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New Info Fair Sponsor Benefits Announced

EWTA Info Fair and Annual Meeting sponsors have two new benefits. With the association's new Sponsor Logo Program, sponsors receive logos that correspond with each level, including Silver, Gold or Platinum. The new logos can be used by sponsors in electronic or hard copy correspondence, and will also be incorporated into EWTA-provided booth, banner and other display materials at Info Fair and the APA Annual Meeting. Also new this year, Platinum sponsors receive their own one-third page ad in the *Engineered Wood Journal*, designed by the EWTA art department—Gold and Silver sponsors also receive shared ad space with their group (Gold with logos in addition to the listing). For more information about the sponsorship and logo program, see our house ad on page 48 of the soon-to-be published spring issue of the *Journal* or contact [Melinda Lilley](mailto:MelindaLilley@engineeredwood.org) at mlilley@engineeredwood.org.

EWTA-Funded Study Released

An APA study funded in part by EWTA was recently released. The "Trailer and Vehicle Market Study" focuses on the use of wood products in the production of trailers, buses and other land transportation vehicles in 2014, based on surveys and research carried out in 2015. It was a strategic initiative of the Industrial section of the APA Strategic Marketing Plan. EWTA contributed \$10,000 to the study in the fall of 2014. The complete report is posted in the [Members Only](#) section of APA's website (APA members only), under Market Research Reports or available to EWTA members by contacting terryk@engineeredwood.org.

Info Fair Registration Opens April 1

Registration for EWTA's 2016 Info Fair opens April 1. The event, along with APA's Annual Meeting, is scheduled for Nov. 5–7, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida. Info Fair's "Early Bird" registration deadline is August 29. Annual Meeting registration opens July 20. For Info Fair exhibit information, contact Melinda Lilley at mlilley@engineeredwood.org or (206) 818-7432. For APA Annual Meeting information, contact [Kim Sivertsen](#). Check out the 2015 Info Fair group and individual photos, posted on the EWTA's Facebook page here: [Link here](#) and "Like" our page!

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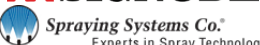
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Connections Welcomes Member News

EWTA's *Connections* newsletter, published electronically every other month, welcomes news from its members. News suitable for publication in upcoming issues includes press releases about new hires, new products, company news, awarded contracts or awards won. Please send your information or direct questions to [Sheila Cain](#), editor.

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EWTA Welcomes New Member

[Mereen-Johnson LLC](#) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently joined EWTA. The company offers a complete line of gang rip saws, profiling machines, cross cutting equipment, sizing systems, I-joist equipment, and related material handling tools. Corporate Sales Manager Dave Olson can be reached at info@mereen-johnson.com.

Raute Canada Hires New Representative

[Raute Canada](#) recently announced that it has hired Mike McAdams for the position of technical service representative. McAdams has 20 years of experience working directly in the wood manufacturing industry. He will be primarily servicing the southern U.S. region, providing support to Raute's customers' needs.

Nyblad Promoted at Boise Cascade

EWTA Advisory Committee Chairman Mary Jo Nyblad was recently named vice president of commodity sales and marketing at Boise Cascade. She became the commodity sales and marketing director in the company's Wood Products division in 2014 and has previously held numerous sales positions within Boise Cascade. She has served as EWTA's Advisory Committee chairman since the fall of 2014 and is a past APA Board of Trustees chairman.

USNR Secures Several New Projects

[USNR](#) recently announced several of its new projects in a press release. Among them are retrofits and new equipment at Winston Plywood in Louisville, Mississippi, following damage sustained by a tornado; a six-deck veneer dryer at Timber Products in Medford, Oregon; and a veneer dryer for Boise Cascade at its Florien, Louisiana, site.

Large Panel Machinery on Display at COSTA Sanders

[COSTA Sanders LLC](#) is hosting a panel machinery expo at its Archdale, North Carolina, showroom. The KK11-Xpo event, which will run from June 6–30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will feature the KK11series machine for large panels. The model on display will be the KK11CC3x53"—a high-production calibrating and sanding machine for large panels with six sanding units; 3+3 symmetrically opposed oversized steel cylinders. It will be completely accessible for in-depth inspections. For details contact [Eric Johnston](#).

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Early Registration Open for FPS International Convention

The 70th Forest Products Society (FPS) International Convention is scheduled for June 27–29 in Portland, Oregon. A discount for early registration is available until May 19. Regular registration starts May 20. The convention brings together hundreds of scientists, design professionals, managers, decision makers, and others from academia, government, nonprofit, and private industry sectors to discuss the state of forest products research and learn about innovations in the field. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.forestprod.org.

Weyerhaeuser, Plum Creek Merger Finalized

Weyerhaeuser Company announced in a press release last month that its merger with Plum Creek Timber Company is complete. The shareholders of both companies approved the transaction at separate meetings February 12. The combined company now owns more than 13 million acres of diverse and productive timberlands and operates 38 wood products manufacturing facilities across the country. It retains the Weyerhaeuser name.

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