

News

DOUGLAS NORTON PROMOTED: Douglas Norton has been promoted to vice president, manufacturing for Wood Structures Inc., Biddeford, Maine. His responsibilities in this newly created position include participation in the senior management team as well as plant and lumber purchasing. David Gould, president, said, "Our senior management team looks forward to the valuable participation and leadership abilities Doug will bring to our integrated manufacturing interests." Norton was hired as director of operations by Wood Structures in 1997 and managed the daily operations of the Saco plant. He came to Wood Structures after 18 years as vice president of an area glass manufacturing company.

ENTRIES INVITED FOR 1998 WOOD DESIGN AWARD PROGRAM: The 1998 Wood Design Award Program was announced recently by the Wood Products Promotion Council (WPPC). The program, now in its 18 year, recognizes design excellence and innovative wood use in residential and nonresidential buildings and architectural interiors, either new or remodeled.

Entries are invited for wood projects completed since January 1995 in two categories: wood structures and interior architectural woodwork. The program is conducted annually to encourage the use of wood and honor outstanding design and construction with wood products.

The 1998 program will be judged by a distinguished panel of architects that includes: John M. Dixon, FAIA, Architectural Writer, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Julie Eizenberg, Koning Eizenberg Architecture, Santa Monica, Calif.; and George E. Hartman, FAIA, Hartman-Cox Architects, Washington, D.C.

The deadline for submissions is September 18, 1998. Entry materials can be obtained from Judy Durham at the Architectural Woodwork Institute by phone 703/733-0600 or fax 703/733-0584

NEW WTCA STAFF MEMBER: Rachel Smith has been hired as an engineer to the WTCA staff. She will begin August 10.

Rachel comes to WTCA from Canada, where for the last three years she has worked in the housing industry, the last two working with truss manufacturers. Most recently, Rachel has been working directly with contractors. She is familiar with MiTek, Alpine and Truswal software. We see her as a great addition to our staff. Initially, she will work on technology transfer activities that we plan to tackle on behalf of our industry.