



# Bcmmc 2006

## Show Provides Resources for Developing a Maintenance Program

Calling all shop employees responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of manufacturing equipment!

by Stephanie Watrud

In a recent **SBC Industry One Minute Poll**, component manufacturers (CMs) were asked about their equipment replacement programs, equipment program schedules, maintenance managers and utilizing the tools at the Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC) to address these issues.

Forty percent of survey respondents said they follow a long-term equipment replacement program. Don Groom of Stark Truss Co. said, "We evaluate equipment daily, weekly and monthly and pay close attention to the pieces of machinery that are scheduled for future maintenance." With a full-time maintenance person at each Stark plant, this allows them to keep machinery running consistently and provide their customers a quality product on time. "Attending BCMC allows us to see the latest technology that could be incorporated into our replacement program," said Groom.

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Steve Shrader of Hundegger USA said, "Buyers do ask what long-term maintenance problems they can expect with each saw or piece of machinery." He said, "We use BCMC to educate, so manufacturers can avoid some of these problems." Steve and other Hundegger employees say, "Having the exclusive contact enables us to gain maintenance information from the customers as well. We are not only there to answer their questions, but they are able to provide the feedback we need to improve our service."

So what about the remaining 60 percent of manufacturers? Those that responded to the poll indicated they perform maintenance on machinery when it breaks down or slows down production. Others indicated they update parts of machinery when new technology becomes available. BCMC is the one place manufacturers can network with each other and also with suppliers to see how to resolve their issues. Since they get live demonstrations on the floor, and the time they need with suppliers, CMs indicated that BCMC was the best place for an exclusive look at how they can gain the benefit of having all exhibitors in one place as a resource when creating a maintenance program or weekly, monthly or quarterly checks.

Moreover, those that attend BCMC can follow up on new information that can enhance their efficiency and productivity. They are able to fine tune their processes and discuss how they can better meet the needs and expectations of their customers through mechanized solutions.

While each manufacturer decides what maintenance or replacement program suits the company's unique needs, the ability to discuss options and get recommendations from equipment suppliers is the first step in developing a comprehensive machinery management program. One of the best ways to get all the information you need to achieve this, from a variety of expert sources, is by attending the Building Component Manufacturers Conference, October 4-6, in Houston, TX. **SBC**

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