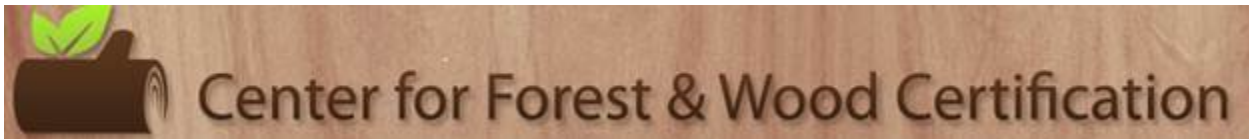


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## **LEED moves to accept SFI, ATFS with FSC**

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The U.S. Green Building Council released a pilot program to make all certified products eligible for credit in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building standard. Previously, only wood and paper products from the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) were eligible for the credit. This pilot program will expand the eligibility to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) and the American Tree Farm System®. This pilot program is a way to test changes in the LEED standard before making permanent changes.

Builders, contractors, and architects are required to have 100% of the forest products from legal sources, 70% from responsible sources, and the remainder from certified sources as evidenced by a chain-of-custody certification in order to receive the LEED point. LEED recognizes all aspects of SFI, FSC, and Tree Farm as legal sources. All aspects of SFI, FSC, and Tree Farm are recognized as responsible sources except for FSC Controlled Wood. All portions of FSC, SFI, and Tree Farm are recognized as chain-of-custody sources except for SFI Fiber Sourcing and FSC Controlled Wood.

This is potentially huge news for SFI and Tree Farm. Certification for the solid wood secondary industry; such as cabinets and hardwood flooring, is almost entirely driven by the demand for FSC material for LEED building jobs. The will allow for forest industry business to decide which certification system meets their customer's needs as well as their own financial requirements.

More information can be found at the following links:

[\*\*How to Count Your Certified Products for a LEED Point \(SFI Factsheet\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*SFI's Green Building Webpage\*\*](#)



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**FSC: Pilot testing legality for forest products in LEED**

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