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National Fastener Distributors Association Announces 2007 Annual Spring Meeting

(Chicago, IL) – The National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA) is hosting its 2007 Annual Spring Meeting, April 25-27, 2007 at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

"Given the nature of the fastener industry in 2007," stated John Hausoul, Executive Vice President of NFDA. "We decided to emphasize change management and the opportunities and efficiencies that can be found in an evolving industry. For example, D. Bruce Merrifield Jr., President of Merrifield Consulting, is scheduled to kick-off the three-day event with the opening keynote address."

In his presentation, *Making Change Happen (Indirectly!)*, Merrifield discusses how to change your company culture so it enables people, teams and processes to move voluntarily towards a common vision. After that presentation, attendees will break into smaller groups for more direct contact with Mr. Merrifield who will address "hands-on" approaches and specific tools for effecting change.

"I would NEVER miss a meeting where Bruce Merrifield was speaking," stated Jay Hebert, a past NFDA Associate Chairman and Senior Vice President of Sales for Porteous Fastener Company. "I have heard him a few times and he is the best. Fasten your seatbelt for a wild ride into the future."

After Lunch, the educational programs will continue with a session entitled, *Applying Lean Management Processes to Your Business*, presented by William J. Butler of Next Level Partners. Butler offers a new way to look at your businesses to identify significant opportunities to accelerate growth, profitability and cash flow.

William "Jeff" Jeffrey of IRMCO begins the educational program on Friday, April 27 with his presentation *Workforce Management through Innovation*. After his presentation, an international panel featuring representatives from the Taiwan Fastener Trading Association, European Fastener Distributor Association and NFDA will discuss the ever changing nature of the international fastener industry.

"We have really put together a strong conference with significant educational content," stated outgoing President Bryn Tuttle-Stock. "I really hope our membership takes advantage of these opportunities."

The NFDA 2007 Annual Spring Meeting also provides numerous social programs, highlighted by the annual Reception, Silent Auction and Gala Dinner, taking place from 6 – 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.

For more detailed information on the NFDA 2007 Annual Spring Meeting, including registration, housing and travel information, please visit www.nfda-fasteners.org.

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Established in 1968, the National Fastener Distributors Association has over 200 distributor and associate members. The Association has been a leader in the fastener industry for 40 years providing biannual meetings, educational and affinity programs for its members. The Association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.