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Stay Abreast of Industry Regulations at AWFS Seminars

AWFS will offer a variety of seminar topics to keep industry professionals working smart and within the bounds of industry regulations. Seven sessions dealing with dust, sustainability, safety and maintenance will be presented under the Safety & Environment and Small Shops Ten & Under education tracks.

Three sessions are planned for Wednesday, July 24, the first show day. **“Dust Collection 101 for the Small Woodworking Shop”** is a practical workshop on the basic design and rules of thumb to assist in the specification, operation and maintenance of an effective, efficient and safe dust collection system. The session is expressly geared to small shops and is led by Robert Williamson, Technical Director for Nederman LLC.

“Combatting Combustible Dust” will be delivered by Jamison Scott of Air Handling Systems, a recognized industry authority on the topic. Scott explains exactly what combustible dust is, how to prevent explosions, who should be in charge of dust issues and tips to mitigate an OSHA inspection. This seminar is valuable for plant managers, maintenance staff, operations directors and woodworking facility owners of all sizes.

“Strategies for Reducing Citations in the Woodworking Industry” discusses the top common citations and the key items to be addressed to avoid future citations. The seminar also includes information on I2P2 -- Illness and Injury Prevention programs. Don Evans, Safety & Health Trainer with Safety Consultation & Training Section (SCATS) in Nevada, will provide to all session attendees “A Guide to Written Workplace Safety.” This session is being offered free to all attendees but registration is required.

On Thursday, also offered free to attendees, is **“Regulations and Certifications Impacting the Woodworking Industry.”** This panel, comprised of individuals from Composite Panel Association, Green Building Initiative and Hanes Fabric Co., shares information on an eco-friendly certification for panel producers and the manufacturers using them; explores Green Globes, a growing green building sustainability rating system that meets the criteria of Executive Order 13514; and gives updates on Cal OSHA, CARB and other pending changes at the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation.

Thursday afternoon, **“Green Globes and LEED: What Woodworkers Need to Know,”** offers a side-by-side comparison of these green building rating systems. Green Globes has earned acceptance by the federal General Services Administration and is growing in the private sector. LEED offers wood credits in its current program but are changes looming and if so, what are the implications? Find out differences in approach, cost, points and more. The program is led by Sharene Rekow of the Green Building Initiative and Rob Ziegelmeier, of O’Keefe, Inc. and Sustainability Resource Representative for AWI.

On Saturday, those with interest in green initiatives can take advantage of **“Marketing to an Increasingly Green Marketplace.”** Dr. Jeffrey Howe, President of Dovetail Partners Inc., will examine various green market segments and provide a number of marketing ideas based on the concept that marketing is not a cluster of random events but a sequence of events designed to result in the fair exchange of value. Dr. Howe is an industry insider who will impart the wisdom and timing of marketing messages.

Also of value to those creating safety systems for their businesses is **“Implementing a Maintenance Plan,”** presented by former millwork shop owner and current college instructor, Patrick Molzahn of Madison Area Technical College. Molzahn will provide the tools to set up a maintenance plan – including scheduling and tracking machine maintenance – using a simple spreadsheet. He also discusses best practices for cleaning, lubrication and calibration.

To register or to view the full 2013 CWWK schedule, go to www.AWFSfair.org. You can also contact AWFS at 800-946-2937 or e-mail nancy@awfs.org.