an incorporated 501 (c) (6) trade organization. It shares with affiliated associations the economies and other advantages of joint administration. While the Association is governed by its members in accordance with its bylaws, it is subject to the policies and regulations of the Federation.

Acceptance for corporate, voting membership in the Refractory Metals Association constitutes membership in the Metal Powder Industries Federation.

### Eligibility

Any firm, or corporation (or division thereof) with offices and production in North America is eligible for corporate, voting membership if commercially engaged in the production of refractory metals or alloys (50% or more which consist of refractory metals). For eligibility purposes, refractory metals include: tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum, columbium, chromium, rhenium, vanadium, boron, hafnium, cobalt, and the rare-earth metals, principally cerium, lanthanum and yttrium.

Eligibility for corporate membership in the Refractory Metals Association shall ultimately be determined by the Executive Director of the Federation in accordance with the applicable bylaws of the Association.

### Membership Dues and Representation

All membership fees are tax deductible. There are no initiation fees. A current budget for the Refractory Metals Association is available upon request.

Each member company must appoint an individual to serve as its Official Representative who will be authorized to represent, vote and act for the member in the affairs of the Refractory Metals Association. This does not preclude other individuals from the same company from participating, including the holding of office.

The member company may also designate any number of additional individuals to serve as Alternate Official Representatives. A service fee of \$70 per annum will be assessed for each individual so designated to defray additional mailing expenses.

For all matters affecting the Association or the Federation, the member company shall be entitled to cast one vote.



**Application Form**

**Refractory Metals Association**

An international trade association of the Metal Powder Industries Federation

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of incorporation or founding \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is a subsidiary or division, what is the name of the parent organization?

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Head of PM operations \_\_\_\_\_

Head of sales/marketing department \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Title, and E-mail of Individual to be designated as "Official Representative"

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Name, Title, and E-mail of Individual(s) (if any) to be Designated as "Alternate Representative(s)"

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Names, Titles, and E-mail of Sales Contacts (limit 3): Please note telephone number if different from main number on application form.

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If elected to membership, the applicant agrees to be governed by the rules and regulations of the Metal Powder Industries Federation and the Refractory Metals Association.

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Name and Title of Submitting Applicant

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Signature

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Date:

The following, in addition to acting as MPIF's official source of corporate file information, will act as a source of information which will be posted in the PM Industry Online Directory on [mpif.org](http://mpif.org). Parts fabricators will also be added to the Find a Fabricator listing on the [PickPM.com](http://PickPM.com) website. Please be as complete as possible. It is the member's responsibility to inform MPIF of any changes to this information.

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### **Manufacturing Capabilities:**

Granular Powders:

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Non-Powder Form:

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Forms Available:

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Specialty Products:

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Other Products/Services:

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