

The Level Set

Weekly News from BLD CONNECTION

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Northwestern Lumber Association and Mid-America Lumbermens Association are now BLD Connection. *The Level Set* is our weekly bulletin. Watch for this email every Wednesday to bring you up to speed on the latest events, education, and time-sensitive information.

Events & Outings

Upcoming

- **February 6-7, 2024 – BizCon North, Minneapolis, MN**
- **February 21-22, 2024 – BizCon South, Altoona, IA**
- **March 21, 2024 – Wisconsin Connection Conference, Baraboo, WI**

[VIEW THE FULL EVENTS CALENDAR](#)



Wisconsin Connection Conference Registration Is Open!

Join your colleagues for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan's BLD Connection Conference on March 21st at Ho Chunk Gaming in Baraboo, Wisconsin. This all-inclusive conference offers the opportunity to connect with others from the industry to network and learn from each other along with professional instructors who delve into the "must haves" for our evolving industry and workplaces. This year's programs include:

- Next Gen Roundtable
- Risk Management Seminar – *Protect Your Business Before It's Too Late*
- Membership Lunch & Meeting, Awards and Keynote
- Afternoon seminars on Sales, Leadership and Communication.
- Customer Panel Discussion with WBA Members – *What Customers are Looking for in a Building Material Supplier*

The day will wrap up with the fun Networking Reception including hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a fun game of bags (Cornhole) and prizes!

LEARN MORE HERE

**BizCon North & South
Last Chance to Secure
Your Booth!**

BLD BIZCON
2024

BizCon North - Minneapolis, MN - February 6-7, 2024
BizCon South - Altoona, IA - February 21-22, 2024

Don't miss the chance to showcase your brand and network with industry leaders. Click the Registration button below to reserve your spot today!

Women in the Industry at the BizCons

Join us for a Meet and Greet at the 2024 BizCon North & South happy hour on the exhibit floor. This is your opportunity to meet in-person those who have been part of our online Lunch & Learns and connect with other women working in the LBM industry.

Visit the BizCon website pages for the full schedule of events and BizCon registration information. *NOTE: *There is no special Women in the Industry registration, but you must sign up for a trade show pass or all-access pass to be on the show floor.*

REGISTRATION FOR DEALERS & EXHIBITORS HERE

Professional Development

Upcoming Classes & Webinars

- **January 10 - OECS Webinar - Guidance on OSHA's Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Rule**
- **January 17-18 - Yard & Delivery Managers Workshop, Jefferson City, MO**
- **January 18 - Federated Webinar - Back to the Basics: Common OSHA Citations & Recordkeeping Review**
- **January 23-25 - Estimating 1-2-3, Inver Grove Heights, MN - *Sold out!***
- **January 23-25 - Classic Roundtable**
- **February 12-13 - Blueprint Reading & Material Take-Off, Fayetteville, AR**
- **February 15-16 - Blueprint Reading & Material Take-Off, Kansas City, MO**
- **March 5-6 - Yard & Delivery Operations Workshop, Tomah, WI**
- **March 7-8 - Yard & Delivery Operations Workshop, Eden Prairie, MN**

VIEW THE FULL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR



Click on dates for links to registration and full details.

Newly Enhanced - Yard & Delivery Managers Workshop

Ken Wilbanks and David Wells have teamed up to bring more focus on interpersonal skills to improve your potency as a leader and new innovative best practices for effective yard and warehouse layouts. The Yard & Delivery Managers Workshop devotes two dynamic days to understanding these essential best practices and providing powerful proven tools to insure stellar performance within each separate yet interrelated area of yard and delivery operations.

Last chance to register for the newly enhanced Yard & Delivery Managers Workshop.

January 17-18
Day 1: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Day 2: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Jefferson City, MO

Tour Hosted by Scruggs Lumber

Blueprint Reading & Material Take-Off

February 12-13 - Fayetteville, AR

February 15-16 - Kansas City, MO

"...showing the floorplan and elevation and then the photos made it easy to visualize. The program was great!" - Evan

During this two-day program, instructor Casey Voorhees teaches basic blueprint reading by identifying lines, symbols, and details. Attendees develop an understanding of elevations, floor plans, framing and sectional views. They will be introduced to various residential construction methods and estimating formulas while working on a basic single level home with a trussed roof.

This unique workshop was specifically created to help key yard personnel, dispatchers, managers, and business owners understand the need for high operational standards within your company's yard and delivery operations. Attendees will be challenged to evaluate your company's processes to gain efficiency and improve your bottom line. Group roundtable discussions provide added insight into what other operations are doing. The workshop will conclude with a walk-through at a host retail location where key class topics will be reviewed. Students will be asked to perform a Yard & Delivery Workshop Challenge for their company.

Yard & Delivery Operations Workshop with Emily Overson

March 5-6
Tomah, WI
Touring All American Do-it Center

March 7-8
Eden Prairie, MN
Touring Lyman Lumber Chanhassen



Spread the Word . . . Scholarships are Available!

Scholarship applications are available for the 2024-2025 school year for students in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Please share the application with your employees and local schools. The deadline to apply is March 1st.

Nebraska and Wisconsin also offer tuition grants for member employees attending LumberTech classes. Visit the [Scholarship page](#) on the BLD website to learn more.

Resource of the Month



OECS

OECS provides OSHA compliance consulting. They will work with you to create a customized solution that meets and exceeds OSHA's requirements. They provide in-person and virtual classes.

BLD Connection members receive discounts on OECS safety services!

Contact Ari Cook at ari@oecscply.com for details or visit www.oecscply.com.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Shelby Lumber Co. is currently seeking to fill a full time position for their Manager position at their Lumberyard in Shelby, NE. Candidate is responsible for buying & managing inventory, ordering product, retail & contractor customer service & overseeing daily lumberyard activities. Benefits include: Salary, paid vacation, health insurance, 401k retirement, employee pricing and bonus opportunities.

Contact jason@shelbylumber.com with questions or to submit resume.

HELP WANTED

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