

Work-Based Learning Opportunities Strengthen our Skilled Workforce

The **wood products manufacturing industry** consists of thousands of companies ranging from entrepreneurs, small businesses, and family operations to large corporations operating in all fifty states.

We request your support of legislation to strengthen the skilled workforce, including **the National Apprenticeship Act of 2021** and the **Relaunching America's Workforce Act!**



We have jobs but need applicants!

The **wood products manufacturing industry** is modern, computerized, and technologically advanced. We manufacture the machinery for all aspects and processes. We provide the components and we design, build, and innovate interior environments for residential, commercial, and institutional spaces. Our finished products - *cabinets, millwork, furniture, store fixtures and more* - touch Americans every single day in home, office, business, school, hospital, and retail spaces.

We need skilled workers! Wood product manufacturing professionals, CAD professionals, designers, engineers, CNC and other machinery technicians and operators, welders, and machinists!

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What We Ask of You:

- Vote yes on the **National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 (HR447)**, which invests more than \$3.5 billion over 5 years in expanding opportunities and access to Registered Apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeships. The proposal would create nearly 1 million new apprenticeship opportunities on top of the current expected growth of the apprenticeship system.
- Support the **Relaunching America's Workforce Act (RAWA) (HR 602/S200)**, which authorizes \$15 billion in funding over the next three years to help employers keep workers on the job and help displaced or underemployed workers quickly re-enter the workforce as the economy emerges from the pandemic.
- Join the **Congressional Caucuses on Career Technical Education** (if not already a member)
- Seize every opportunity to expand apprenticeship opportunities and positively portray Career Tech Ed

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