



White House Rural Council Workshop Building with Wood: Jobs and the Environment

March 17, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Indian Treaty Room, Eisenhower Executive Office Building

- 9:00-9:30** **Coffee Meet & Greet**
- 9:30-9:35** **Welcome, Overview**
Doug McKalip, Senior Policy Advisor, White House Domestic Policy Council
- 9:35-9:45** **Exploring Opportunities and Partnerships**
Michael Boots, Acting Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality
- 9:45-10:10** **Keynote: The Case for Building with Wood**
Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
- 10:10-10:25** **From the Forest to the Built Environment—Understanding the Environmental and Economic Benefits of Wood Products. Q&A.**
Jim Bowyer, Director of Responsible Materials Program, Dovetail Partners Inc.
- 10:25-10:40** **Wood Design and Construction—What Can be Built in Wood and Current Design Trends**
Michael Malinowski, President, Applied Architecture
- 10:40-10:55** **Tall Wood—The Next Generation of Wood Buildings Becoming a Reality Today**
Benton Johnson, PE, SE, Associate, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
- 10:55-11:10** **Experiences Using Wood—A Federal Agency Perspective**
Emilee Blount, Director, Engineering, Technology and Geospatial Services, US Forest Service
- 11:10-11:25** **Resources for Engineers and Architects—USDA’s Partnership with WoodWorks**
Jennifer Cover, Executive Director, WoodWorks
- 11:25-11:55** **Question and Answer Period with the Speakers**
- 11:55-12:10** **Next Steps –A Roadmap Forward**
Doug O’Brien, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA
- 12:10-12:30** **Networking and Close**