



## **Cabinet Makers Association**

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### **CMA TO HOST EVENT AT THE MILL IN COLORADO SPRINGS ON NOVEMBER 9**

The Cabinet Makers Association (CMA) will host a regional event on Friday, November 9, 2018 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This one-day event will be held at The MiLL National Training Center and will include a tour of Concepts in Millwork.

“Many of our members learned about The MiLL and their partnership with Concepts in Millwork during our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in March,” explained Amanda Conger, the Executive Director for the CMA. “The November event provides the opportunity to experience the program for themselves.”

The day will begin at The MiLL to learn more about their program and see the facility during a school day. Then a panel discussion with representatives from Concepts in Millwork will explain what it takes to have a successful internship program; a former student and current employee of Concepts will also share his story. Finally, the group will tour Concepts in Millwork to see their production facility and other former MiLL students at work.

“The panel discussion with Concepts in Millwork is for anyone who wants to learn about how to attract and retain workers,” stated Dean Mattson, founder of the MiLL. “Concepts is doing it right and have had 100% success with the program.” Mattson went on to explain that in order to effectively manage today’s generation of new workers companies need to change their management style. “Essentially managers need to be sensitive to young people’s needs,” he said. “They need to be nurtured and know they are cared for.”

The registration fee for the event is \$55 for current CMA members and \$75 for non-members. Student/Instructor members are free, while non-member students/instructors are \$25. Registration includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit: [www.cabinetmakers.org/events](http://www.cabinetmakers.org/events)

The CMA has been hosting high-value events like this since 1998 as a means of connecting similar-sized shops around North America with the purpose of sharing best practices and business acumen, while learning how other businesses do what they do. In addition to the agenda, the regional events also encourage networking by providing an opportunity to talk shop and share issues, solutions, and even projects. Although dubbed "regional", the association expects this event to draw attendees from across the country as well as Canada.

## **About the Cabinet Makers Association**

Celebrating 20 years, the Cabinet Makers Association was incorporated in 1998 by a group of custom cabinet makers who thought the small to mid-size shop needed to network and help each other grow profitably. Currently, CMA membership is made up primarily of 20 or fewer employee operations, with the vast majority of those being 1-5 person shops. For more information, visit [www.cabinetmakers.org](http://www.cabinetmakers.org).

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