

## Anthony Forest Products' Arkansas Laminating Plant Earns APA-EWS Safety Award



*Pictured Above:  
Dennis Hardman (left)  
presenting award to  
Arkansas Laminating  
Plant Manager Johnny  
Nolan (right).*

On September 19, 2006 Anthony Forest Products' (AFP) Arkansas Laminating Plant was presented with an award and company fish fry for the mill's outstanding safety record in 2005. Presenting this award was President of *APA – The Engineered Wood Association*, Dennis Hardman.

APA is a nonprofit trade association that has grown and evolved with the engineered wood industry. APA was founded in 1933 as the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, and was later recognized as the American Plywood Association. In 1994, APA changed its name to *APA – The Engineered Wood Association* to better reflect the range of products manufactured by APA members and the international scope of the Association.

APA members are comprised of well-known industry leaders, whose mills produce the majority of the structural wood panel products manufactured in North America, plus a host of new products that include glued laminated timber (glulam), composite panels, wood I-joists, and laminated veneer lumber. APA also works in close cooperation with its related corporation, Engineered Wood Systems (EWS). EWS members produce the majority of the glued laminated timber (glulam) and the majority of the wood I-joists manufactured in North America.

APA Safety Awards Competition began in 1982. It is open to all structural engineered wood product mills in the U.S. and Canada, and nearly 150 facilities competed in 2005. Awards are given in three categories based on number of employee hours worked. Anthony Forest Arkansas Laminating Plant earned the Division II award. In 2005 the AFP mill logged in almost 212,000 hours in which they had exactly zero accidents under guidelines established by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The mill will also be recognized at the APA annual meeting in San Antonio in October 2006.