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Las Vegas, Nevada

Get Help from OSHA and Small Business Administration at AWFS® Fair

CITY OF COMMERCE, Calif. – April 7, 2011 -- The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA), along with their partnering group, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), will exhibit at AWFS Fair, July 20 – 23, 2011 in Las Vegas. The two groups will offer daily presentations on topics of relevance to the woodworking industry.

Each day of the show, Art Sipple and Don Evans from the State of Nevada OSHA Safety Consultation & Training Section will discuss common citations for the woodworking industry and how to avoid them daily at 3 p.m. on the show floor. Sessions will include:

- General Regulations (Wednesday)
- Woodworking Machinery (Thursday)
- Hazard Communication (Friday)
- Lockout/Tagout (Saturday)

Sipple and Evans will also present a seminar in the general College of Woodworking Knowledge (CWWK) education program entitled, **OSHA Safety & Health Guidelines: Voluntary or Mandatory?** The course will run on Wednesday, July 20 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Joy Flack, Las Vegas Area Director for the Department of Labor (Federal OSHA), will also participate in a panel entitled, **Regulations that Affect the Woodworking Industry**, addressing combustible dust, the global harmonized system, injury and illness prevention and working surfaces and fall protection systems, on Friday, July 22, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Flack will be joined on the panel by Dr. Marilyn Black from GREENGUARD, Brad Miller of Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) and Corey Connors of the Composite Panel Association (CPA). The panel will cover formaldehyde and VOC emissions, green building codes, wood fiber and government purchasing requirements for green products.

The SBA and SCORE share a booth and will give daily presentations on **What SBA and SCORE Can do for You!** These two organizations work hand in hand to support small businesses in the areas of loan programs, business and financial plans, marketing, small business insurance and loss prevention, contracts and business counseling, as well as many other topics. . Attendees can get timely information on new loan programs, for instance. The SBA and SCORE work nationally so show goers can follow up in their home states with information gleaned at the show. Stop by to hear their daily presentation at 11 a.m.

AWFS is offering all of these programs free to attendees as a service to the industry. Advance registration is required for the College of Woodworking Knowledge seminar and panel. The daily presentations on the show floor do not require registration.

The OSHA and SBA booths will be located in the North Hall. For more information, visit www.AWFSfair.org or call 800-946-2937.

About AWFS:

The Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers® (AWFS), founded in 1911, is a non-profit organization that wholly owns and produces the biennial AWFS® Fair. The largest trade association serving the entire home and commercial furnishings industry, AWFS has more than 400 members, including manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, software, tooling, lumber, components, wood products and supplies for the woodworking industry including cabinet, furniture, millwork and custom woodworking products.