

### **Informational Update - Save the Date!**

The annual Hardwood Federation Fly-In will be held September 11-13 in Washington, D.C.! Mark your calendars now for this unique opportunity to visit D.C.; meet with your elected officials, and share your story on Capitol Hill. But until then, here's a way to bring Washington D.C. to **Your** Business!

As you know, the Hardwood Federation (HF) staff "spends much of their time meeting with Members of Congress in Washington, D.C. The objective is to educate them about the Hardwood industry, and how the laws and policies they are considering impact your business and your bottom line.

One of the ways you can get involved, without leaving your place of business, is to host an elected official, at any level, in your hardwood facility.

- Meeting and personal interaction with your local, state and federally elected politicians are excellent ways to let them know what is going on with the hardwood industry, and really drive home the importance of our issues.
- Hearing directly from business executives in their districts is an effective way to reinforce the message HF conveys in Washington.
- A first-hand look at your operations and your employees in action will resonate with members at all levels. You are their constituents, and ultimately they answer to you."

So, show them what the forest products industry is all about. Explain the entire supply chain to them. Let them see how **you** are a driver of local, state, and national economies. They will remember. And your information will help them as they make policy decisions.

The HF has a "[Facility Tour Guide](#)" - step-by-step directions from start to finish - to assist you in your efforts. Get your planning started today. And remember, following your event, let HF know how your visit went!