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Shelter Systems Limited Donates Materials for Fire Service Education

Madison, WI—Shelter Systems Limited recently donated product samples for an educational effort aimed at bringing awareness of wood building components to the fire service. The company, based in Westminster, MD, constructed eight truss samples that were given to fire training institutions across the U.S. for use in curriculum development. The project was part of a joint effort by the American Wood Council and the United States Fire Administration.

Joe Hikel, COO of the WTCA member company located in Westminster, MD, said Shelter was happy to contribute to the project. “Through the Capital Area Chapter [of WTCA], our company has been proactive in reaching out to the local firefighting community with educational tools from the Carbeck Structural Components Institute. We’re passionate about working with firefighters to help them understand truss performance on the fire ground.”

The wood truss samples were placed in wood display built by students at C.S. Monroe Technical Center in Leesburg, VA. Other components of the display cases included product samples from Open Joist 2000 and the Weyerhaeuser Company. The cases are meant to demonstrate to fire academies the various wood component systems contained in residential structures and have been distributed to the state fire academies that participated in the cooperative agreement.

Hikel said Shelter recently pledged to provide 25 additional sets of product samples for display cases to be given to other fire academies. “My hope is that our efforts in this area will ultimately result in a plant tour for the fire service,” Hikel said. “We’re eager to work with them.”

For more information about Shelter Systems, visit www.sheltersystems.com/index.php.

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WTCA – Representing the Structural Building Components Industry is an international not-for-profit trade association of structural building component manufacturers. Formerly the Wood Truss Council of America, WTCA evolved its name in March 2006 to more accurately reflect the work of the association and its membership. Currently, WTCA has more than 785 component manufacturer members, 35 chapters, 289 supplier and related services members seeking to protect and expand the markets for the products they manufacture.