

ICC BOARD SOLICITING FEEDBACK ON THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TALL WOOD CONSTRUCTION

In accordance with ICC Council Policy 7 *Committees and Members*, the American Wood Council (AWC) has requested that the Code Council establish an *ad hoc* committee to investigate the feasibility of new structural products such as Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) and Structural Composite Lumber for the construction of buildings in excess of the current height limitations in the International Building Code. As noted by AWC in their presentation to the Board, these construction materials are currently being used in the construction of buildings in Europe while building design and construction professionals have been increasingly interested in the sustainability characteristics of wood in taller buildings.

At this time, the Board is soliciting feedback from stakeholders and interested parties relative to the establishment of such an *ad hoc* committee. Please send your comments via an email attachment to Tallwoodfeedback@iccsafe.org. The deadline for receipt of comments is November 2, 2015.

DRAFT COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Committee title: Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings

Committee scope (draft): Develop prescriptive criteria for tall wood construction, including Type of Construction and Height and Area considerations, to be submitted in the 2018/2019/2020 Code Development Cycle for consideration in the 2021 I-Codes.

Committee make-up: A committee comprised of stakeholders, including:

- Building material product industries
- Building and Fire Officials
- Architects and engineers
- Fire protection experts
- Other stakeholders

Committee meetings: Approximately 3 – 4 meetings per year are anticipated, plus conference calls. Meeting cost funding will be provided by AWC. The creation of work groups comprised of committee members and interested parties is anticipated.

Committee support: A fire protection engineering consultant will be retained by AWC to develop a comprehensive study which includes modelling and fire testing followed by a risk assessment. All substantiating information developed by the consultant will be subject to review by the ad hoc committee.

Committee term: Through conclusion of the 2018/2019/2020 Cycle resulting in the 2021 edition of the I-Codes.