

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
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UNITED STATES  
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1. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT 2. ANNUAL REPORT/FORM 10-K How to View Online:

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Voting Methods Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but

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mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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Voting Items The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR all nominees: 1. Election of Directors Nominees: The Board of Directors recommends you vote for 1a. Susan Crown 1 Year under proposal 4: 1b. Don H. Davis, Jr. 4. Advisory vote on the frequency of future 1c. Robert C. McCormack advisory votes on executive compensation. 1d. Robert S. Morrison The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1e. James A. Skinner FOR proposals 5 and 6: 1f. David B. Smith, Jr. 5. Approval of the Illinois Tool Works Inc. 2011 1g. David B. Speer Cash Incentive Plan. 1h. Pamela B. Strobel 6. Re-approval of the performance factors and 1i. Kevin M. Warren award limits under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan. 1j. Anré D. Williams The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3: 2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP Z54541 as ITW's independent registered public accounting firm for 2011. 3. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation. P04868 -M31929

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60026-1215 Telephone 847.724.7500 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ITW 401(K) PLAN  
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2010 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS AND FORM 10-K Dear ITW 401(k) Plan Participant:  
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(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. You will need to vote using one of these methods.  
You will need the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow ? from the Notice to gain  
Internet access through [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and to vote your shares in connection with the Annual  
Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2011. XXXX XXXX XXXX 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  
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held through the ITW 401(k) Plan is 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Wednesday, May 4, 2011.  
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