



TIMBER City Exhibit: February 2017 UPDATE

The world's oldest building material is capturing new interest in Washington, DC, at the National Building Museum in the [Timber City Exhibit](#), on display through September 10, 2017. This dynamic exhibit showcases the economic and environmental benefits of using lumber. Sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the Softwood Lumber Board, and Nixon Peabody LLP, this exhibit highlights new markets for innovative wood products in building construction.



Towering cross-laminated timber panels at the Timber City exhibit at the National Building Museum. Photo by Yassine al Mansouri, courtesy National Building Museum.

This story of modern wood construction in the exhibit shows how timber has arrived in a new era. Steve Marshall, USDA Forest Service, Assistant Director of Cooperative Forestry explains, “the exhibit does an excellent job of capturing the mass timber story and its impact on changing how America builds. Modern timber construction has profound implications both for sustainable forests and for sustainable cities. The [Forest Service Wood Innovations program](#) is playing a lead role in this sea change.”

The Forest Products Marketing Unit (FPMU) works collaboratively and strategically with Forest Service and external partners to advance high-value, high-volume markets for woody biomass. FPMU focuses on utilization and marketing opportunities for products and residues from forest timber harvest, restoration activities, hazardous fuels reduction, natural disaster recovery, and urban forestry.

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Exhibit panels are made from cross-laminated timber, allowing visitors to experience this innovative building material. Photo by Yassine al Mansouri, courtesy National Building Museum.

The exhibit highlights recent innovations in timber technology, such as the development of cross-laminated timber (CLT), exploring how U.S.-based timber manufacturing can help revitalize rural manufacturing communities and benefit urban centers. The exhibit also demonstrates advantages offered by modern timber construction, including strength, fire resistance, sustainability, and beauty. Strong and versatile, timber is the only building material that sequesters carbon.

The Museum has hosted several educational events featuring leaders in mass timber design and architecture. National media coverage has highlighted this exhibit and can be found at: [Voice of America](#), Jan 29, 2017, [Washington Post](#), Dec 16, 2016, [Architectural Record](#), Oct 13, 2016



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Upcoming Classes, Events, Workshops

Dates	Name	Web Link
February 28 - March 2	Introduction to Wood Products Course - Starkville, MS	Forest Products.org
March 19 - 27	World Wood Day Conference - Los Angeles, CA	worldwoodday.org
March 28 - 30	Mass Timber Conference - Portland, OR	masstimberconference.com/
April 11 - 12	Alaska Wood Energy Conference - Ketchikan, AK	uaf.edu/ces/nrcd/awec/
April 18 -19	Mechanized Harvesting Workshop - Moab, Utah	Forestengineer.com

Monthly UPDATE Links

<p>HOUSING MARKET STATISTICS Virginia Tech, Forest Service Housing Statistics and Commentary November 2016 Section I: Main Report and November 2016 Section II: Economic Conditions</p>
<p>REPORTS and PUBLICATIONS Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations report: 2015 Global Forest Products - Facts and Figures Highlights from 2011-2015</p> <p>Key sources of Dovetail Partners forest sector information This report provides a brief overview of primary international and United States sources of information for forestry, certification, climate and land-cover change, markets, trade, illegal logging and trade, prices and portals for further information.</p> <p>Media Coverage of the Timber City Exhibit can be found at: Voice of America, Jan 29, 2017, Washington Post, Dec 16, 2016, Architectural Record, Oct 13, 2016</p>
<p>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Biomass Crop Assistance Program March 15, 2017 - USDA will accept applications from foresters and farmers seeking incentives to remove biomass residues from fields or national forests for delivery to energy generation facilities.</p>