

NOVA
Northern Ontario Value Added Initiative

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Making the Connection

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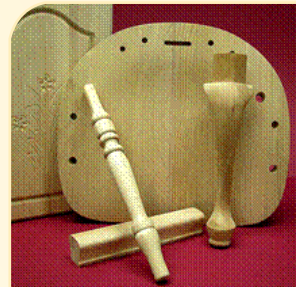
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NOVA would like to acknowledge the support of the following agencies through their programs to promote the sustainability of Ontario's Northern communities.



Creating economic development opportunities in Northern Ontario with Value Added Wood products.

- Supporting communities' development of value-added wood product manufacturing
- Providing technical support and marketing intelligence to new and existing companies
- Supporting education and promotion of value-added wood products and manufacturing
- Connecting key players in developing the Northern Ontario value-added wood products with industry and communities



Learn about value-added wood products ...

at one of our many Introductory Seminars given to community groups across Northern Ontario.

Are you interested in improving your manufacturing operations or in developing a new product?

- Meet with your local Industry Advisor to discuss your technical needs or have your Advisor review your operation.
- Your Advisor will then discuss the range of technical services offered by NOVA and how we can best help you.
- Should you choose to work with us, we will provide a summary report of our recommendations at the end of the project and help you track your company's progress.

Examples of topics or issues that can be addressed:

- Raw material supply
- Market research
- Technology and equipment
- Estimation of project costs
- Process review and recommendations
- Technical Inquiries

Our technical services will build upon the extensive network established through the NOVA initiative and has four main components:

Direct Technical Service - Up to five days of free technical support based on a client's request for assistance. This could include projects to source raw materials and equipment, review manufacturing operations, develop new products or provide mentor/coach support.

Process and Product Development Studies - Detailed investigations aimed at providing technical information needed to enhance a company's competitiveness or advance a business concept to its implementation stage. If approved by the NOVA steering committee, NOVA will provide up to 75% funding for this work to a maximum of \$20,000.

Technical Seminars - In-depth explorations of specific topics in value-added wood products such as: drying; finishing; equipment and process; and, lean manufacturing. These half to full day seminars offered in major centres in Northern Ontario feature speakers who are experts in the chosen subject.

