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NEMA Releases 2026 Policy Agenda for Powering USA's Energy & Manufacturing Future

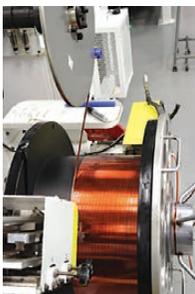
The **National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)**, Arlington, VA, USA, released the electroindustry's 2026 policy agenda, which outlines actionable steps the Administration, Congress and state lawmakers can take to strengthen USA manufacturing, accelerate infrastructure deployment and power the next era of American growth. NEMA's 2026 agenda focuses on what is needed now: expanding and upgrading the grid, building more electrical equipment in the USA and developing the skilled workforce required for the next generation of advanced manufacturing.

NEMA's more than 300 members contribute a full 1% of USA GDP, directly provide more than 580,000 American jobs and generate more than some US\$330 billion annually for the USA economy. NEMA's 2026 Agenda outlines a suite of policy recommendations that are vital to electroindustry growth and competitiveness:

- Modernize and expand the grid to meet surging power demand.
- Align trade policy to fortify the North American electrical ecosystem.
- Scale world-class American electrical manufacturing.
- Build a skilled workforce for the next-generation energy system.
- Establish state policies that power energy infrastructure and manufacturing.

"Since 2018, the electrical manufacturing industry has invested nearly \$200 billion in domestic production capacity – and plans to invest another \$60 billion over the next five years," said NEMA Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, **Spencer Pederson**. www.makeitelectric.org

Essex Solutions' Franklin Plant Expansion Advances EV Readiness & Quality Excellence



Essex Solutions completed a 62,000 ft² expansion of its Franklin, IN, USA, magnet wire facility, adding dedicated capacity to support automotive customers across North America. This reinforces the commitment to operational excellence and positions the site to meet hybrid and electric vehicle requirements.

"The City of Franklin's Economic Development Commission congratulates Essex Solutions on the completion

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• All numbers are from opening market prices listed on February 4, 2026.

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Nexans Completes World Record Cable Installation

Nexans, a global leader in the design and manufacturing of cable systems and services, completed the high-voltage subsea cable installation on the **Tyrrhenian Link Project** in Italy, confirming a world-record installation depth of 2150 m for a 500 kV high-voltage direct current (HVDC) subsea cable.

The world record was achieved during offshore installation campaign in December 2025, as part of Nexans' works for **Terna**, the Italian Transmission System Operator. www.nexans.com

La Farga's Guixà Wins Copper Club Award

The Copper Club, Inc. announced **Oriol Guixà**, President of the Board of **La Farga**, as the 2026 Ankh Award recipient. The award will be presented at The Copper Club's Annual Dinner on June 10, 2026, at **The Plaza Hotel** in New York City, NY, USA.



Guixà will be honored in recognition of his exceptional leadership, pioneering vision and life-long commitment to innovation and sustainability in the copper industry. www.copperclub.org

CommScope Completes Divestiture of Connectivity & Cable Solutions Segment; Rebrands Parent Company

CommScope closed on the transaction to sell its Connectivity and Cable Solutions (CCS) segment to **Amphenol Corporation**.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to repay all outstanding debt and redeem all preferred equity, which is held by global investment firm **Carlyle**. After adding modest leverage on the remaining business, the company will have significant excess cash, which it expects to distribute to shareholders as a dividend within 60 to 90 days of transaction closing. The dividend is expected to be no less than US\$10/share.

The company was renamed **Vistance™ Networks**, effective January 14, 2026, as the "CommScope" name and brand



will convey with CCS. Vistance Networks will lean into a revitalized and more focused portfolio as the parent company to its Access Networks Solutions (ANS) and RUCKUS® Networks businesses.

Also, the Access Networks Solutions segment will be rebranded as **Aurora Networks®**. Aurora Networks will continue its position as a world leader in providing access network solutions. Its comprehensive, end-to-end product portfolio supports global service providers with innovative, leading-edge HFC and broadband network products. RUCKUS develops networking solutions.

www.commscope.com

www.vistancenetworks.com

Leviton announces global sales leadership transition

Leviton, Melville, NY, USA, announced a transition and reorganization in its global sales leadership structure, as Bruno Filio will be retiring from his role as Vice President of Global Business Development after 34 years with the company. Brad McDowell will assume the title of Vice President of Global Accounts and European Markets.

