

**MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL
NOMINATION FORM FOR**

“2013 Outstanding Forest Products Manufacturer of Maine”

Name of Nominee: _____

Company Name: _____

Please describe in detail the size, location, and nature of the company you are nominating for this award. Also, please describe your relationship with this company and explain why you think the company should receive this award. Criteria for this award include Innovative Approaches, Value Added Strategies, Community Relations, Environmental and Safety Awareness, and Growth Strategies. If your nominee is chosen as a finalist, you will be asked to provide further information. Also, please note that nominees need not be members of the Maine Forest Products Council. Use the space below, as well as the back if necessary, to provide your information.

Maine Forest Products Council

Outstanding Manufacturer Award Criteria

1. Exceptional organizations develop and implement innovative approaches in order to remain successful and separate themselves from their competition. Can you tell us about one such innovative approach implemented during the past two years?
2. Value added Strategies are vital to the continued success of a manufacturer as you strive to remain important to your customers and competitive in your marketplace. Can you talk about some ways that you continue to add value to your product and or process?
3. How we behave as a member of our communities is important in making an organization become truly exceptional.
 - a. How would you describe your organization's community involvement?
 - b. How do you think other members of the community would describe your organization and the role it plays in the community?
4. The ability to provide a clean and safe working environment is critical to the well being of the work force.
 - a. Are OSHA rules and regulations followed?
 - b. Is machine guarding in place and effective?
 - c. Is a hearing conservation program in place?
 - i. Does it include regular testing?
 - ii. Proper personal protection where required?
 - d. What, if any, regular safety training programs are in place?
 - e. What is the impression of overall housekeeping?
5. Growth Strategies are essential to the long-term success of an organization. Please tell us about the growth goals of your company.
6. Interview to be followed by:
 - a. Overall impression of facility.
 - b. Overall impression of process and worker productivity.
 - c. Overall impression of environmental impact of facility (smokestack emissions, housekeeping of yard, etc.)