

What the Associations get out of EAMA

BARA

"EAMA allows BARA access to a range of information and activities that BARA could not achieve alone due to its size. The ability to lobby the government and be influential at ministerial level can only be achieved through the critical mass that we achieve collectively through EAMA."

BTMA

"We see EAMA as a vehicle to express the grumbles we have as a result of some of the Government's decisions. When making many of their decisions we don't believe they put themselves in the shoes of the typical SME Company. (BTMA companies average between 10-25 employees with a sole director, albeit we do have a few larger ones of 50-125).

"The sorts of grumbles we have are all grass root type such as:

- The difficulties when applying for a grant
- The frustration of being in the wrong postal code to receive a grant
- The apparent lack of enthusiasm by MPs, teachers, parents etc towards encouraging people to take a career in manufacturing, etc.

"As we cannot mind read the next idea they will conjure up we feel we can only comment once that idea is at green or white paper stage. Therefore, we wish EAMA to explain the grumbles on our behalf to the DTI, Civil Servants, and MPs etc. EAMA have the contacts and the collective clout whereas BTMA as a stand-alone association would not get a hearing."

GTMA

"EAMA represents the bedrock of UK manufacturing – the companies without whose products and services large scale manufacturing in the UK will simply cease to exist.

"Through membership of EAMA, GTMA provides members with an active and independent means with which to lobby government, the city and the media on key issues such as over-regulation, burdensome employment legislation and the lack of appropriate skills training.

"By joining together with other similar and like-minded associations - and so speaking with a louder voice - each association can more effectively represent its own members' interests, while also gaining shared access to specialist resources, which could not be funded individually.

"GTMA strongly supports the work that EAMA does and encourages its members to participate - a recent example being the provision of input to the Hampton Report, which has already borne fruit as demonstrated by Gordon Brown's recent statements regarding increased self-regulation on risk-based inspection regime."

MTA

"EAMA gives a critical mass to the fundamental ideas that MTA has been forwarding/supporting in the public affairs arena for many years. The critical mass means that EAMA unlike MTA is seen as a sector voice rather than a small interest group. EAMA can therefore more effectively represent the voice of the small to medium size companies in engineering, which make up the bulk of MTA's members and their customer base. EAMA also fills a gap in the market that no other organisation is able to fulfil i.e. to be the voice of the SME in manufacturing. Without EAMA it would be extremely difficult to be heard within the Government or indeed within other major bodies, which put influence on Government."

PICON and BPMSA

"EAMA represents the most effective and efficient way for PICON and BPMSA member companies to gain access to the legislative and government consultation process. By combining our views with other like minded associations on matters that affect SMEs in our sectors, we surely create a more effective lobbying position, with potentially increased benefits for all concerned."

PPMA

“The PPMA is firmly focused on a clearly-defined ‘vertical’ market sector. Our 350 members include both manufacturers and importers of machinery. The membership comprises almost totally SMEs.

“The PPMA can competently serve its members interests in gathering information and persuasive lobbying within the technical and commercial fields which are directly of interest to those members, and this is achieved both within the UK and the EU.

“However, the membership all share broader interests and concerns in more general fields of regulations and legislation in employment, H&S, taxation, imports, exports, finance, insurance, skills, training etc., and the PPMA alone does not have the resource to address these on behalf of its members.

“EAMA represents a cost-effective conduit by means of which the PPMA can fully and effectively serve the broader needs of its members.”