AWC Statement on National Manufacturing Day
Forest Products Among Top 5 Manufacturing Employers in 20 States

WASHINGTON - American Wood Council (AWC) President and CEO Robert Glowinski has issued the following statement regarding National Manufacturing Day held today. The recognition seeks to bring attention to the skilled labor shortage manufacturers face, connect with future generations, take charge of the public image of manufacturing and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry.

“Wood products manufacturers not only make products essential to our everyday lives, they employ more than 360,000 people across the nation in family-wage jobs. Forest products manufacturing facilities are among the top five manufacturing employers in 20 states – and are the top manufacturing employer in Maine and Montana.

“In addition to our positive economic impact on the country, the wood products industry has undergone some exciting innovative changes in the past 40 years. The way trees are grown and harvested using sustainable forestry principles has reached a level of resource sustainability unmatched by other industries. Research has led to the development of new design methods and products which are pushing the conventional limits of wood-frame construction. Finally, wood products are the only renewable building product and the industry has created third-party verified Environmental Product Declarations so design professionals and consumers can keep the environmental impact of building materials in mind.”

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The American Wood Council (AWC) is the voice of North American wood products manufacturing, representing over 75 percent of an industry that provides more than 360,000 men and women with family-wage jobs. AWC members make products that are essential to everyday life from a renewable resource that absorbs and sequesters carbon. Staff experts develop state-of-the-art engineering data, technology, and standards for wood products to assure their safe and efficient design, as well as provide information on wood design, green building, and environmental regulations. AWC also advocates for balanced government policies that affect wood products.

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