



**New Tall Wood Buildings Demonstration Program – Green Construction Through Wood
(GCWood)
*Expression of Interest for Tall Wood Buildings***

OTTAWA, October 12th, 2017 - The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) applauds the commitment of Natural Resources Canada to position our country as a leader in the global low-carbon economy; helping Canada reach its climate change targets for 2030 under the Paris Agreement. The Green Construction Through Wood (GCWood) Program, will link scientific advances and data with technical expertise to showcase the application and sustainability of innovative mass timber structural building solutions that are 10 storeys or more.

“Our industry is encouraged to see Canada’s Minister of Natural Resources recognize wood construction as a solution to achieving our country’s commitment to reducing the overall carbon footprint of our built environment,” explains Etienne Lalonde, Vice President Market Development, CWC.

The previous Expression of Interest for tall wood buildings resulted in the successful completion of the world’s tallest hybrid wood building, Brock Commons Tallwood House, an 18-storey student residence at the University of British Columbia and a 13 storey residential complex (Origine) in Quebec City. Building upon this success, GCWood will provide funding to assist Canadian developers, builders, designers and construction experts to recognize the potential for tall wood construction.

The objective of GCWood is to identify building project(s) in the concept, schematic or design development stages, within Canada, which safely and successfully demonstrate the use of wood as a viable structural element/system in buildings of 10-storeys and more.

Above and beyond the safety, environmental and economic benefits of wood, the demonstration project(s) will push designers, builders and manufacturers to further refine the specification and use of structural wood products - ultimately expanding upon the opportunity for new market development.

The deadline for submissions to the GCWood EOI is December 6th, 2017. To learn more, please visit www.gcwood.ca or e-mail nrcan.gcwood-cvbois.nrcan@canada.ca.

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