

Western Structures, Inc.

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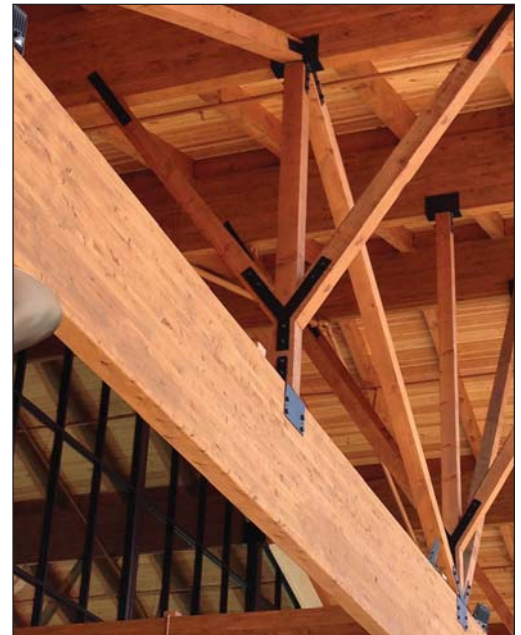
When visiting the website for Western Structures, Inc., you can imagine taking a world tour. The glulam beams made at the Eugene facility are used throughout the world in places like Japan, South Korea, Mexico, India, Jordan and Europe. The diverse clientele and the outstanding engineered projects completed with product from Western Structures make them a truly global enterprise.

The company is relatively young, founded in 1989 by a partnership of men that came from the glue lamination industry. The principle holder was Herb McKillop and he successfully guided the business in the custom glue lamination niche. In 2000, a group of employees led by Dennis Wolfard bought the business and have continued the great service and quality that Western Structures is known for in the heart of timber country. The manufacturing of custom, top-quality glulam beams has created a

reputation for the company among, builders, architects and developers all over the

world. The ability to offer service – whether in design, fabrication or technical support – sets Western Structures apart from its competitors.

Western Structures aspires to be environmentally conscious and utilizes sustainable manufacturing principles in all aspects of its business. Wood is an eco-friendly building



*Laminated beam truss work at
Raley's Store in Santa Rosa, California.*



*Laminated beams provide architectural flexibility as shown in the
Shezhen project.*

material that is both renewable and sustainable. Western Structures' use of EcoBind resins is reflective of its commitment to take its operation to the next level of environmental friendliness.

Furthermore, Western Structures' company policy is to improve environmental quality through wise business decisions. These include conserving energy, reducing or eliminating waste, and recycling and properly disposing of any waste generated during the manufacturing process. We believe our responsibility to the environment is compatible with successful business objectives. We regularly review our operations and continually improve our practices.

Sustainable practices help the planet, and create good-will with customers – they keep coming back. The company is



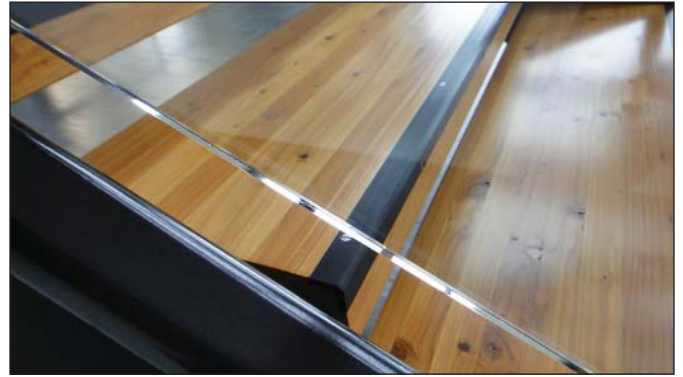
Shipping curved beams to Japan.

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both flexible and efficient. Since 1989 it has continuously upgraded equipment, added new machinery and expanded the original footprint of its plant.

Western Structures is an APA certified mill. It is also approved for other markets including Japan's JAS Certification. The entire production line is geared to deliver the best quality product within an industry-leading turnaround time.

The company began with about twenty employees and now employs more than twice that number. They have grown



Simple stair treads created from laminated stock in Oregon office building.



Laminated beams create an inviting entrance at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

accomplishments, at the same time disappointed that so many of our rural mills are gone, and opportunities are missing for young people just starting out." Recently, Western Structures became a training agent so that it can have an apprentice millwright. It seeks to have a safe and healthy environment in which employees can build careers that will provide for their needs.

Western Structures continually seeks to develop new products and keep up with an ever changing market and new technologies. Its largest market is California, but also exports to many countries around the world.



Camelback Truss Bridge located in the Chugach National Forest in Alaska.

It is 6 feet wide by 280 feet long and is the longest clear-span timber bridge in North America.



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