

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Alabama represented 16 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 17 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll <i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$1,724,016	43,759
Total Manufacturing	\$10,561,206	265,127

Source: Census Bureau 2006

* Forest-Based Industries consists of all industries that use wood as a part of the finished product.

Project Spotlight

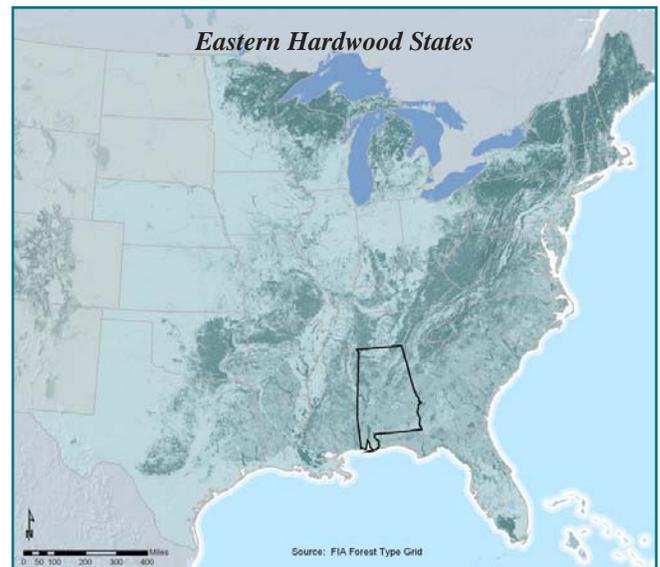
During the last 4 years of the Wood Education and Resource Center's activities, the Center provided \$187,441 that was matched with \$187,838 from partners for two projects. A brief summary of a project follows:



The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

WERC's mission is to facilitate networking and information exchange with the forest products industry, in order to enhance opportunities that sustain forest products production. WERC's programs support managerial and technical innovation that keep businesses competitive, and provide state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, and applied research. The center consists of offices, training facilities, and a rough mill in Princeton, WV, and serves the 35 States in the eastern hardwood region of the United States.

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Project Title:

Digital Video Series on Primary and Secondary Wood Manufacturing Topics

Grant Number: 05-DG-334

The project seeks to upgrade the skills of workers in secondary wood processing industries that work in the finishing area. Digital training videos on wood finish touch-up and repair were produced by the Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology (ACAWT). The DVDs are available in both English and Spanish. For additional information about the DVDs, visit the Center's website at <http://www.acawt.org>.

Detailed information about these projects can be found at the WERC website location: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/projects.shtm>



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