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Early Space Commitments for 2009 AWFS®Fair Break Previous Record

Despite Concerns Over Housing Industry, Exhibit Locations Selling Briskly

CITY OF COMMERCE, Calif., (Feb. 11, 2008) -- Priority space selection and exhibitor enrollment for the Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers® 2009 industry show, AWFS®Vegas, scheduled for July 15 - 18, 2009, are well ahead of the association's record-setting pace of the 2007, 50th Anniversary event. The '09 AWFS®Fair is on track to become the association's third consecutive record breaking show in terms of exhibit space.

Once again, the Fair will be housed in the Las Vegas Convention Center's Central and North Halls, offering over 500,000 square feet of show space. More than 420 companies have already committed to exhibit space and over 357,850 square feet of exhibit space has already been reserved, representing a 5.11% boost over previous space commitments for the same time period with an average per-booth space increase of 10%.

According to Archie Thompson, National Sales Manager for Mid South Adhesives and Chair of the AWFS Tradeshow Committee, "In addition to creating new business opportunities for members, exhibitors and attendees and adding exciting new show features, we're planning to increase the scope of our educational seminars, which have proven to be extremely beneficial to show attendees. The Fair is where everyone in the industry learns what technologies are changing our business. They can find seminars on managing their companies and acquire the skills necessary to advance their careers."

Potential exhibitors are encouraged to reserve space and plan attendance as soon as possible. An event information kit, prospectus, updated floor plans and an Exhibitor Space Rental Agreement is available from AWFS by calling (800) 946-AWFS (2937).

Founded in 1911, AWFS is the largest trade association serving the entire home and commercial furnishings industry. AWFS has an international membership that includes manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, lumber, upholstery, materials, bedding and other supplies to furniture, cabinet manufacturers and custom woodworkers.

Association offices are in City of Commerce, Calif. For more information, visit www.awfs.org.

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