

- **Heads and Threads** is searching for sources of supply for bolts and screws;
- **House of Threads** would like to hear from Canadian suppliers for stainless steel fasteners;
- **TC Bolt** is seeking sources of supply for 3/4" diameter shear connectors;
- **Threaded Screw Products** is searching for supply for screws, nuts and bolts;
- **US Anchor** is seeking sources of supply for aluminum fastening products.

More information on these companies is found in Appendix 1, and a list of U.S. importers who are interested in Canadian sources of supply of hardware and fasteners in general is found in Appendix 2.

SURVEY OF U.S. ASSOCIATIONS

U.S. industry associations were contacted in order to supplement information provided by individual importers and to provide an industry perspective on trade in the hardware and fastener industry. The industry associations contacted and their mandates are as follows:

- **Specialty Tools and Fasteners Distributors Association (STFDA)** serves distributors and manufacturers of the lighting industry;
- **American Hardware Manufacturers Association (AHMA)** is a national association which represents the American manufacturers of hardware, housewares, and consumer-oriented tools;
- **Builders' Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA)** compiles statistics and maintains standards for its members;
- **United States Fastener Manufacturing Group (USFMG)** represents the fastener manufacturing industry in North America by dealing with trade matters, monitoring and participating in related legislative activities, and protecting the interests of American and international manufacturers.

The associations were interviewed to provide the following information:

- market trends for the hardware (fasteners) industry;