There are many reasons to like this Indiana city, centrally located in the United States. We picked out a few that will be of interest to the shot peening conference attendees.

Seven Great Things About South Bend
The Venue for ICSP-11

#1 Accessibility
It’s easy to get to South Bend. The South Bend Regional Airport—the only transportation center in the U.S. that houses air, rail and bus service in one location*—is easily accessible from the Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit and Indianapolis international airports. Once you’re in South Bend, cabs, rental cars, buses, trolleys and shuttles are readily available.

#2 The Century Center Convention Complex
Located in downtown South Bend, the Century Center is only minutes from the South Bend Regional Airport and Interstate 80/90 (Interstate 80/90 connects Chicago and South Bend).

The facility is famous for its 30-foot glass wall, facing the St. Joseph river. We’ll also enjoy its multiple presentation theaters, exhibit space and dining rooms with outstanding catering services. We’ll have lunches on the “island,” a spacious patio on the St. Joseph river.

The Century Center Convention Complex was designed by noted architects Philip Johnson and John Burgee. Some of their other designs include the Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York city, the Crystal Cathedral at Garden Grove, California, the Boston Public Library in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Studio Theatre at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.*

#3 The Mariott Hotel
The Mariott has all of the amenities of a fine hotel including a large fitness center and good eateries, plus it’s within walking distance to the College Football Hall of Fame and a restaurant district that includes the upscale LaSalle Grill, the South Bend Chocolate Café, and Tippecanoe Place in the Studebaker family mansion.

#4 The Skyway
The Century Center and Mariott are connected by a skyway. ICSP-11 attendees can walk the short distance from their hotel to the conference without parking or transportation hassles, much less an umbrella if the weather turns rainy.

#5 It’s Economical
One of the ICSP-11 organizing committee’s concerns was to keep costs reasonable during the recession. South Bend has outstanding transportation, accommodations, restaurant and entertainment choices in every price range.

#6 Proximity to Chicago
South Bend is 94 miles/151 km from Chicago. Train and bus services are available and a shopping excursion is planned for guests of ICSP-11 attendees and presenters. Chicago is one of the most exciting cities in the world and this is a great opportunity to experience it.

#7 There’s Plenty to See and Do
The following is a partial list of all there is to see and do while in South Bend. Maps, restaurant lists and coupons, and an entertainment guide will be part of your registration packet.
- University of Notre Dame (an ICSP-11 tour)
- College Football Hall of Fame
- Studebaker Museum (an ICSP-11 tour)
- South Bend Chocolate Company
- Northern Indiana Center for History
- South Bend Regional Museum of Art (located in the Century Center)
- Amish Acres Historic Farm (an ICSP-11 tour)
- Electronics Inc. facility (an ICSP-11 tour and lunch)

* Resource: Fun Facts at www.visitsouthbend.com
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Things to See and Do While at ICSP-11

Manufacturing in South Bend

- In 1868, the Oliver Chilled Plow Works in South Bend was established by James Oliver. To commemorate the company’s contribution to South Bend, a 36-acre Oliver Industrial Park has been built where the former manufacturing plant stood. It features the original restored Oliver boiler house.

- Studebaker was a wagon and automobile manufacturer based in South Bend. Founded in 1852 and incorporated in 1868, the company was originally a producer of wagons for farmers, miners, and the military. Studebaker entered the automotive business in 1902 with electric vehicles and in 1904 with gasoline vehicles.

- Bendix was founded in 1924 in South Bend, by the inventor Vincent Bendix. Bendix manufactured brake systems for cars and trucks, supplying General Motors and other automobile manufacturers.

- AM General, the manufacturer of the military Humvee, HUMMERS, and general engine products, has their corporate offices in South Bend. The production facilities are located eight miles away in Mishawaka, Indiana.

- Manufacturing in South Bend is going nano — the city and the University of Notre Dame are developing industrial parks to house regional and Fortune 500 businesses, including nanoelectronic firms.

Travel just a few miles out of South Bend and you’re in Amish country. ICSP-11 attendees will be able to travel the Amish countryside and visit the Amish Acres Historic Farm. (Photo courtesy of the Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau.)

The Golden Dome of the University of Notre Dame is one of the world’s most recognized college landmarks. We’ll be touring this beautiful campus.

The College Football Hall of Fame is across the street from the Mariott.

ICSP-11 attendees are invited to Electronics Inc., home of the MagnaValve and numbered Almen strip, for a tour and hospitality.

Copshaholm, built in 1895 and now a museum, was originally the home of J.D. Oliver, president of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works. The furnishings on all three floors are original, giving visitors a remarkable glimpse of how the Oliver family lived during their 72 years in the home. Copshaholm is within walking distance of the Mariott and the Century Center.

The Studebaker National Museum has 120 vehicles in the collection including a 1835 Conestogo Wagon and a 1966 Cruiser — the last vehicle produced by the company. The Museum displays approximately 70 vehicles at any time, with an additional 40 vehicles kept in “visible storage” in the Museum’s lower level. The collection features several one-of-a-kind vehicles like the 1956 Packard Predictor and the 1934 Bendix SWC.