

# 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 that strengthens our skilled workforce through **apprenticeship and training programs**, and expands **partnerships between industry and the public sector**.

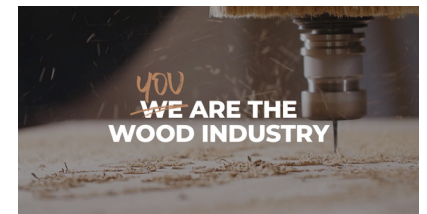


## We have jobs but need applicants!

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!

See what today's wood industry looks at like at [YouWood.com](http://YouWood.com)



## What We Ask of You:

- Support workforce development, career technical education, and advanced manufacturing programs, such as those outlined in the National Apprenticeship Act, in the final version of the Bipartisan Innovation Act.
- Support legislation that strengthens our skilled workforce through apprenticeship and training programs, and expands partnerships between industry and the public sector.
- 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.
- **Reach out to us** for more information, resources, and to coordinate a district visit with one of our member companies!

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