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AWFS® Fair Offers Customized Seminars for Teachers

COMMERCE, Calif. - July 5, 2011 - The Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers (AWFS), a strong supporter of industry education, has created a special **Teacher Track** at AWFS®Fair this summer in Las Vegas -- four sessions targeted specifically to the needs of teachers in wood manufacturing technology programs.

Thursday, July 21

- “Cutting Tool Applications,” led by Mike Serwa of Vortex Tool Company, will cover a variety of cutting tools for both CNC and manual operations.

Friday, July 22

- “Teaching Frameless Cabinetry,” using his popular True32mm Custom Cabinetry system, will be taught by Bob Buckley, author of “True32 Flow Manufacturing” and owner of True32 Custom Cabinetry.. Buckley will delve into field measuring, sales, design, engineering, machining, assembly, finishing and installation of full-access cabinetry using the 32mm system, and will relate these topics to the realities of making a living working in the industry.
- “Software Technology for Educators,” will provide a contemporary perspective on machine software, with representatives from Planit and Microvellum providing demonstrations of their latest offerings

Saturday, July 23

- “Using Industry Standards as Teaching Guides,” a workshop integrating both the Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS) and the Woodwork Career Alliance (WCA) Skill Standards into a useful, practical package for teachers of woodworking, will be offered by the Woodwork Career Alliance (WCA). This will be a panel discussion valuable for teachers, whether they teach in a school or in plant. The session will also provide an understanding of WCA's new Woodwork Passport Credential, which will be debuted at the show.

Teacher Track sessions are open to general attendees except for the Friday software session. Plant supervisors or business owners who can benefit from the other three topics are welcome to sign up for the other courses.

AWFS Fair attracts a number of high school and post secondary teachers from across North America, opening many opportunities for networking. Some come because of their students' involvement in the Fresh Wood competition; others represent WoodLINKS schools and others come on their own to stay current with industry practices and technology.

This year the Fresh Wood competition has 41 finalists whose work will be showcased at the Fair. AWFSFair is also hosting the WorldSkills Qualifying Trial for Cabinetmaking. Two national champions will battle it out on the show floor from Wednesday –Friday for the winning slot to represent the U.S. in Germany in 2013. The winner will be announced Saturday.

AWFS offers an Educational Institute Membership which allows teachers to attend the Teacher Track seminars -- as well as any of the regular seminars -- for free. For information, visit www.awfs.org or call 323.215.0311. For other show activities that might appeal to educators, visit the show web site at www.awfsfair.org.

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.