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## AZTECH LOCKNUT OPEN HOUSE

On October 21, 2010, Aztech Locknut Company was proud to welcome Mid-West Fastener Association members, customers, and other industry friends for an open house event. The MWFA helped organize the open house in place of its annual fall meeting. Aztech has ingrained a multitude of healthy and efficient systems into their building on the way to achieving LEED-EB Gold certification. For most participants, this was their first opportunity to see many amazing environmental elements operating together in a real functioning industrial facility.

In 2008, Aztech embarked on the project to convert its conventional building into a LEED-EB certified building. Currently all the LEED-EB Gold requirements have been installed and are functional in the building while the company completes the required 12 month monitoring & documentation of the LEED points earned. Attribute signs along with a guide pamphlet provide visitors, customers, suppliers and contractors with a walking tour through the various operational areas of the company. You see and understand how Aztech's business processes work in concert with the 42 main environmental attributes of the building that are not typically found in a fastener production

and distribution plant/office. Setting up the permanent tour was a benefit to the MWFA participants and contributed to the point total required to achieve LEED. The primary reasons for the environmental effort include employee comfort and satisfaction, business opportunities, lower utility and maintenance cost, and increased property value.

There was a surprisingly large turn out at the Open House and the feedback afterward was very positive. While everyone was impressed by the triple-pane curtain wall windows and the solar hot water tooling wash equipment, the VW Golf converted to a battery powered car was certainly the highlight!

Aztech Locknut Company began operations in 1978 and has been situated on its Aurora, IL-based campus since 1998. Aztech is a brand name importer and manufacturer of Locknuts. Aztech continues to strive to maintain the LEED-EB Gold standard as an indicator of the advanced technology also applied to its products and customer service.

If you're interested in seeing our facility in person, please call your favorite Aztech Locknut Sales Representative at 800-321-5625. Our "green" door is always open! 



**Aztech Locknut's Eco-Car with Mike Kaindl standing by it (the force behind the success of the car)**

## Aztech Locknut's Open House was a great success!

