The Importance of Kentucky Wood Products (KWPCC) to UK Wood Industry Training and how KWPCC’s help makes jobs and grows business in Kentucky

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Impact !!!!

- Modern woodworking equipment loaned to UK-Quicksand by KWPCC is **vital** to UK Training Programs for the wood industry
- Without up-to-date equipment, little training could occur
- Customers of UK-Quicksand have estimated the economic impact from training programs to be over 12 million dollars in the past five years!
- Wood manufacturing employment has risen by 140% in the past 10 years!

Manufacturing Jobs

- The Forest Products industries account for 1 out of 9 of all manufacturing (value-added) jobs in Kentucky

Demand for Wood Machinists

- Wood machinists are among the twenty-five fastest-growing Kentucky occupations requiring extensive post-secondary or employer training.
- 35% increase in employment projected 1996-2006
- Kentucky’s needs for precision woodworkers are projected to grow faster than the US average.

Occupations and Growth

- Three occupations have growth expectations well above average (15%) from 1996-2006
  - Wood Machinists: 36%
  - Furniture Finishers: 26%
  - Cabinetmakers: 22%
Statewide Importance

- Wood manufacturing companies that machine lumber
- Over 550 companies

Why machining is so important to KY economy

Value of Forest Products in KY

- Overall: 3
  - Cost of Materials: $2.6 billion
  - Value-Added: $1.9 billion
  - Value of Goods: $4.5 billion
  - Material cost is ~ only 58% of final value!

Continued training is vital to KY future economic growth & competitiveness

- Lumber, Wood Products, Furniture & Fixtures manufacturing
  - 4th in employment in Durable Goods Manufacturing sector

To Put It Another Way

- By employment, forest products companies rank third out of the twenty manufacturing sectors listed in the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Kentucky
- Only transportation equipment and industrial machinery are bigger

1 Kentucky Department for Employment Service
2 Kentucky Occupational Outlook to 2006, Dept. for Employment Services statistics
3 Data from U.S. Census Bureau, 1997 Economic Census, Kentucky Manufacturing

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