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## NEWS RELEASE

### Valves & Actuators 101 Course Set for Valve World Americas Event

- VMA's one-day 101 program takes place June 24, 2013 in Houston.
- This Valve Ed program has been developed for industry newcomers and for those needing a refresher course on the fundamentals.
- Registration is through the Valve World Americas website at [www.valveworldamericas.com/vma](http://www.valveworldamericas.com/vma).
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(May 23, 2013—Washington, DC) The second [Valve World Americas 2013 Expo & Conference](#) begins at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston on June 25, 2013, but the great opportunities for learning start even before the conference. The Valve Manufacturers Association (VMA) is offering a one-day version of its Valves & Actuators 101 education program, designed to jump-start the career of industry newcomers or provide a refresher on valve, actuator and control basics. VMA member presenters will discuss the major valve and actuator types from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, June 24. Attendees at the course receive a certificate of completion, CD with presentations, lunch and afternoon snack, plus complimentary entrance to the expo.

The 2013 Valve World Americas Expo & Conference is the perfect complement to the valves and actuators course as it will provide an international, yet American-focused platform for the ongoing technical and commercial exchange of information and experiences on the latest technologies, developments and products for our industry. Many of the steering committee members come from VMA member companies and their end-user clients.

The conference will feature workshops on topics including material selection, fugitive emissions, fitness for service, updates in cryo technology, unconventional energy and much more. Each day has keynote sessions on topics such as the general outlook on energy and new challenges in the field.

Additionally, 147 exhibitors from 15 countries will be displaying at the expo, presenting a complete spectrum of innovations for this sector, ranging from valves, valve-related products and valve-related piping products to seals and sealing materials, engineering and leak detection, and valve repair services. In addition to exhibits hosted by a number of VMA members, Valve Manufacturers Association staff will be on hand to answer questions about the association, and distribute copies of VALVE Magazine and the latest Valve Catalog.

Visit the [Valve World Americas website](#) and register for the 101 course by June 19 (cost: \$450).

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**ABOUT VMA:** Founded in 1938 and celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, the Washington, DC-based Valve Manufacturers Association of America exclusively represents nearly 100 North American manufacturers of valves, actuators and controls, which account for about 80% of total industrial valve shipments out of U.S. and Canadian facilities. For more information, visit [www.VMA.org](http://www.VMA.org). VMA also publishes [VALVE Magazine](#).