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## **Manufacturing Czar to Address Woodworking Industry Leaders in February Forum**

The Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America (WMMA®) will again host the Woodworking Industry Leadership Forum (WILF) in conjunction with their annual Public Policy Fly-In activities in Washington DC. The Forum is scheduled to take place on February 13, 2008 from 7 am – 9:30 am at The Westin Grand. The featured speaker for the WILF program will be “Woody” Sutton, the Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, or sometimes known as The Manufacturing Czar. The timing of this Forum precedes the scheduled visits to The Hill as part of what had been known as the WMMA-sponsored Public Policy Fly-In. The February Forum traditionally has been held as part of NAM’s activities, which are not yet scheduled.

From Monday through Wednesday, February 11th – 13th, the WMMA leadership will meet in Washington, DC, to conduct Executive Committee, Board/Committee Chair and Committee meetings. Additionally, the Woodworking Machinery Industry Association (WMIA™) and the Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers (AWFS) will be holding meetings in combination with the Woodworking Industry Leadership Forum and joining WMMA on The Hill. Various manufacturing associations from a variety of industries are also scheduled to come to DC. Therefore, the presence of manufacturers in The Capitol will be quite strong on this day of visits.

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