



## Universal Forest Products Continues to Climb Up Fortune 1000

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 5, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Universal Forest Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: UFPI) today announced it again jumped up the annual "Fortune 1000" listing of America's largest corporations (based on revenues), gaining 83 places this year to land at number 651.

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Universal was included with eight other companies (such as International Paper and Weyerhaeuser) in the Forest and Paper Products industry. In this group, Universal was ranked #1 in total return to investors for the 10 years from 1994 to 2004 and #2 in earnings per share for the same time period. Universal was the only company in the sector that added employees in 2004.

"This recognition reflects our sure-footed growth, our commitment to our shareholders, and the strength of our people and business strategies," said Universal CEO and Vice Chairman William G. Currie. "We're proud of this recognition, and of our people, who turn in strong results year after year. They paint a bright picture for Universal Forest Products."

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Universal Forest Products markets, manufactures and engineers wood and wood-alternative products for D-I-Y retail home centers, structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry, engineered wood components for the site-built construction market and specialty wood packaging for various industries. Among the company's newest and fastest-growing ventures are framing services for the site-built sector. In conjunction with its customers, Universal uses its engineering and manufacturing expertise, coupled with highly skilled employees, to design and construct buildings and housing. For information about Universal Forest Products on the Internet, please visit the Company's web site at <http://www.ufpi.com> , or call 888-Buy-UFPI.

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