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Wood Council applauds House passage of Resilient Federal Forests Act

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - American Wood Council released the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representative's passage of the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017 (H.R. 2936). The bill (H.R. 2936) includes the research title of the Timber Innovation Act (H.R. 1380/S. 538), which would establish a performance driven research and development program for advancing the use of innovative wood products in building construction.

"The United States has an opportunity to help bring an innovative and sustainable technology to our nation's construction industry," said AWC president and CEO Robert Glowinski.

"This bill includes language directing the technical assistance and research components already in place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture to facilitate the use of these innovative wood products into mainstream construction through research and development, education, and technical assistance. Supporting mass timber construction is a win-win because it would introduce new carbon-neutral building materials to our urban areas, as well as job creation in rural areas."

Congressmen Bruce Westerman (R-AS), Mike Conaway (R-TX) and Mike Thompson D-Calif.) helped sponsor and advance the bill.

The American Wood Council itersms itself the voice of North American wood products manufacturing, an industry that employs 400,000 men and women in the United States. AWC represents 86 percent of the structural wood products industry, and members make products that are essential to everyday life from a renewable resource that absorbs and sequesters carbon. Staff experts develop state-of-the-art engineering data, technology, and standards for wood products to assure their safe and efficient design, as well as provide information on wood design, green building, and environmental regulations. AWC also advocates for balanced government policies that affect wood products.

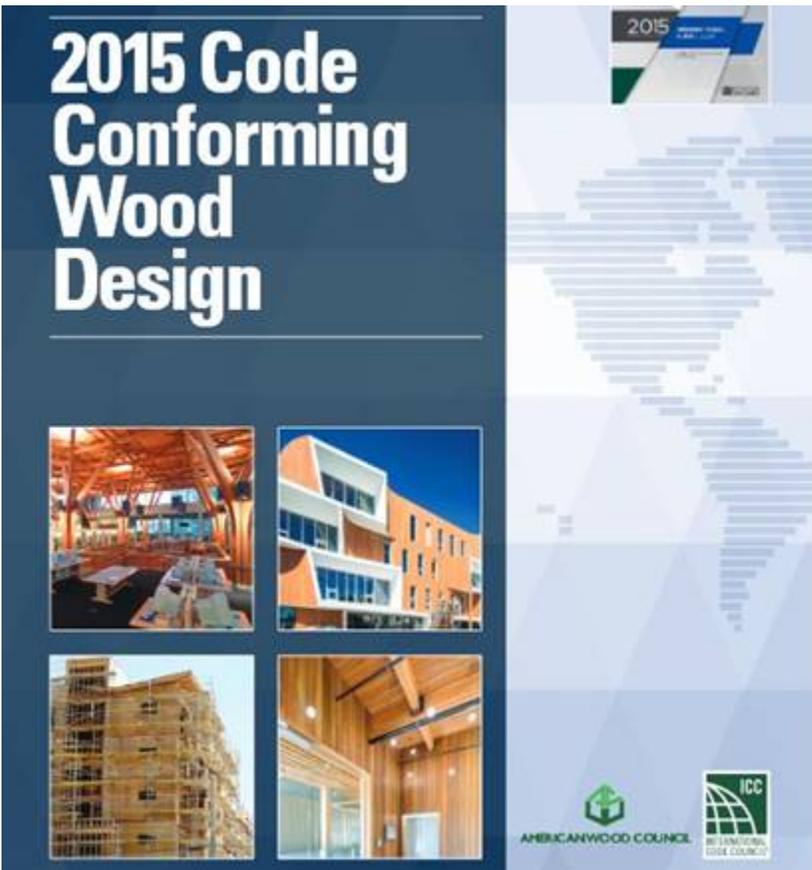
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