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2013 AWFS® Fair Shows Growth in Attendance and Exhibitor Participation

Anaheim, Calif. – Aug. 18, 2013 -- AWFS® Fair 2013 attendance expanded as the show hosted 9,150 registered attendees and nearly 13,500 total participants with 503 exhibiting companies occupying 11% more floor space than 2011, and drawing industry professionals from 58 countries around the world.

Woodworking industry professionals met, networked, attended some of the more than 50 education sessions and conducted business over the course of four whirlwind days.

According to Angelo Gangone, AWFS Executive Vice President, “This is the first time since 2005 that our trade show expanded in all categories including buyer and exhibitor attendance, total number of exhibiting companies, exhibit space sold, and seminar attendance. It is a very positive sign for our industry as early indications strongly suggest this trend will continue for our 2015 show.

“AWFS is certainly the most important industry event for North America this year. We are very pleased with our results. After four straight quarters of steady growth in orders, the solidity of the North American market is no longer in doubt” said Federico Broccoli, President from Biesse America.

2013 Trade Show Chair and Board Member, Dan Hershberger from Stiles Machinery, also expressed his view on this year’s Fair. “It was exciting to see both the quantity and quality of buyers at this year’s AWFS Fair. The results are a definite confirmation that the AWFS staff’s commitment to provide a first class event, has paid off. From my personal experience, I felt that booth traffic was similar to what we saw during the peak years - very busy. I just want to say a great big 'Thank You' to the staff of AWFS for recognizing the needs of our industry and producing a show that addressed those needs in such a way that drew buyers to Las Vegas in order to attend the AWFS Fair. I am really looking forward to seeing what 2015 has in store!”

In 2015, AWFS Fair will return to the Las Vegas Convention Center, July 22-25. Please check www.awfsfair.org for updates.

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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.