Heading for IWF in Atlanta? Make sure you pay close attention when the winners of the Challenger Awards are unveiled. Several WMMA members are in the running for the awards, which honor innovation in the woodworking industry.

WMMA members whose products are finalists in the prestigious awards program are as follows. The products are named as well:

- Aiken Development LLC/Aiken Controls: nDepth 3D Sensor
- Castle, Inc.: Pocket Cutter/Screw Inserter
- Graco Inc.: ProMix PD2K
- Leitz Tooling Systems LP: Leitz DFC Dust Extraction Hoods
- Thermwood Corporation: Cut Center
- Timesavers, LLC: Automatic Opposed Self Centering Knife Planer

The Challengers Awards program is internationally recognized as one of the industry’s highest honors in recognizing advancements in technology, process or significant contributions to environmental improvement in the woodworking industry. It challenges IWF exhibiting companies to develop forward-thinking technology in machinery, materials, supplies, manufacturing techniques, services and safety.

“WMMA is extremely excited to see that so many of our members have products that were nominated for Challenger Awards this year,” noted Jamison Scott, WMMA’s president. “These products represent the best innovations in the industry - something for which WMMA has long been known.”
If you’re making your plans to attend this year’s IWF, make sure the WMMA Networking Breakfast is on your calendar too.

**IWF runs from Aug. 20-23 in Atlanta, GA. WMMA’s inaugural event will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, Room B212, on Thursday, August 21, 2014, from 7 am-8:30 am.** Please use the attached form.

Be sure to bring your company delegates as well as your exhibit staff to this special networking breakfast. There may never be a better chance for you to make those all-important connections, as well as to catch up with the colleagues you have known for years.

We will be showcasing WMMA and member benefits as well as the importance of committee work including Public Policy, Membership Development, International Business Development, ANSI, etc. Hear from our Committee Chairs about each valuable program as well as ways to become more involved in helping your company take advantage of the many programs we have to offer.

See you at the breakfast table!
Do You Have IWF Hotel Reservations Yet?

If not, better hurry - rooms closest to the show site are going fast! WMMA members who wish to book must register through the main registration link in order to see all of the hotels. That link is here. They can still receive $5.00 off by using the discount code WMMA when registering using this link.

WMMA members who are exhibiting this year will need to register and book their rooms through their exhibitor portal by logging in at iwfatlanta.com/housinginfo

See you in Atlanta!
Industry News

Made In America 2014: Wood Production is Growing

According to an article in the Woodworking Network, there is good news for Americans: U.S. manufacturing continues to rise, with industrial production up 4.3 percent in June compared to the same period a year ago, according to recent figures from the Federal Reserve.

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The Housing Report: June Blues?

June’s housing report provides a glimpse into the market, with some good news and some - well, not so good news. However, it’s worth noting that this is one month’s data only, and might not be indicative of a trend. The full report can be accessed by clicking here.

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Industry Calendar of Events

Note: For a complete listing of all meetings, including those held internationally, go to WMMA’s website, www.wmma.org, and click on “Events.”

Have an event to add to the Industry Calendar in this newsletter? Send it to maryhelen@wmma.org

August 20-23, 2014
International Woodworking Fair (IWF)
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA www.iwfatlanta.com

September 14-16, 2014
WMMA/WCMA Schedule Fall Conference & Plant Tour
Lewisburg, PA www.woodcomponents.org

September 17, 2014
WMMA DC Fly-In (Note: See article on page 5 for information on related activities)
Washington, DC www.wmma.org

October 8-9, 2014
Cabinetmaker - Wood Pro Expo
Baltimore, MD - Maryland State Fairgrounds
Click here for info

April 21-24, 2015
Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

May 11-15, 2015
LIGNA
Hannover, Germany www.ligna.de/home

July 22-25, 2015
AWFS Fair
Las Vegas, NV http://awfsfair.org

Nov. 5-7, 2015
Woodworking Machinery & Supply Expo (WMS 2015)
International Centre, Toronto
Exhibitor Info: rwidick@heiexpo.com
Website: www.WoodworkingExpo.ca