

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.**

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**  
**Stockholders Meeting to Be Held on May 8, 2015.**

**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 10, 2015  
**Date:** May 8, 2015      **Time:** 9:00 AM CDT  
**Location:** Illinois Tool Works Inc.

155 Harlem Avenue

Glenview, IL 60025

**\* Enter the campus from Waukegan Road at Overlook Drive. Signage will direct you to the meeting location.**

**Directions to the meeting location can be found on the Company's website at [www.itw.com](http://www.itw.com).**

**You must register to attend the meeting. Information is available in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders accompanying the proxy statement.**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot or proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT
2. ANNUAL REPORT/FORM 10-K

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) *BY INTERNET*: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\**: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 23, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** You must register to attend the meeting and present a ticket to gain entrance. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Shareholder Meeting Registration:** To attend the meeting, go to [shareholder meeting registration](#) link at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR all nominees:**

1. Election of Directors

1a. Daniel J. Brutto

1b. Susan Crown

1c. James W. Griffith

1d. Richard H. Lenny

1e. Robert S. Morrison

1f. E. Scott Santi

1g. James A. Skinner

1h. David B. Smith, Jr.

1i. Pamela B. Strobel

1j. Kevin M. Warren

1k. Anré D. Williams

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5:**

2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as ITW's independent registered public accounting firm for 2015;

3. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation;

4. Approval of the Illinois Tool Works Inc. 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan; and

5. Approval of a non-binding stockholder proposal to permit stockholders to call special meetings.







Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Corporate Headquarters

155 Harlem Avenue

Glenview, IL 60025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ITW 401(k) PLAN PARTICIPANTS

REGARDING THE

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

2015 PROXY STATEMENT,

2014 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS AND FORM 10-K

Dear ITW 401(k) Plan Participant:

As a participant in the ITW 401(k) Plan (or a beneficiary with an account under the 401(k) Plan), you have the right to direct the 401(k) Plan trustee to vote the shares of ITW common stock held in your 401(k) Plan account in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 8, 2015.

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 direct the 401(k) Plan trustee to vote your shares. To direct the 401(k) Plan trustee, you may vote electronically through the 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 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 8, 2015. Your voting instructions are confidential and are not disclosed to ITW.

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 from each Notice to be sure all of your shares are voted.

**THE NOTICE IS NOT A PROXY CARD AND CANNOT BE USED TO CAST YOUR VOTE.**

The deadline for voting shares held through the ITW 401(k) Plan is 10:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Tuesday, May 5, 2015. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DEADLINE IS EARLIER THAN THE DATE STATED ON THE PROXY CARD.**

Please follow the instructions on the enclosed Notice to access your proxy materials and vote.

**DEADLINE FOR VOTING 401(k) PLAN SHARES IS MAY 5, 2015**