McDowell joined Leviton in 2024, bringing with him two decades of senior leadership experience in the industry. In his new role, he will take on the responsibility of the Europe Sales Organization (including Prism Data Centre Solutions Sales) and the Global Sales Engineering Organization, while maintaining



his current role leading the Global Accounts Organization in support of the Network Solutions business. He will report to Randy Mortensen, Executive Vice President of Global Distribution Sales and Marketing. Dedicating over three decades of service to Leviton, Filio played a pivotal role in advancing Leviton's international business and supporting the company's global expansion. His retirement will officially become effective in April 2026.

www.leviton.com

Datawave & Cerberus announce investment & financing for Singapore project

Datawave Networks Ltd., a Cyprus-based independent subsea infrastructure provider, entered into a binding investment and financing agreement with affiliates of Cer-



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LAPP Group Acquires Full Ownership of JJ-LAPP Joint Venture & Establishes Subsidiary in Taiwan

LAPP Group, a global leader in cable and connection technology, acquired full ownership of JJ-LAPP, an equal-share joint venture between **Jebsen & Jessen** and LAPP focused on the Southeast Asian markets. At the end of 2025, the companies completed the transaction for the remaining 50% of the company shares. The acquisition of JJ-LAPP is the largest in LAPP's history: It marks a significant milestone for the German family-owned company's Asia-Pacific operations. **Richard Lee** will accelerate JJ-LAPP's growth journey in South-east Asia.

Jebsen & Jessen Group and LAPP Group founded the joint venture in 2004,



which has grown into a top cable and connectivity solutions provider with 350 employees. JJ-LAPP manufactures in Indonesia with headquarters in Singapore. **Matthias Lapp** sees LAPP's largest-ever acquisition as a clear statement made for the Southeast Asian market.



And on January 1, 2026, LAPP Group assumed operational responsibility for the cable business previously managed by **DKSH Business Unit Technology, Taiwan**. With this strategic agreement, LAPP Group establishes its own local subsidiary in Taiwan, thus preparing for further growth in one of Asia's most dynamic markets. www.lapp.com

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NKT Signs Final Contracts for HVDC Power Cable Projects in Scotland

NKT confirmed that contracts were signed for two 525 HVDC transmission links in Scotland under an existing framework agreement with **SEEN Transmission**. The two turnkey projects will comprise design, production and installation of both on and off-shore cable systems. The projects are now included in NKT's high-voltage order backlog with a combined value of approximately €2 billion.

www.nkt.com

Prysmian to Acquire ACSM

Prysmian is acquiring **ACSM**, a Spain-based leader in solutions for submarine cable installation, including subsea surveying, route planning and seabed preparation. The transaction value is €169 million (factoring in €24 million in capex for a vessel delivered to ACSM in Q4 of 2025), subject to a customary adjustment mechanism based on ACSM's net financial position, working capital and capex. The transaction will be funded using cash available on Prysmian's balance sheet. Closing is expected by February.

www.prysmian.com



berus Capital Management, L.P., a global alternative investment firm, to develop the Singapore-India-Gulf (SING) Cable System, a next-generation subsea fiber optic network connecting the Middle East, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

Datawave has also entered into an agreement with a leading USA-based supplier of subsea cable systems; ready for service in 2030.

www.datawavenetworks.com
www.cerberus.com

Southwire joins VoltServer's Solution Partner Program

VoltServer, East Greenwich, RI, USA, the pioneering leader in fault-managed power systems and creator of Digital Electricity®, announced its strategic partnership with Southwire, a leading manufacturer of wire and cable used in the transmission and distribution of electricity.

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Pantheon Electric Launches Platform of High-Performing Conductive Products

Pantheon Electric, Stamford, CT USA, a global electrical infrastructure brand, was recently formed through the integration of **International Wire Group**, **Hussey Copper**, **EMS Elektro Metall Schwanenmühle** and **Special Corde**. Pantheon Electric introduced a growth platform built to power the world's most critical and rapidly expanding sectors.

Pantheon Electric offers deep manufacturing expertise, global production capacity and a comprehensive suite of services spanning engineering, design, procurement, logistics and assembly. The platform supports a full spectrum of low, medium and high-voltage conductive solutions, enabling customers to meet the demands of increasingly complex electrical systems. **Gregory J. Smith**, Pantheon CEO, said, "By bringing together complementary products, solutions and capabilities from across the Pantheon Electric platform, we provide our global customer base with a differentiated offering designed to support innovation, reliability and long-term growth."

www.pantheonelectric.com



WAI Expands On-Line Video Training Courses

The **Wire Association International Inc. (WAI)** expanded its professional

- Extrusion Special Process Considerations
- Manufacturing Safety

development video training courses. The on-line platform offers on-demand access to ferrous and nonferrous courses and industry experts. Interactive content, multi-media resources and current technical information empowers students to expand their knowledge and skills at their own pace,

from any location. Courses include:

- Introduction to Ferrous Metallurgy
- Single-Layer Extrusion Overview
- Extrusion Applications
- Extrusion Materials



Courses are divided into topic-focused videos. Each five-minute video lesson builds on the prior video, and each course typically includes seven videos. Content includes footage from wire making facilities, interactive animations and visual demonstrations of complex technical concepts.

