Scholarship Deadline Reminder

March 20, 2015 is the deadline to submit applications for the 2014-15 Link Educational Scholarship awards. This year the fund will be awarding four $3,000 scholarships.

Applications are available for download on the WBMA’s homepage www.wbma.org.

Upcoming Professional Development Sessions

WBMA has the following workshops planned over the next few months. Please click on the links for complete program and registration information.

Estimating – WBMA’s most popular workshop covering blueprint reading and material take-off.
- February 24-25, Olympia, Washington
- March 17-18, Bozeman, Montana

Introduction to LBM Sales – A new course developed for employees newer to the building material industry and those with limited experience but no formal training.
- March 16, Bozeman, Montana

Yard & Delivery Managers – This program was a tremendous success last spring so we are bringing it back for an encore…Our instructor Ken Wilbanks is a highly regarded consultant in the building material industry who will help your yard and delivery personnel more effectively manage your operations.
- April 7-8, Olympia, Washington

Building Material Operations and Cost of Doing Business Survey

The 2014 Building Material Operations and Cost of Doing Business Survey is now open for data submission. Included are over 90 charts and graphs comparing your operating ratios with those across the nation and regionally.

Cost to participate is $200 (non-participant cost is $500). For questions about the survey please contact Casey Voorhees at the WBMA office.

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March 20, 2015
Link Scholarship Deadline

April 7 & 8, 2015
Yard Managers Workshop
Olympia, WA
New On-Line Product Source Listing
WBMA is pleased to announce we now have a product source listing of our Supplier and Associate members on our website www.wbma.org. To access click on the “Buyers Guide” tab in the upper right.

WBMA partnered with Strategic Value Media, a nationwide provider of print and digital media solutions for associations to develop the listing for our membership.

NLBMDA Legislative Conference
This year’s NLBMDA Legislative conference will be March 23-25 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. Featured speakers include Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Congressman Tom Marino (R-PA).

WBMA members attending visit with our members of Congress, representing our membership on issues affecting the building material industry. If you have questions or plan to attend please contact Casey Voorhees at the WBMA office casey@wbma.org or 1-888-551-9262.

NLBMDA recently released its national legislative and regulatory policy agenda for 2015. The document brings focus to the common interests of the industry and includes policy goals for continued growth in our nation's housing and building industry.

Employers Must Post 300A Injury/Illness Summary Form February Through April
OSHA is reminding covered employers to post OSHA's Form 300A, which summarizes the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during 2014 and were logged on OSHA's Form 300, the log of work-related injuries and illnesses. The summary must be posted between Feb. 1 and April 30, 2015, and should be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted.

Employers with 10 or fewer employees and employers in specific low-hazard industries are normally exempt from federal OSHA injury and illness recordkeeping and posting requirements. Due to changes in OSHA’s recordkeeping requirements that went into effect Jan. 1, 2015, certain previously exempt industries are now covered. Lists of both exempt and newly covered industries are available on OSHA’s website.

Useful Smart Phone Apps
Tom Rider, Blue Tarp Financial
Tom serves as Chairman of WBMA’s Professional Development Committee

Photo Measures
An app that allows you to take a photo of a space and draw the measurements directly on it. You can also add notes ("thinking sofa could go here").

Just take photos with your device’s camera and then use the App to add measurements on the image. With PhotoMeasures, measurements are able to be presented in clear type and with directional arrows. This tool can help you document measurements while in the field, and allows you to pass along measurements to team members and clients in a visual and easy to read manner.

iHandy Carpenter
A tool chest with a plumb bob, surface level, bubble level bar, protractor and ruler. This App won’t replace your actual tools, but it may help out in a pinch when you don’t have the tool you need.

And while there are many other trade-specific Apps available these days (electrical, HVAC, plumbing, etc.), we thought we’d highlight iHandy Carpenter as an example of a trade-focused App that was done well.

American Wood Council Span Calculator
Performs calculations for ALL species and grades of commercially available softwood and hardwood lumber as found in the NDS 2005 Supplement. Joists and rafter spans for common loading conditions can be determined. A "span options" calculator allows selection of multiple species and grades for comparison purposes.
Passing of Mark Stavenjord
ProBuild and Spenard associates are mourning the passing of long-time associate, friend and leader, Mark Stavenjord.

Mark was a building industry veteran with nearly 30 years with Spenard. He joined the Anchorage truss location in 1983. Mark learned the ins and outs of the industry and more specifically Spenard and the manufacturing operations. He held various positions throughout the location including a builders, sawyer, and production supervisor.

The three most important elements of his life were his faith, his family/friends and his work. He balanced them so well and did it with such love, class, humility and talent.

"Mark was a true leader," SVP Ed Waite shared. "He led by example and believed strongly in teamwork. His dedication to Spenard and his SBS team were shown not only throughout his entire time with the company but as he continued to work in his last few months. Mark told me that he was concerned about not finishing strong. I can tell you, he 100 percent finished strong. He will be missed greatly, remembered fondly and we are all thankful to have had him as a friend and colleague."