



## **Assessment of State Purchasing Protocols Related to Innovative Wood Products - Project Overview**

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In recent years, forest product innovation has produced a number of groundbreaking products that provide a suite of societal benefits. Examples include mass timber, cellulosic nanocrystals, and biochar. These unconventional products facilitate reduction of GHG, carbon storage and air emissions reduction, to name a few of the environmental benefits. In addition, these products make possible value-added uses for typically under-valued byproducts of forest restoration and forest fuels reduction.

In order to realize the full suite of societal and environmental benefits, accommodations within the marketplace need to be made to accept and utilize these forest products at scale. The state of California regularly purchases forest products to support various agencies and communities. Product purchasing by the state relies on a very defined set of structured protocols that provide guidance (for implementation by state agencies).

TSS Consultants has been retained to conduct an assessment of current state purchasing protocols and identify barriers and implications of updating the protocols to facilitate procurement of innovative wood products. In addition, the work product from this assignment will include detailed solutions and pathways that allow for timely implementation over a 2-year-period. The final ADA-compliant report will include an executive summary and clearly defined policy recommendations as well as a timeline.

The TSS team will be reaching out to state agencies commencing July 2023. Posted below is contact information for the project team:

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