A quiz after each video lesson is a pre-requisite to advance to the next lesson. And each video course includes a digital certificate of completion.

www.wirenet.com

ized global solutions, VoltServer believes it's crucial to partner with other industry innovators and accelerate the adoption of fault-managed power.

www.voltserver.com

www.southwire.com

Credo & 3M enter into patent license agreement

Credo Technology Group Holding Ltd., San Jose, CA, USA, an innovator in providing secure, high-speed connectivity solutions that deliver improved reliability and energy efficiency, entered into a patent license and mutual covenant agreement with 3M Company related to Credo's patents covering active electrical cable technology. Based on this agreement, Credo will license certain of its patents to 3M Company. In a statement, Don Barnetson, Sr. VP of Product at Credo announced, "I am pleased to have

reached an amicable agreement with 3M Company."

Terms of the agreement remain confidential.

www.credosemi.com

Sumitomo Electric wins Clarivate Analytics award

Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. was awarded the "Top 100 Global Innovators 2026" by  Clarivate Analytics, a global information services company, for five consecutive years, and the 10th time in total.

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Corning & Meta Announce Multiyear \$6 Billion Agreement to Accelerate USA Data Center Buildout

Corning Inc. and Meta Platforms, Inc. announced a US\$6 billion, multi-year agreement to accelerate buildout of the most advanced data centers in the USA to support Meta's apps, technologies and AI ambitions. Corning will supply Meta with its newest innovations in optical fiber, cable and connectivity solutions. To support this, Corning will expand manufacturing capabilities across its operations in North Carolina—including capacity expansion at its optical cable making site in Hickory, NC, USA, where Meta will serve as the anchor customer.

"This long-term partnership with Meta reflects Corning's commitment



to develop, innovate and manufacture the critical technologies that power next-generation data centers here in the USA," said **Wendell P. Weeks**, Corning Chairman and CEO. "The investment will expand our manufacturing footprint in North Carolina, support an increase in Corning's employment levels in the state by 15% to 20% and help sustain a highly skilled workforce of more than 5000. Together with Meta, we're strengthening domestic supply chains and helping ensure that advanced data centers are built using USA innovation and advanced manufacturing."

www.corning.com

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Registration Now

Open for EWPTTE 2026

Registration is open for *Electrical Wire Processing Technology Expo (EWPTTE) 2026*, May 5 to 7, 2026 at the **Baird Center**, Milwaukee, WI, USA. *EWPTTE 2026* is the must-attend event for wire harness, cable processing and electrical wire industries. Offered are professional development courses and learn about new techniques, emerging technologies and practical solutions to real production challenges.



This year's event is co-located with the **WAI's Wire Expo**, bringing innovation and opportunities for cross-industry engagement. www.electricalwireshow.com

Taihan Wins High Voltage Project in the USA

Taihan Cable & Solution's USA subsidiary, **T.E.USA**, won a 230 kV extra-high-voltage transmission project in the USA, valued at KRW 100 billion. It involves constructing a 230 kV transmission line in the Riverside area of California. The project meets rising electricity demand and offers a system to supply reliable power in natural disasters or accidents. Taihan will execute the project under a full turn-key model.

www.taihan.com

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HUBER+SUHNER records higher order intake in 2025

In the 2025 financial year, HUBER+SUHNER achieved significantly higher order intake in an economic environment characterized by uncertainty. This was thanks to major orders in the data center growth initiative and broad-based demand in the Industry segment. The Group's order intake amounted to CHF1032.0 million, up 13.7% on the previous year's figure.

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Southwire Announces Organizational Changes

As the company continues its efforts to remain generationally-sustainable, **Southwire**, Carrollton, GA, USA, announced these changes:

- CFO **Guyton Cochran** and Chief People & Culture Officer **Fernando Esquivel** have made the decision to retire.
- **Christy Wright** moves into the role of EVP of Supply Chain and will serve as Interim CFO.
- Chief Compliance Officer **Burt Fealing** will step in as Interim Chief People & Culture Officer, in addition to his current roles.

