

Plant Optimization

Evergreen Engineering, Inc. has created a new program to respond to the current needs of wood products plants to increase productivity at minimal cost. The program, Plant Optimization, includes several key elements.

Process Enhancement: Evergreen's experience enables them to identify a number of small process enhancements that can be implemented at relatively low cost and bring significant improvements in products and profitability. They can quickly survey the plant to determine what enhancements are applicable to the plant and how much payoff they will bring.

Energy Optimization: Evergreen has developed effective methods to survey plant energy supply, systems and usage (electrical and thermal) to identify high-payoff improvements in energy efficiency that can increase the plant profitability.

Maintenance Enhancement – Survey and Programs Upgrade: Evergreen has developed systems and methodology to reduce maintenance costs, increase plant utilization, improve maintenance safety, track and evaluate failure root causes, reduce labor costs, and improve spares management.

In all of these areas, Evergreen can also respond to specific needs already identified by the plant. The Plant Optimization program is aimed at small improvements with big payoffs.

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LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELEASES FOREST PRODUCTS GUIDE TO ASSIST INDUSTRY EXPANSION

BATON ROUGE, La. –Feb. 22, 2005 -- Michael J. Olivier, Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (LED), today announced that Louisiana, in conjunction with Evergreen Engineering (Evergreen), will release a forest product reference guide to assist prospective investors to understand and identify forest product development opportunities in Louisiana.

“This new report prepared in collaboration with Evergreen will allow us to showcase Louisiana’s existing forestry industry and present opportunities for new expansion opportunities. With the Governor’s high priority on creating new manufacturing jobs, Louisiana is in a position to offer very attractive incentive programs to companies considering an investment in the state,” said Michael J. Olivier, Secretary of LED. “Louisiana possesses the natural resources, productive workforce and infrastructure that make our state attractive to forest product companies, who have a track record of responsible management of those resources.”

The forest product reference guide reveals that Louisiana possesses a thriving timber resource base, capable of supporting expanded utilization. The widespread adoption of the principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative have resulted in pine and hardwood forests that are very well stocked and some of the most productive in the world. Abundant timber stocks are available in many regions of Louisiana.

The Louisiana timber resource base is attractive to a number of forest products companies that can utilize these resources in many types of applications, especially secondary wood products such as doors, flooring, cabinets, and molding and in various composite materials, according to Kelsey Short, LED Director of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. "A goal of Vision 2020, the state's master plan for economic development, is to develop the forest products industry beyond the harvesting of timber for exportation to other states for manufacturing purposes. Louisiana has the resources, knowledge and people to attract additional downstream investment. This resource guide provides a detailed regional analysis of Louisiana pine and hardwood inventory."

LED commissioned this study in support of its 2004 Action Plan to promote growth of the state's forest products' industry. Evergreen Engineering is an engineering firm located in Eugene, Oregon that specializes in pulp & paper, woodyard/chip uniformity systems, wood products, industrial panel plants, engineered wood products, alternative fibers, urban wood, and emission controls.

For a copy of the Louisiana Forest Industry Report and timber inventory analysis, or more information about business development opportunities, contact Mr. Kelsey Short, Louisiana Economic Development at 225.342.5892 or email: short@la.gov