



**2012 IPC APEX EXPO Hand Soldering Competition
and
IPC HAND SOLDERING GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP
SELECTION PROCESS**

PREMIER SPONSOR (1 Exclusive)

The 2011 IPC Midwest Hand Soldering Competition Grand Sponsor has the right of first refusal for the 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Hand Soldering Competition and IPC Hand Soldering Grand Championship and must be a 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Exhibitor

- If the 2011 IPC Midwest Hand Soldering Competition Grand Sponsor declines to be the Premier Sponsor, IPC will offer the opportunity to another 2012 IPC APEX EXPO exhibitor.
 - Exhibitors interested in being the Premier Sponsor must express interest in writing to IPC by Thursday, October 20, 2011
 - An exhibitor will be drawn at random by IPC staff and contacted by Friday, October 21, 2011
 - If no exhibitor has expressed an interest in being the Premier Sponsor by October 20, 2011, the Premier Sponsorship will be awarded first-come, first-serve.

Premier Sponsor will provide three hand soldering stations for competitors to use, includes temperature controllable soldering iron, tips, fume extractor, sponge and sponge holder

Sponsors and Contributors (8 Maximum)

The 2011 IPC Midwest Hand Soldering Competition Sponsors and Supporters have the right of first refusal for the 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Hand Soldering Competition and IPC Hand Soldering Grand Championship. Sponsors must be a 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Exhibitor. Contributors must either be a 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Exhibitor, principal of, a manufacturer's representative, or distributor of a 2012 IPC APEX EXPO Exhibitor.

- If a 2011 IPC Midwest Hand Soldering Competition Sponsor or Supporter declines to be Sponsor or Contributor, IPC will offer the opportunity to another 2012 IPC APEX EXPO exhibitor.
 - Exhibitors interested in being a Sponsor or Contributor must express interest in writing to IPC by Thursday, October 20, 2011 listing product(s)
 - An exhibitor will be drawn at random by IPC staff and contacted by Friday, October 21, 2011
 - If no exhibitor has expressed an interest in being the Sponsor or Contributor for listed products by October 20, 2011, the Sponsorship and Contributors will be awarded first-come, first-serve.

The Sponsors and Contributors will provide products used in or related to the competitions

- Solder and Flux
- Magnified Lighting or Inspection Scopes
- Work Stations, Seating
- EOS/ESD products (mats/wrist straps)
- Hand Tools (wire stripper/ wire cutter/ tweezers / brushes)
- Cleaning products and accessories (wipes/ swaps/ cleaning solution)
- Other products deemed necessary for the competitions

Competitors will be evaluated according to IPC-A-610E Class 3 criteria. Additional evaluated items will include time, professionalism, cleanliness, and soldering technique.