The company will soon begin to actively recruit for open positions.
www.southwire.com

Medium-Voltage Cables & Accessories to Surpass \$98 Billion by 2036

According to the latest report from **Future Market Insights**, Newark, DE, USA, the global medium voltage (MV) cable and accessory market is valued at US\$58.2 billion this year, and it is forecasted to top US\$98 billion by 2036. The corresponding compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is 5.4%. The report is titled *Medium Voltage Cable and Accessory Market Report*.

www.futuremarketinsights.com



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LS Cable & System Invests in Mexican Subsidiary LSCMX

LS Cable & System will invest some KRW 230 billion in **LSCMX**, its production subsidiary in Querétaro in central Mexico, to build an integrated production base for power infrastructure and mobility components aimed at the North American market. This investment elevates LSCMX from a simple manufacturing site to a strategic integrated hub for the Americas. **LS Cable & System** plans to expand its existing bus duct facilities and construct a new plant for automotive wires, increasing



its share of the North American market across all fronts. The company will maximize production capacity and optimize its supply system to meet growing infrastructure demands of global big tech firms. **LS** will broaden its scope into the mobility sector with a new, large-scale production line for automotive wires.

LS Cable & System has also won a KRW 60 billion contract by **Tenaga Nasional Berhad** for a submarine power grid in Malaysia. www.lscns.co.kr

a negative impact on net sales, which fell 3.3% to CHF 864.1 million in 2025. Adjusted for currency, copper price and portfolio effects, the figure was unchanged compared to the previous year.

The Industry segment benefited from broad-based demand, with order intake increasing by 16.2% in the reporting period. All subsegments showed a positive development. Net sales in the segment increased by 17.5%.

www.hubersuhner.com

Amphenol Q4 & Full Year 2025 Results

Amphenol had record fourth quarter and full year 2025 results. Sales in the fourth quarter and for the full **Amphenol** year increased from prior year by 49% and 52%, respectively, driven by strong organic growth in virtually all of our end markets. For the quarter and full year, Amphenol again realized excellent profitability with adjusted operating margin reaching 27.5% and 26.2%, respectively.

www.amphenol.com

USITC judgement on collated steel staples from China

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) determined that revoking the existing antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain collated steel staples from China would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. As a result, the existing orders on imports of this product from China will remain in place.

The Commission's public report, Certain Collated Steel Staples from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-626 and 731-TA-1452 (Review), USITC Publication 5698, February 2026 will be available online by February 24, 2026 at www.usitc.gov.

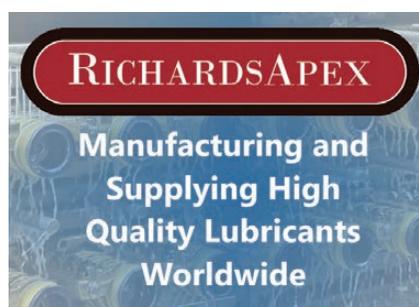


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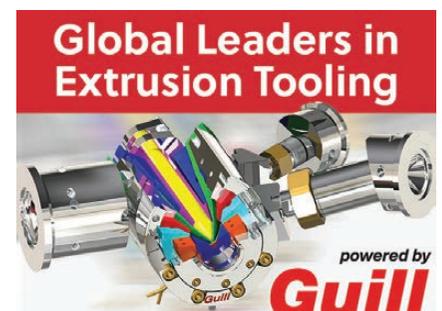
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Andrew Walko to Senior Vice President of Global Operations at Nortech

Nortech Systems Inc., a leading provider of engineering and manufacturing solutions for complex electromedical and electro-mechanical products serving the medical imaging, medical device, industrial and aerospace and defense markets, announced that Andrew Walko was named Senior Vice President of Global Operations.

www.nortech.com

RF Industries Q4 & fiscal year 2025 financial results

RF Industries, Ltd. reported its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 31, 2025. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025, net sales were US\$22.7 million, up 23% from US\$18.5 million year-over-year and up 15% from some US\$19.8 million in Q3 2025. RF Gross profit margin was 37%, up some 600 basis points from 31% in the prior year quarter. Operating income was US\$903,000, up from US\$96,000 year-over-year.

Fiscal year 2025 net sales were US\$80.6 million, up some 24% from US\$64.9 million year-over-year. Gross profit margin was 33%, up 400 basis points from 29% in fiscal 2024. Operating income was US\$1.8 million, a major swing from the US\$2.8 million operating loss in fiscal 2024.

www.rfindustries.com

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of this project,” commented Dana Monson, Community Development Specialist. “We are pleased to support the work of the company and are thankful for the jobs created that provide careers for our local residents. We look forward to future partnerships.”

The expanded footprint enables the integration of advanced production equipment, enhanced process controls and rigorous quality systems. An optimized layout brings together production lines, warehousing, material storage and a dedicated testing lab, strengthening the facility’s ability to deliver consistent performance and meet demanding customer specifications.

