Call for Proposals to Host MSEC-NAMRC 2028 and Beyond

Manufacturing Engineering Division (MED) of ASME
North American Manufacturing Research Institution (NAMRI) of SME

The Manufacturing Engineering Division (MED) of ASME and the North American Manufacturing Research Institution (NAMRI) of SME seek proposals to host the co-located 2028 International Manufacturing Science & Engineering Conference (MSEC) and the 56th North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC). These conferences have been co-located since 2011, attract 600-800 attendees, and are held for one week, usually during the first half of June.

NAMRI and MED also welcome proposals to host conferences in 2029 and beyond. We welcome proposals from anywhere in North America. For the 2031 conference, we are particularly interested in proposals to host from the West Coast because the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME) will be joining us.

Conference Summary

- List of past conferences (host, location, program): https://namrc.sme.org/history-of-namrc/
- Number of attendees: 600 - 800
- Date: usually second week of June, avoiding Juneteenth holiday
  - Start on Monday: Welcome Reception in the evening
  - End on Friday: Box lunch
- Number of parallel sessions: up to 14 technical sessions (i.e., breakout / session rooms)

Host Responsibilities

- Contract venue
- Contract breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, and one banquet
- Block hotel rooms
- Host conference website
- Manage attendee registration
- Prepare electronic program
- Invite plenary (keynote) speakers
- Coordinate with MED and NAMRC through the Conference Coordinating Committee
- Assist ASME and SME to advertise the conference
- The conference host is not responsible for soliciting and reviewing technical content (i.e., papers, posters, technical presentations). However, they are responsible for finalizing the session assignments (e.g., time, room).

Contact

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Important Dates

Letter of Intent Due ..... November 14, 2025
Presentation (virtual) to Conference Coordinating Committee ..... February 2, 2026
Request to submit a full proposal ..... February 9, , 2026
Full Proposal Due ..... April 30, 2026
Presentation to Conference Coordinating Committee ..... May 15, 2026
Presentation to MED Executive Committee ..... May 29, 2026

Presentation to NAMRI Board ..... June 25, 2026
Notification of Committee's Decision ..... July 1, 2026

Letter of Intent Format (1 - 2 pages)

The Letter of Intent to submit a full proposal to host the MSEC-NAMRC conference should be brief and factual. Please include the following information:

- Chair of the Organizing Committee, title, affiliation, and contact information
- Organizing Committee (e.g., host, co-host(s), staff)
- Year you are proposing to host the conference (2028 or later)
- Hosting institution (e.g., University of Somewhere)
- Proposed location of the conference (city, state, country)
- Proposed venue (name, address, website)
- 3 proposed hotels for attendee lodging (websites)
- Nearest commercial airport (website) served by at least one major carrier (e.g., Delta Airlines)
- Estimated budget

Email your Letter of Intent (PDF preferred) to Jaydeep Karandikar (karandikarjm@ornl.gov) and Robert Gao (rxg396@case.edu).

Proposal Format

See the "Host Proposal Guide" at this link: https://namrc.sme.org/globalassets/namrc/host-site/conference-host-proposal-guide.pdf. Note that this guide will be updated prior to the issuance of requests for full proposals.

Please note that JSME will be joining the conference every four years: i.e., 2027, 2031, 2035.

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