

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Wisconsin represented 15 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 16 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll <i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$3,209,207	77,155
Total Manufacturing	\$20,794,172	471,748

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 \$352,773 that was matched with \$364,931 from partners for eight projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Opportunities and Challenges for the Export of U.S. Valued-Added Wood Products: A State-by-State Comparison with Case Studies of Opportunities in China



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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This project will analyze opportunities and barriers to trade faced by primary and secondary producers in exporting products to China from selected states in the eastern hardwood region. Export barriers such as shipping costs, phytosanitary requirements, and lack of export trade assistance by states will be explored. In addition, the project will identify China's domestic market potential for wood products. A detailed manual on export opportunities and barriers will be developed for use by states.

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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