



Truss and wood component machinery experts for over 30 years. We can help you enter the component industry or refine your existing facility with custom equipment solutions featuring:

New & Used

- ▲ Truss Production Equipment
- ▲ Wall Panel Framing Equipment
- ▲ Automatic & Manual Cutting Equipment: Component, Radial Arm, Linear Single Blade Saws
- ▲ Plant Layouts / Production Consultants
- ▲ Automated Jigging Systems
- ▲ Automated Measuring Devices
- ▲ Replacement Production Surfaces

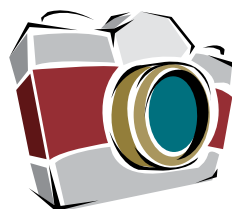
Count on effective, economical and timely solutions.

www.WoodTrussSystems.com

888.288.WTSI (9874)



For reader service, go to www.sbcmag.info/wts.htm.



Parting Shots

Share your stories and photos with us! Send submissions to partingshots@sbcmag.info.



The ground may be frozen solid and covered with a blanket of snow, but that hasn't slowed the structural building component manufacturers in Iowa. The Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association (ITMA) held their annual Legislative Breakfast in the state capitol building in Des Moines last month. They spoke with their state lawmakers about issues ranging from construction lien laws to licensing requirements for plumbers, electricians, and home inspectors.

ITMA has also been fighting a new building code provision being proposed in Iowa City. Based on a change included in the 2012 IRC model code, it would require gypsum to be installed in certain light-weight floor construction. The most significant concern with this provision is that it includes an exception for floor joists consisting of nominal dimensional lumber measuring 2 inches by 10 inches or greater. In cooperation with SBCA, ITMA President David Mitchell led the chapter to create a coalition of stakeholders to fight the inclusion of this provision. SBCA has drafted a series of documents outlining the industry's concerns regarding the gypsum requirement in the 2012 IRC model code. To view them, go to sbccindustry.com/fireinsights.php. **SBC**



SBCA Membership Directory ONLINE



Component manufacturers listed by state

Industry suppliers listed alphabetically and by product/service

Visit www.sbcindustry.com/memlist.php



Members: Keep Your Info Current

Login at www.sbcindustry.com to update:

- ▶ Address and phone
- ▶ Products sold
- ▶ Email and website
- ▶ Services provided

Contact SBCA staff at 608/274-4849 or info@sbccindustry.com with questions.

For reader service, go to www.sbcmag.info/sbca.htm

Cut assembly labor in half.

THE MATCHPOINT® SYSTEM

True, integrated truss assembly

MatchPoint PLANX™

- Precision Automated Jigging
- Jigs trusses in under 30 seconds
- Can retrofit to your existing tables

Virtek TrussLine® Laser Imaging

- See where the parts and plates go and accurately identify the correct parts to layup
- Stand-alone or integrate with PLANX for maximum layup speed

MatchPoint Tables

The Integrated System for PLANX Jigging

- Removeable plank tops provides more options and flexibility in PLANX placement
- Our most robust table provides the most accuracy in your products

Learn more about the MatchPoint system at: www.mitek-us.com/matchpoint

Tax incentives are available for equipment purchases in 2011 - check with your tax advisor



MITEK'S MACHINERY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Make your equipment perform at the peak capability it was designed for

- Installation Services for new or used machinery.
- Get tune ups for existing machinery.
- Contact the Machinery Division to see how you can obtain free phone support for covered equipment.



Questions? Contact us today: 800.325.8075 • www.mii.com

©2011 MiTek, All rights reserved.

SOFTWARE • EQUIPMENT • CONNECTORS & BRACING PRODUCTS • ENGINEERING SERVICES

For reader service, go to www.sbcmag.info/mitek.htm

Hardware's Now Digital!

ITW Building Components Group is pleased to announce the launch of a complete line of construction hardware with unique software solutions based on our extensive engineering expertise. They were all developed to let you add more value to the design process and help you grow your business.

Our new on-line ordering system allows you to purchase the hardware you need with just a few clicks.

- On-line ordering saves you time.
- Compare parts easily using the cross reference.
- All orders are confirmed via email.
- Order whenever you want with 24/7 access.

Select the exact construction hardware you need with - ITW BCG Hardware Specifier. Finally a software program that gives you exact answers to your hardware specifying questions.

- Uses actual load case details.
- Supports multiple load cases.
- Considers an unlimited number of grades and species of solid-sawn lumber, as well as engineered wood products.
- Displays connections that work based on downward and upward reaction values.

Go on-line to place your next order, download your complimentary copy of the Hardware Specifier and the latest ITW BCG Hardware Catalog at itwbcghardware.com.



ITW BCG Hardware

a division of ITW Building Components Group

800.521.9790 - itwbcghardware.com

For reader service, go to www.sbcmag.info/itw.htm

STRUCTURAL BUILDING **COMPONENTS**TM

THE FUTURE OF FRAMING

www.sbcmag.info

Dear Reader:

Copyright © 2011 by Truss Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. For permission to reprint materials from **SBC Magazine**, call 608/310-6706 or email editor@sbcmag.info.

The mission of **Structural Building Components Magazine (SBC)** is to increase the knowledge of and to promote the common interests of those engaged in manufacturing and distributing of structural building components to ensure growth and continuity, and to be the information conduit by staying abreast of leading-edge issues. SBC will take a leadership role on behalf of the component industry in disseminating technical and marketplace information, and will maintain advisory committees consisting of the most knowledgeable professionals in the industry. The opinions expressed in SBC are those of the authors and those quoted solely, and are not necessarily the opinions of any affiliated association (SBCA) .



6300 Enterprise Lane • Suite 200 • Madison, WI 53719
608/310-6706 phone • 608/271-7006 fax
www.sbcmag.info • admgr@sbcmag.info