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Huber Engineered Woods, LLC receives environmental award

Huber Engineered Woods, LLC was awarded the Environmental Excellence Award in the business category by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful at its 25th Annual Environmental Excellence Celebration on November 30 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Recognized for its “Trees for Oklahoma Seedling Program,” Huber Engineered Woods, LLC, located in Broken Bow, has funded the planting of more than six million seedlings on an estimated 8,000 acres by landowners in southeastern Oklahoma since 2005. Huber Engineered Woods, LLC purchases the seedlings from Oklahoma Forestry Services’ state nursery and provides them, at no cost, to private landowners in an effort to encourage pine reforestation. “We are thrilled that Keep Oklahoma Beautiful has recognized Huber’s extraordinary efforts,” said State Forester George Geissler. “This program not only helps private landowners offset replanting costs, but six million trees represent a substantial investment in and commitment to the health and sustainability of our state’s forests.”

Through this program, non-industrial private landowners are encouraged to maintain their land in a productive manner and to enhance their property by maintaining a healthy forest cover, improving wildlife habitat and minimizing soil erosion, which protects water quality. Oklahoma Forestry Services administers the program and its professional foresters provide technical assistance to the landowners.

“We appreciate receiving this award from Keep Oklahoma Beautiful for our tree planting program,” said Garrett Tipton, Wood Procurement Manager for Huber in Broken Bow. “The Huber family remains committed to helping ensure that trees and forests will be as plentiful in the future as they are today, not only for our company, but also for a healthy natural environment and for the people who depend upon it.”

Oklahoma’s seedling program is patterned after similar cooperative ventures in other states where Huber manufacturing plants are located. The Huber Corporation is one of the largest and oldest family-owned companies in America and is headquartered in Edison, New Jersey. Huber’s oriented strand board plant in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, began operations in April 2004 and currently operates the largest “continuous mat press” OSB plant in the United States.

For more information about the “Trees for Oklahoma Seedling Program” visit Oklahoma Forestry Services website at www.forestry.ok.gov/trees-for-oklahoma-program. Landowners who are interested in participating in the program can call Oklahoma Forestry Services’ Southeast Area forestry office in Broken Bow at 580-584-3351 (Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties) or the East Central forestry office in Wilburton at 918-465-2082 (Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore and Pittsburg counties).

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About Oklahoma Forestry Services

Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting Oklahoma’s 12.5 million acres of forests and woodlands. Since 1925 Oklahoma Forestry Services has worked with individuals and communities throughout the state to create resilient landscapes, fire-adaptive communities and provide wildfire response. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the division also has regional offices in Goldsby, Broken Bow, Wilburton and Tahlequah. For more information, visit <http://www.forestry.ok.gov>.



Photo caption: Garrett Tipton with Huber Engineered Wood, LLC accepts the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental Excellence Award for the business category from Melody Martin.