

MSR COUNCIL MATTERS

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BCMC 2009

It's official! MSRLPC will have a booth at the Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC) on September 30 – October 2 in Phoenix, AZ.

All members are welcome to volunteer to staff the booth. To date, representatives of the following member companies will be participating:

- Canfor Wood Products Marketing Ltd.
- iLevel by Weyerhaeuser
- Lignum Forest Products LLP
- Metriguard, Inc.
- Vaagen Brothers Lumber, Inc.

By working together at BCMC, we will:

- Conduct focus group/market research with component manufacturers (CMs) to learn current perceptions and issues with respect to the value of MSR to CMs.
- Talk to CMs who are not using MSR lumber to learn more about why that is the case, find out more about the barriers to use, and discuss the benefits of MSR.
- Interact with current customers and build on our existing customer relationships.

For more information on BCMC, visit www.bcmcshow.com.

If you are able to travel to BCMC and would like participate in the booth, [just let us know](#).
Thank you for your support!

Frequently Asked Questions

One of our recent callers asked:

“Where can I find information on grade certifications?”

To answer this question, we turned to the 2005 edition of the [National Design Specification® \(NDS\) for Wood Construction](#), Table 4C Reference Design Values for Mechanically Graded Dimension Lumber. **NDS Table 4C** includes the reference values for all grades of Machine Evaluated Lumber and Machine Stress Rated Lumber currently available in North America. *(See accompanying PDF for the table and footnotes.)*

The listing of specific gravity values is a fairly recent addition to the NDS. Specific gravity is closely correlated to truss plate, nail, screw and in general fastener strength. It is also going to be correlated to most lumber design properties. Fortunately for MSR lumber, MOE and specific gravity are correlated as well. This is particularly valuable when it comes to seismic design areas where diaphragm nailing can be a design limitation. Higher specific gravity values may be claimed when (a) specifically assigned by the rules writing agency or (b) when qualified by test, quality controlled for specific gravity and provided for on the grade stamp.

Finally there is definitely future potential to tie MOE to specific gravity to truss plate design values to improve the engineering and economic efficiency of trusses.

[Please let us know](#) the most frequently asked questions about MSR lumber that your customers ask you!