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## Chicago Architecture Foundation's Weekend Festival Honors National Engineers Week

*Free family events explore the fascinating world of engineering through hands-on activities inspired by the industry's most creative achievements*

Chicago, Ill.—February 21-22, the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) welcomes families to enjoy EngineeringFest, a free weekend of programs and activities with a two-day celebration of engineering in the built environment.

Chicago is known for its architectural and engineering innovations, and this year's E-FEST encourages people to think about how innovations in design help engineers solve crucial problems. How do we use less energy? How do we build taller? How do we design movable bridges? Through tours, hands-on experiences and demonstrations, CAF will answer these questions by exploring six engineering disciplines: civil, environmental, structural, mechanical, electrical and acoustic. These FREE family events will take place at the Railway Exchange building where guests will gather in the atrium and LEGO® Design Studio for activities that include:

- **Challenges** – Put on your engineering hat and participate in a timed challenge (45 minutes, recommended for ages 8 and up).
- **Build It, Read It:** Enjoy open building space with Kapla Blocks and an engineering library full of books for all ages, and watch films about feats of engineering all over the world!
- **Makers Lab Drop-In:** Drop-in at your convenience and tackle a variety of engineering-themed activities and experiments.
- **Engineering Tours:**
  - Walk Around the Block Tours: These tours will feature visible feats of engineering within a block or two of CAF.
  - Building Tours: Tour the mechanical systems here at the historic Railway Exchange Building to see how a real building runs.
- **Sketch It, See It:** Learn to sketch and spy some engineering feats on our Chicago Model.

EngineeringFest is made possible with support from Presenting Sponsor ArcelorMittal and Lead Sponsor exp U.S Services, Inc.

"We are proud to partner with Chicago Architecture Foundation on this year's EngineeringFest to introduce thousands of young people to the endless opportunities available within the field of engineering," said Marcy Twete, Manager, Corporate Responsibility for ArcelorMittal and CAF Trustee. "This next generation of engineers will

change the way we develop steel for cars, buildings, appliances and other products we depend on.”

Visit [www.architecture.org/efest](http://www.architecture.org/efest) for more information, and follow the weekend’s activities on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with #CAFnailedit.

**WHAT:** EngineeringFest

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 21, 10am – 6pm and Sunday, February 22, 10am – 4pm

**WHERE:** Railway Exchange Building, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

**COST:** FREE

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. CAF pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions and youth and adult education programs. A permanent exhibition, Chicago Model City, includes a highly detailed scale model of Chicago. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For further information visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org) or call 312.922.3432; become a Facebook fan at [www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture) or follow on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture).