



Forest Products **Solutions**

2008 was a very busy and successful year for Forest Products Solutions. Between the FSC® Office and the *FSC Manufacturing & Sales Guide*, FPS paved the way for new clients and partnerships.



The FSC® Office To further the market development and education of green building professionals, Forest Products Solutions coordinated an FSC® Office display at Greenbuild Expo in Boston, MA from November 18-20, 2008. This display was a 20'x20' island booth space within the FSC-certified wood pavilion and products displayed included: engineered flooring from Anderson Hardwood Floors and Ecotimber; sub-floor plywood and framing materials from F.D. Sterritt Lumber Company; PureBond plywood from Columbia Forest Products; system office furniture from Baltix; a commercial door from VT Industries; countertops from Richlite; hardwood lumber from The Collins Companies; architectural ceiling and wall grills from 9Wood; a reception desk and cabinets from Young Furniture/Woodnet Market Council and FSC paper from Mohawk Fine Papers. Following the Greenbuild Expo, the FSC-certified products are being used and on display at the Jordan Institute, a green building resource in Concord, NH.



FSC Manufacturing & Sales Guide (MSG) While demand for FSC building materials and paper products is rising, FSC International has released a new set of standards that will govern how products are manufactured, labeled, and distributed. Forest Products Solutions has written a four-color, pocket-sized resource for companies interested in becoming FSC-certified; or if you are already an FSC certificate holder, trying to better understand how to comply with these new standards. Copies of this guide can be ordered through Forest Product Solutions' website.

Chain-of-Custody (COC) Auditing I completed ninety-four initial assessments/evaluations and audits for a wide variety of forest products companies interested in seeking FSC COC certification. These companies include lumber mills, printers, secondary manufacturers, distributors and many more.

Professional Consulting Services I worked with a number of private clients to provide them with research on how their company could implement the new standards; developing green building marketing tools; providing marketing and sales training; and writing Documented Control Systems (DCS) for companies interested in earning a FSC Chain-of-Custody (COC) certificate.

2008 Designing & Building with FSC Award I was selected to be on the 2009 Selection Committee. The committee was blessed with a number of excellent entries from commercial to residential projects. The winner in the end was GreenHammer Inc's single family home in Portland, OR, which has also applied for LEED for Homes Platinum. DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation, Inc. based in Minnetonka, MN, earned this year's "Residential Honorable Mention." To learn more go to www.fscus.org