Pest Control Training

The Need: Pest control professionals, the people who treat homes and businesses to ensure against unwelcome invasions of insect pests such as termites or bees, often had to travel to South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky or Oklahoma, where training facilities are available.

Serving the Need: The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences built a pest control training facility at its Lake Wheeler Road Field Laboratory near the N.C. State University campus in Raleigh that includes a “training pavilion.” Finished in the summer of 2006, the pavilion is a state-of-the-art facility. The pavilion looks like a half-finished house. Wood studs form walls but stand unadorned of siding or insulation. Foundation walls are half finished. The pavilion along with a more normal building next door that houses classrooms and offices comprise the Structural Pest Control Training and Research Center. The facility was built to meet the needs of the state’s pest control industry, and it is among best such facilities in the nation.

Impact beyond North Carolina: With the Center, the College provides hands on pest control training, demonstrating what to do and perhaps just as importantly, what not to do when treating structures to control pests. The facility is particularly useful when it comes to instruction involving proper methods of treating for termites. It is also useful in demonstrating how to deal with bees that nest in walls and other insect pests that occur in and around structures.

At the same time, the conventional building nearby provides another educational venue. It includes a classroom equipped with microscopes on loan from the NC Pest Control Association, a trade association representing the professional pest control industry in North Carolina.

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