

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
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ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ITW 401(K) PLAN PARTICIPANTS
REGARDING THE
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.
2014 PROXY STATEMENT,
2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS AND FORM 10-K

Dear ITW 401(k) Plan Participant:

Enclosed is an Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice), informing you that our proxy statement, annual report and Form 10-K are now available by Internet. Please refer to the Notice for instructions on how to access the proxy materials online and how to vote your shares in person, by Internet or by mail. In order to vote you must use one of these methods. You will need the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow g from the Notice to gain Internet access through www.proxyvote.com and to vote your shares in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 2, 2014.

The enclosed Notice includes instructions for how to request and receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials. You may also pick up a paper copy of the proxy statement and annual report/Form 10-K from your Human Resources Department, but you must follow the instructions on the Notice in order to cast your vote. If you receive more than one Notice, you should follow the voting instructions using the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow g from each Notice to be sure all of your shares are voted.

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The deadline for voting shares held through the ITW 401(k) Plan is 10:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 29, 2014. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DEADLINE IS EARLIER THAN THE DATE STATED ON THE PROXY CARD.**

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DEADLINE FOR VOTING 401(k) PLAN SHARES IS APRIL 29, 2014