AIAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



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IFM was founded in 2002 as an automotive tooling supplier, and quickly diversified into other markets such as architectural and defense fabrication. The company entered the aerospace tooling market in 2015.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

26

11 employees are engaged in aerospace activity

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF IFM IN MICHIGAN

"Any company in manufacturing is well-served by being located in Metro Detroit, as there are few services and products that cannot be found in Southeast Michigan. With the proliferation of aerospace suppliers in the area, we look forward to continued growth in that market."

PRESENCE IN MICHIGAN AND OTHER STATES/COUNTRIES

"IFM was founded in and is still located in Michigan, shipping nationwide with occasional international shipments."

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND VISION FOR YOUR COMPANY OVER THE NEXT 5 AND 10 YEARS?

"We plan to continue our focus on growth in the aerospace and architectural markets, with an eye toward moving into a larger facility in 3-5 years."

AS AN AIAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MICHIGAN AND THE AEROSPACE INSDUSTRY?

"The feast-or-famine nature of work coming out of OEMs presents a consistent challenge. IFM is diversified enough that all our markets are rarely slow at the same time, but we have seen that the aerospace market swings from 'overload' to 'everyone is slow' with surprising frequency."

HOW DOES THE AEROSPACE ASPECT OF YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN?

"Many of the core services provided overlap, from heat treating to inspection, so vendors involved in the automotive supply chain can often be assets."



