

All members, families and friends of Polish-American Engineers Association are cordially invited to attend our February meeting:

DATE: Friday, February 16, 2007

TIME: 7:30 - 8:00 pm - Social 1/2 hours
8:00 pm - Business and Technical Session

PLACE: Copernicus Center
5216 West Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

SPEAKER: Romuald J. Poplawski
President
U.S. Global Corp.

TOPIC: Development of Wind Energy Projects.

In recent years, U.S. and global energy initiatives have focused on renewable energy projects in order to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. Wind energy is one of the alternatives undergoing tremendous growth worldwide.

Successful completion of such ventures necessitates consideration of numerous factors. The presentation will include issues such as worldwide wind markets, wind studies, local support, site selection, environmental impact, transmission, legislation, equipment, development costs, and project financing.

Romuald J. Poplawski is the President of U.S. Global Corporation, an international project and business development firm located in Northbrook, Illinois. USG specializes in the energy, environmental, and agro related industries. Most recently, the firm has been actively developing renewable energy projects including biodiesel, ethanol, and wind energy.

Previously, Mr. Poplawski worked as Director of the International Business Division of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) in Governor Jim Edgar's administration. In that capacity he planned and directed the State's international trade development program and managed Illinois' network of foreign trade offices (Warsaw, Budapest, Brussels, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Toronto, Shan yang). Hundreds of Illinois firms including Fortune 100 companies were helped with global market entry and expansion. He was subsequently re-appointed by the Governor and confirmed by Illinois Senate as Assistant Director of DCCA, the State's economic development agency (with a staff of 420 and a \$780 million budget).

Prior to his position in the state government, Mr. Poplawski worked in the private sector as Director of International Sales and Marketing for a division of the 3rd largest software company in the United States (SAS Institute) setting up distribution channels in thirty-six (36) countries, and as a sales and marketing executive for Sperry Corporation and Prime Computer, Inc.

Mr. Poplawski is a frequent speaker, university lecturer, commentator and occasional writer on various international trade issues. In addition, he has been and continues to be involved in many civic and professional organizations.

Mr. Poplawski received his undergraduate degree in international management from Georgetown University and his MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also studied at Oxford University in England and the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. Mr. Poplawski is multilingual.

A business meeting will precede the technical presentation. Coffee and cash bar are available-courtesy of Copernicus center.

SPECIAL INVITATION for Polish engineers and technicians who recently came to Chicago.

CONFERENCE OF POLISH ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA will be held in Chicago on April 27-29, 2007. Program of the Conference is being prepared; everybody is invited with their ideas and recommendations. We will be hosting this Conference and we hope that we will be able to welcome engineers from all over the continent. We would like to ensure good participation of our members. We also expect Conference attendees from Poland and other European countries.

2007 CHICAGOLAND ENGINEERS WEEK BANQUET unites several engineering societies and science organizations at this gala event. In addition to the keynote speaker by the Washington Award Recipient, the banquet also acknowledges our future science and engineering students that participated in the area Future City Competitions and the Bridge Building Contests. The Washington Award Banquet will take place on Friday, February 23, 2007, at the University Club of Chicago, 76 E. Monroe, Chicago. Tickets are \$75 per person. Reception starts at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. This year Washington Award Recipient is Mr. Michael Birck in recognition for his accomplishments in advancing telecommunications networks to meet the evolving needs of users. Mr. Birck achievements and leadership in the US telecommunications industry has impacted video and data service networks around the world.