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Get Free Advice from Experts on Green Topics at AWFS®Fair

COMMERCE – May 13, 2011 AWFS will once again sponsor the **Green Desk**, a service designed to help attendees address and benefit from the opportunity of public interest in sustainability at AWFS®Fair. The experts on the Green Desk team will offer free assistance to attendees who have questions and concerns related to greening their company, their products and their message. Hosts, who rotate through the booth over the four days of the show, answer questions and dispense information on such topics as formaldehyde regulations, indoor air quality, green building programs and the LEED program wood credits, environmentally preferred products and third-party certifications.

A variety of organizations will host two-hour time slots each day. Wednesday's host groups will include the Sustainable Furnishings Council, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Composite Panel Association (CPA). On Thursday, the desk will be hosted by FSC, Sustainable Furnishings Council, CPA, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA).

Friday hosts include USGBC, GREENGUARD, BIFMA and Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA). Saturday the desk will have team members from GREENGUARD, KCMA and SFI.

The Green Desk will be located just inside the North Hall. The hosts represent a wealth of expertise on sustainability, regulations, certifications, green building systems and other topics relevant to the wood industry and all advice is free!

Attendees might also want to check out the two free seminars being offered at the show:

- **Regulations that Affect the Woodworking Industry**, a panel of speakers from OSHA, BIFMA, CPA and GREENGUARD will update attendees on current and likely government rulings wood manufacturers should be aware of as well as green building systems requirements.
- **OSHA Safety & Health Guidelines: Voluntary or Mandatory?** Will address the value of having written safety systems for your company and will provide insight into what makes a good in-house safety program.

The Safety & Environment education track will also offer a session on **What Woodworkers Can Expect with LEED, Spray Booth Safety and Higher Finishing Quality** and **How to Rid Your Business of Waste**.

For additional information on the AWFS Fair education program, go to 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.