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Educating on the Technical Fundamentals by SCDA Staff

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In May 2000, a small group of distributors formed the Structural Component Distributors Association (SCDA) to represent the interests of companies that distribute structural components. Examples of these structural component products include I-Joists, LVL, Glue-Laminated Beams, PSL and Trimmable End Floor Trusses.

Are you an engineered wood products (EWP) distributor considering SCDA membership? Don Groom, V.P. of Operations of Stark Truss Company recently had an interview with SCDA staff and discussed the benefits of membership. "The initial SCDA formation meeting changed our mind on the value of the underlying SCDA concepts, based on the great discussions we had with other EWP distributors. We are convinced that SCDA can have the same positive impact on the distribution business that WTCA has had with truss and wall panel manufacturing. These are two distinctly different market segments and the focus of SCDA is needed to provide work that no one distributor of these products is likely to do themselves. Additionally from a legal liability perspective, SCDA has value because the work is done as an association rather than proprietarily, so there is more of a consensus arms length approach that is also very beneficial to all involved in it."

The driving force behind SCDA is the significant need for increased technical training and overall professionalism in the EWP industry. The membership of SCDA agrees that the key to long-term success is the added value of expert technical service. If you are interested in pursuing membership in SCDA, visit our newly updated web site at www.scda.info or contact Barb Speer at 608/310-6745.

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