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As a result, buyers are having to pay a near record price of \$420 (U.S.) for a thousand square feet of plywood, an increase from \$384 last week and \$260 a year ago. "We haven't seen anything like this in the past 10 years," Mr. Dawson said.

Analysts say plywood is in such short supply that many U.S. buyers are looking north of the border to Canada. Riverside Forest Products Ltd., one of Canada's largest plywood producers, said U.S. shipments, which remain unaffected by duties on softwood lumber, have surged nearly 50 per cent in the past three weeks.

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EVANSTON, Ill., June 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Industrial employment in Louisiana fell 2.3% over the past twelve months according to the 2010 Louisiana Manufacturers Register®, an industrial directory published annually by Manufacturers' News, Inc. (MNI) Evanston, IL. MNI reports Louisiana lost 4,704 industrial jobs between April 2009 and April 2010, a small loss compared to many states across the nation, but still larger than the 1.7% loss MNI reported for Louisiana over the 2008-2009 period.

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According to earlier reports by MNI, Louisiana's neighbors saw larger decreases in industrial employment, with Oklahoma down 4.5% over twelve months, Mississippi down 5.1%, and Arkansas 5.9%.

Manufacturers' News reports Louisiana is now home to 5,246 manufacturers employing 194,584 workers.

"Louisiana has seen some employment losses due to automation and technology, outsourcing and the recession," says Tom Dubin, President of Manufacturers' News. "But its favorable business climate and its strong oil & gas sector have kept it from seeing some of the severe losses suffered by other states."

Chemical manufacturing remains Louisiana's largest industrial sector by employment, accounting for 25,203 of the state's jobs, with no significant change reported. Industrial machinery and equipment ranks second with 22,916 industrial jobs, down 2.5%, following the closure of Trane Commercial Systems' facility in Springhill, among others. Oil and gas extraction ranks as the state's third largest manufacturing sector with 19,057 of the state's industrial jobs, up 9% over the past twelve months.

MNI reports industrial sectors that lost jobs over the past twelve months included printing/publishing down 10.8% and lumber/wood down 9.8%, following the closure of Weyerhaeuser's lumber mill in Taylor and layoffs at **Hunt Forest Products** in Hammond, among others. Primary metals declined 7.9%; transportation equipment fell 5.7%; paper products were down 5.2%; textiles/apparel down 2.8%; furniture/fixtures down 2.2%, and electronics down 1.7%. Increases were seen in fabricated metal manufacturing, up 5.1% and rubber/plastics, up 3.1%.

Other bright spots for the state include the planned opening of San Diego-based V-Vehicle Company's auto assembly plant in Monroe, which will employ 1,400 to produce environmentally-friendly vehicles, the expected opening of Point Bio Energy LLC's wood pellet facility in Baton Rouge, the opening of a Zagis USA cotton spinning mill in Jefferson Davis Parish, and the opening of a new Coca-Cola bottling plant in Baton Rouge. Other companies expanding or opening in Louisiana include Northwest Pipe Co., Olin Chlor Alkali Products, Atlantic Metrocast Inc., Bruce Foods Corp., and J.M. Smucker Company.

MNI reports industrial jobs declined the most in Northeast Louisiana, down 10.5% over the year, with the region currently accounting for 11,164 jobs. Industrial jobs declined 3.9% in Northwest Louisiana, with the region home to 29,144 workers, while Southeast Louisiana saw a drop of 1.4%, currently home to 101,166. Southwest Louisiana saw a decline of 1.3%, and is currently home to 53,110.

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Baton Rouge remains the state's top city by industrial employment, accounting for 15,859 manufacturing jobs, with no significant change reported over the year. New Orleans saw employment decrease 4.7% and is currently home to 10,911 industrial workers. Lafayette accounts for 10,261 industrial jobs, with no significant change reported, while Shreveport accounts for 9,521, down 3.3% over the year. Fifth-ranked Houma saw jobs drop 2.9% and currently accounts for 8,576 industrial jobs.

Detailed profiles of Louisiana's 5,246 manufacturers and 1,183 industrial distributors can be found in the 2010 Louisiana Manufacturers Register®, available in print for \$105 and on CD-ROM from \$167. Each profile provides up to 30 facts, including vital contact information (phone, web, e-mail), 18,212 executives by name and title, product(s) manufactured, annual sales, number of employees, and more. Visitors to mnileads.com may generate custom profiles of manufacturers using thirteen different criteria, including area or zip code, county, SIC, sales volume, number of employees, and more. Information is also available on Facebook and Twitter.

Manufacturers' News, Inc., publisher of manufacturers' directories since 1912, compiles and produces manufacturing guides, statistics and databases for all 50 states. MNI also maintains IndustryNet.com, an industrial search engine designed specifically for locating manufacturers and suppliers nationwide. For more information, contact Manufacturers' News, Inc., 1633 Central St., Evanston, IL, 60201, 847-864-7000, FAX 847-332-1100.

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LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION TO HOLD ORIENTATION SESSIONS, HOST JOB FAIR, OPEN TRANSITION CENTER FOR HUNT FOREST PRODUCTS WORKERS**LENGTH:** 278 words

NATALBANY, La., April 20 -- Louisiana Works issued the following press release:

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Rapid Response Team will hold orientation sessions for the nearly 200 workers who will lose their jobs on May 10 when **Hunt Forest Products** closes its Natalbany plywood plant. The sessions, which will be scheduled for workers by plant management, will be Tuesday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 22, at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Thursday, April 23, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. All sessions will be held at the Natalbany plant at 48177 Hwy.

51 North. Orientation sessions are designed to inform affected employees about the services available to them through the LWC's Rapid Response Unit. The LWC also will sponsor a job fair for workers on Tuesday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Louisiana Technical College - Hammond Campus at 111 Pride Drive. In addition to the orientation sessions and job fair, an on-site worker transition center will open on Monday, April 27. Services to be provided at the transition center include job placement assistance, job counseling, job search workshops, labor market information, resume preparation assistance, interview preparation, online job search assistance, veterans' assistance information, occupational retraining, trade adjustment assistance, debt counseling, out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance, on-the-job training, unemployment insurance and other supportive services as needed. Workforce Commission services are offered at no cost to the employer and participating employees. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com

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FORMER HUNT FOREST PRODUCTS EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

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HAMMOND, La., Sept. 8 -- Louisiana Works issued the following press release:

Hunt Forest Products, Inc. workers who were laid off earlier this year are eligible to apply for additional retraining and re-employment services because their job loss is the result of increased imports.

A petition filed with the U.S. Department of Labor requesting Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) was approved when it was determined that an increase in imports of articles like or directly competitive with the articles produced at the Natalbany facility contributed to decreased sales.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Trade Adjustment Assistance unit will conduct trade orientation sessions on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Louisiana Technical College (L.T.C.) at 111 Pride Drive in Hammond. Employees whose last names begin with A - J should attend the 10 a.m. - noon meeting, while those whose last names begin with K - Z will meet from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The orientation sessions will inform employees about the full array of TAA services available to them including training scholarships, job search and relocation allowances, income support and health coverage tax credits.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Rapid Response unit provided additional services to **Hunt Forest Products** workers when the company layoff was initially announced in April.

Workers become eligible to apply for TAA when their company receives certification from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

All Louisiana Workforce Commission services are offered at no cost to the employer or the participating employees.

Additional information about Trade Adjustment Assistance is available at the Louisiana Workforce Commission Web site at <http://www.laworks.net/FAQs/FAQ-NAFTA-TAA.asp>.

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Former **Hunt Forest Products Employees Eligible to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

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