“The Franklin team really stepped up, worked hard and played a fundamental role in the success and growth of this plant,” commented Jared Rowntree, President, Magnet Wire North America. “In close collaboration with our Fort Wayne, IN, USA engineering team, they delivered what we believe is the highest-quality magnet wire facility North America.”

www.essexsolutions.com

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Prysmian Expands MFC Cable Range for AI & Neoscaler Data Centers

Prysmian says that it is leading the way in AI hyperscale and Neoscaler data center development by expanding its range of Indoor Micro Fiber Cables (MFC) with 16 fibers per unit. Prysmian provides two main categories of indoor micro fiber cables.



The first category features the innovative 16-fiber FlexRibbon® Technology (RFC product code), designed for applications where one or both ends of the cable require mass-fusion splicing. Fusion splicer manufacturers now support 16f mass-fusion capabilities, ensuring compatibility with Prysmian’s RFC cables. The second category consists of the more traditional 16 loose fibers per subunit (MFC product code). Within these two types of cables, Prysmian provides a combination of 200 µm and 250 µm fibers as well as various sub-unit sizes. To get a clear picture of what is currently available, interested parties can review the charts detailing each product offering.

www.prysmian.com

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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Registration Now Open for WCMA Annual Distinguished Career Award Dinner

Join the **Wire & Cable Manufacturers Alliance, Inc. (WCMA)** on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the **Hartford Downtown Marriott** to recognize this year's group of industry leaders and veterans from the electrical and electronic wire, cable, and fiber optic cable industry segments. This year's recipients are:



- **John Accorsi** of **M Holland**
- **Jim Elliott** of **New England Wire Technologies**
- **Ed Flynn** of **KINGWIRE**
- **Geoff Kent** of **International Wire Group**
- **Frederick Kelley** of **Prysmian**
- **Fred Johnston** of **Chemours**
- **Charlie Murrah** of **Southwire**
- **Terry Smith** of **Elektrisola**

Register at: www.wcmainc.org/page/distinguished-career-award
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SPE Extrusion Optimization TopCon Technical Conference

The **Society Plastics Engineers (SPE) Extrusion Division** will host its first *SPE Extrusion Optimization TopCon*, a technical conference

on single and twin screw extrusion theory and design principles to improve any type of extrusion operation in any industry. The event takes place June 16 to 18, 2026, in Quebec, Canada.

The technical program will include over 20 technical presentations, panel discussion, tabletop display area, plant tour and reception.

<https://speextrusiontopcon.technical-content.com/>

wire and Tube 2026 Update

From April 13 to 17, 2026, *wire and Tube*, takes place in Düsseldorf, Germany. Over 2700 exhibitors from 65 countries will show technologies, machines, materials and end products on 120,000 m² of space. The focus will be on machines and equipment for wire, cable and tube production, new materials, efficient production processes and high-quality end products. Thematic focal points will include stainless steel and special materials, hydrogen technologies, plastic pipes, cutting and separating technologies, e-mobility, fiber optic technology, fastening and joining technology, spring manufacturing.



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www.awpa.org

March 3 – 5, 2026

AMI Cables Conference, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.amiplastics.com/events

April 12, 2026

WCISA Night Out in Germany
Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wcisaonline.org

April 13 – 17, 2026

wire 2026, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wire-tradefair.com

April 25, 2026

WCMA Awards Dinner and Investiture Ceremony, Hartford, CT, USA
www.wcmainc.org

May 5 – 7, 2026

EWPT 2026, Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.electricalwireshow.com

May 6 – 7, 2026

Wire Expo 2026, Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.wireexpo26.com

May 16 – 18, 2026

26th China (Guangzhou) International Fastener, Spring & Wire Exhibition
Guangzhou, China
www.julang.com.cn/english/jingujian/

June 1, 2026

WCMA Annual Golf Outing & Fundraiser, Wethersfield, CT, USA
www.wcmainc.org

June 23 – 25, 2026

CRU Wire & Cable Connections Summit 2026, Hanover, Germany, events.crugroup.com

September 21 – 24, 2026

wire China 2026, Shanghai, China
www.wirechina.net

October 20 – 21, 2026

Automotive Wire Harness & EDS Conference, Detroit, MI, USA
www.eds-conference.com

November 1–4, 2026

IWCS Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum
Orlando, FL, USA
www.iwcs.org

November 30 – December 2, 2026

wire India, Mumbai, India
www.wire-india.com

February 23 – 25, 2027

wire Mexico, Monterrey, NL, Mexico
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