

Campaigning

CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE in the USA will often visit their constituents while campaigning. Jackie Walorski and her team visited Electronics Inc. this summer. Ms. Walorski has served as an Indiana State Representative and is running for Congress in the fall 2012 election. Our visitors were impressed that over 50% of our products are shipped outside of North America. It's important to EI to have legislators that understand U.S. domestic and foreign trade policy and are willing to support efforts to improve international trade. We were able to share many ideas and concerns with Ms. Walorski.

Campaigning for Shot Peening

SAE is considering a new committee for Lightweight Materials for Automotive Applications. When I heard about their mission to review new lighter and stronger materials, I campaigned for a sub-committee to consider the fatigue life properties of these new materials. The most important feature of any component is its surface. The condition of its surface will virtually always determine its fatigue load carrying capability and fatigue life-time. As Chairman of the Surface Enhancement Committee, I suspect that I will also be on this new committee. I look forward to sharing shot peening's benefits to the fatigue life of lightweight materials with my fellow committee members. While Ms. Walorski would like to make a difference in Washington, D.C., I'd be happy to be part of a group that makes a difference in Detroit. I'll keep you posted on the developments through *The Shot Peener* magazine.

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Jackie Walorski, a candidate for the U.S. Congress, and Jack Champaigne tour the Electronics Inc. facility.