

**TAKING  
WOOD TO**

**NEW  
HEIGHTS**

## **SFI-CERTIFIED WOOD PROVIDES BETTER BUILDING SOLUTIONS**

Wood's inherent properties—as a sustainable, natural, healthy, and renewable resource that stores carbon—make it an excellent choice for construction. Using wood certified to SFI increases environmental benefits, because the forest where the wood was sourced was managed to address critical global sustainability issues such as storing carbon to mitigate climate change, conserving water quality, and ensuring a diversity of species.

More and more buyers – including governments, businesses and individuals – are asking for wood products from responsible sources. Products certified to SFI are recognized by many leading green building rating programs around the world.

Architects and builders choose wood because it looks great, has numerous environmental characteristics – including renewability – and is easy to work with.

In addition, trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as they grow, sequestering and storing the carbon while producing oxygen – this reduces greenhouse gases and improves air quality. Forests provide many other benefits, including clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, commercially valuable products like wood, and employment for local communities.




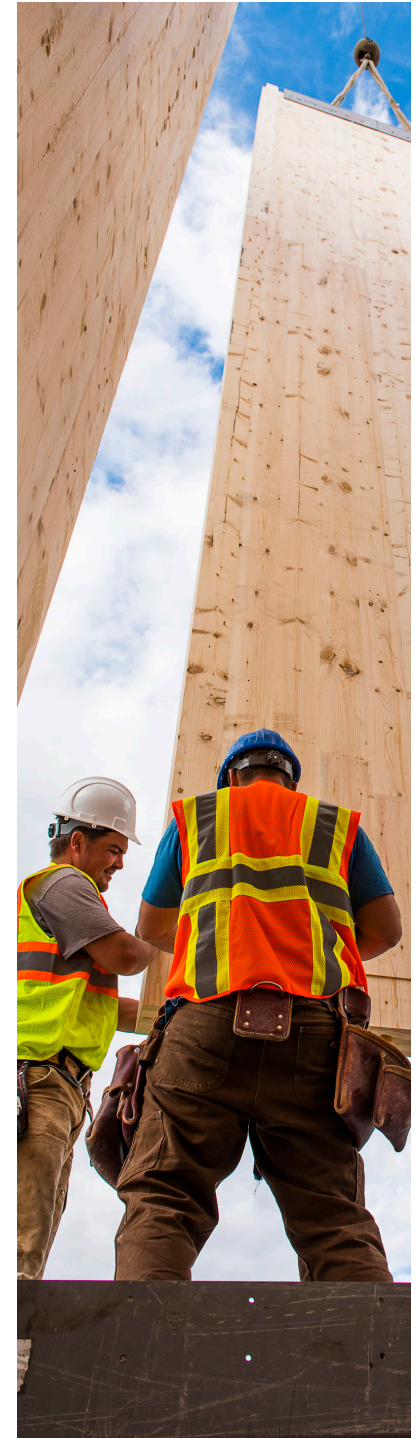
**In 2016, The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) issued an Alternative Compliance Path (ACP) that recognizes wood from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program. USGBC issued the ACP under the Material and Resources credit which is applicable in LEED 2009, LEED v4 and LEED v4.1 versions of the rating tool. This move will further strengthen the LEED program and expand support for using responsibly sourced wood in building design and construction.**



# PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY THROUGH GREEN BUILDING PROGRAMS

There are many credible green building rating systems that recognize the value of multiple forest certification standards, and offer credits for products certified to these forest certification standards, including SFI.

| RATING SYSTEM  | LOCATION   | RECOGNIZES ALL CREDIBLE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS (INCLUDING SFI)                          |
|--|--|---|
|  <b>GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVE</b>     | ANSI/GBI 01-2010:<br>Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings |  YES   |
|  <b>NAHB RESEARCH CENTER</b>          | ANSI/ICC 700-2012:<br>National Green Building Standard                           |  YES   |
|  <b>ASHRAE</b>                        | ASHRAE - Standard 189.1  |  YES   |
|  <b>ASTM INTERNATIONAL</b>            | ASTM - D7612-10  |  YES   |
|  <b>BIFMA INTERNATIONAL</b>           | BIFMA e3-2010:<br>Furniture Sustainability Standard                              |  YES   |
|  <b>breeam</b>                      | BREEAM   |  YES |
|  <b>Built Green</b>                 | Built Green Program  |  YES |
|  <b>CASBEE</b>                      | CASBEE   |  YES |
|  <b>Composite Panel Association</b> | Composite Panel Association Log  |  YES |
|  <b>GREEN GLOBES</b>                | Green Globes   |  YES |
|  <b>greenstar</b>                   | Green Star Program   |  YES |
|  <b>IGCC</b>                        | International Green Construction Code  |  YES |
|  <b>USGBC</b>                       | U.S. Green Building Council  |  YES |



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