

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Maryland represented 8 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 12 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$549,263	15,470
Total Manufacturing	\$6,703,622	132,165

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 \$136,000 that was matched with \$141,268 from partners for three projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Encouraging Innovation in Residential Hardwood Building Products



WOOD EDUCATION
AND RESOURCE CENTER

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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The project will provide access to trend data on the home construction and residential remodeling markets. A series of seminars will be held to instruct small start-up eastern hardwoods businesses on the development and commercialization of new products for the residential construction industry. Participants will learn how to evaluate opportunities in residential construction markets by examining existing trends. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center will host and maintain a US Forest Service sponsored website for accessing the four Census Region data from the "Annual Builder and Consumer Practices Survey" data.

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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