**Hardscape Workshop Survey: January 19th 2024**

The LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station and the LNLA are hosting a hardscape installation workshop with the support of Natural Paving USA (www.naturalpavingusa.com). This event will have in-person, hands-on educational components, and a classroom lecture to provide education on proper paver and hardscape installation practices. We are interested in understanding your level of interest and involvement in hardscape projects as a landscape contractor. Your valuable insights will help us gain a better understanding of the industry and tailor our workshop accordingly. Please fill out this survey and send to Dr. Damon Abdi (dabdi@agcenter.lsu.edu), along with any questions you may have regarding the planning of this event.

**Please answer the following questions:**

**Name of landscaping company:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email (For direct updates on workshop):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you previously worked on hardscape projects?**

a) Yes, frequently

b) Yes, occasionally

c) No, but I am interested in starting hardscape projects

d) No, and I am not interested in hardscape projects

**How comfortable are you with designing and installing hardscape elements?**

a) Very comfortable

b) Comfortable

c) Somewhat comfortable

d) Not very comfortable

e) Not comfortable at all

**If you have worked on hardscape projects, what types of hardscape features have you incorporated? (Select all that apply)**

a) Patios

b) Walkways

c) Retaining walls

d) Driveways

e) Fire pits/fireplaces

f) Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How would you rate the demand for hardscape projects in your area?**

a) Very high

b) High

c) Moderate

d) Low

e) Very low

**What factors contribute to your interest in hardscape projects? (Select all that apply)**

a) Increasing customer demand

b) Expanding service offerings

c) Profit margins

d) Enhancing the overall landscape design

e) Diversifying the scope of projects

f) Staying competitive in the market

g) Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What challenges or obstacles have you encountered when working on hardscape projects, if any? (Select all that apply)**

a) Lack of specialized skills and knowledge

b) Difficulty sourcing high-quality materials

c) Limited availability of hardscape subcontractors

d) Time-consuming installation process

e) Client resistance or lack of interest

f) Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you pursued any specialized training or certifications related to hardscape design and installation?**

Yes

No

**If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please specify the training or certifications you have pursued: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you interested in expanding your expertise in hardscape design and installation?**

a) Yes, definitely

b) Yes, to some extent

c) No, not at the moment

d) No, not interested at all

**What resources or support would be helpful for you to further explore or pursue hardscape projects?** (Open-ended)

**Are there any specific hardscape elements or techniques you would like to learn more about or improve your skills in?** Please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in this survey! Your feedback is greatly appreciated.