



California Mass Timber Building Competition Begins January 15

Competition to award \$500,000 in grants to teams who design innovative mass timber buildings

WASHINGTON, DC, January 7, 2019 -- The California Mass Timber Building Competition will begin accepting submissions on January 15, the California Government Operations Agency (GovOps) announced today. The competition, hosted by GovOps and administered by WoodWorks – Wood Products Council, will award a total of \$500,000 in grants to be distributed between two or more project teams that present viable and repeatable mass timber solutions for commercial or multi-family projects in California. The grants will fund activities that include cost studies, permitting fees, and information exchange sessions with code officials. The deadline for submissions is March 18, 2019.

Mass timber, commonly used for construction in Europe, has seen a dramatic increase in use in North America over the past decade. As a construction material, mass timber is favored by designers for its strength, aesthetics, construction efficiency, reduced carbon footprint, and ability to work alongside other materials as a structural element.

Increased use of mass timber will benefit forest health and rural economic development, while reducing carbon emissions related to construction in California. The competition will result in demonstration projects that encourage wider adoption of mass timber construction in California.

“This competition is designed to inspire innovation and harness the enormous environmental and economic potential of mass timber in California,” said Jennifer Cover, WoodWorks president and chief executive officer. “Mass timber can help California advance its climate change and green building objectives, and also has the potential to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires in the state by creating a market incentive for forest thinning and other landscape restoration efforts.”

WoodWorks was chosen to administer the program because of its technical expertise in the design, engineering and construction of mass timber buildings. WoodWorks is a nonprofit program that provides education and free project assistance related to commercial and multi-family wood buildings across the U.S. Because it is administering the competition but not evaluating submissions, its technical staff are available to provide project support to teams developing proposals. To request support, proponents can email CAMassTimberBuildingCompetition@WoodWorks.org.

Competition Details

Submissions will be accepted until March 18, 2019 at 5 p.m. Pacific Time. Winners are expected to be announced in late May.

Eligible proponents will be real estate developers, institutions, and other corporations or legal organizations and their design and construction team partners. Projects **must** be located in California.

Eligible mass timber materials include cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber (NLT), glued-laminated timber (GLT), dowel-laminated timber (DLT), mass plywood panels (MPP), and other mass timber products as approved. Mixed material (hybrid) solutions that include mass timber components along with other structural materials are also eligible.

More details about the competition are available in the Competition Guidelines, or at <https://www.govops.ca.gov/2019-california-mass-timber-building-competition>.

About WoodWorks

WoodWorks – Wood Products Council provides free technical support as well as education and resources related to the code-compliant design of commercial and multi-family wood buildings. WoodWorks staff have the expertise to assist with all aspects of wood building design, including (but not limited to): allowable heights and areas/construction types, structural detailing of wood and hybrid systems, fire resistance and acoustical-rated assemblies, efficient and code-compliant lateral system design, alternate means of code compliance, and energy-efficient detailing. For assistance on a project, visit woodworks.org to contact a regional director or email help@woodworks.org.

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