The AIST Road Show began its Midwest quest at ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor on 7 June 2016 and ended with ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor on 8 June 2016. Attendance from each location broke all previous Road Show records!

The Indiana Harbor complex is the largest integrated steelmaking facility in North America and currently operates three blast furnaces. The facility was established more than 100 years ago and employs approximately 4,850 people. Indiana Harbor is capable of making a range of flat products including advanced high-strength steels, API pipe skelp, motor laminations, automotive exposed, martensitic grades and aluminized.

More than 480 Indiana Harbor employees joined the AIST Road Show for breakfast and lunch and spoke with AIST representatives about how their careers can benefit by getting involved with the organization.

“Visiting integrated mills was new for the AIST Road Show and the response from union and salaried employees was very positive. Coming on-site to our mills was important because it helped start personal relationships that could lead to new AIST members. Employees had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the benefits of joining. We signed up several new members at each
Employees also got the opportunity to interact with valued suppliers and had social time with colleagues. It was a valuable experience for everyone involved.”

— Wendell Carter, 2016–2017 AIST president, and vice president/general manager, ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor

Twenty-seven miles east of Indiana Harbor along Lake Michigan lies ArcelorMittal’s second-largest USA facility, ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor. More than 1,000 Burns Harbor employees took the time to speak with AIST about the numerous opportunities that are available with AIST membership.

Burns Harbor operates two blast furnaces and is capable of producing 5 million tons of raw steel annually. Burns Harbor primarily serves the automotive industry, while also serving the appliance, construction, converter, distribution, and pipe and tube industries. Principal products made at this location are plate, hot rolled sheet, cold rolled sheet and hot-dipped galvanized sheet.

AIST staff members were able to give information on how the association can provide all plant employees with networking opportunities through AIST’s 22 local Member Chapters and 30 Technology Committees, as well as improving specific skill sets through AIST’s numerous Technology Training programs.

“The AIST Road Show is very beneficial for companies to host because it gives their employees time to see first-hand what AIST is all about, versus just an email or their website. Employees can talk to AIST staff to get information about training courses and all the benefits they receive.”

— Kelly Dallas, principal engineer, ArcelorMittal USA, and the AIST Midwest Member Chapter’s 2016–2018 Board of Directors representative

Spraying Systems Co. and Melter sponsored the Road Show at Indiana Harbor, and Magid joined them in sponsoring Burns Harbor.

“We were excited to be able to share our safety expertise and promote safety at work at the recent Road Show. The Road Show is a great way to interact with customers and we would recommend other companies be a part of it.”

— Carol Anthony, district manager, Magid

The AIST Road Show gives AIST the opportunity to accomplish its mission of advancing the technical development, production, processing and
application of iron and steel by visiting facilities, and interacting with and providing support to the people who make up the industry and our association.

“I think the AIST Road Show is important because it helped introduce AIST to a whole group of people who normally would not have been exposed to it. We received a lot of good questions about what AIST is, what it does, how they can join and how they can learn about advancing their careers.”
— Dan Brown, control systems engineer, ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor

AIST would like to thank its sponsors from Spraying Systems Co., Melter and Magid, as well as the AIST Midwest Member Chapter for sponsoring the events and for sending representatives to both locations to discuss first-hand the value of AIST membership. Their active participation gave them the ability to talk about the importance of local networking, invite ArcelorMittal employees to attend numerous Midwest Chapter events, and inform them of scholarship opportunities for their children.

If your company is interested in hosting the AIST Road Show, or would like to become a sponsor at an upcoming visit, please visit AIST.org/RoadShow. We hope to see you soon!