The FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL US recognizes the best commercial and residential construction projects each year, based on innovative use of FSC-certified wood products. And in 2012, the jury decided to add a “Judges Choice” award, to recognize one particularly strong entry that was not a construction project.

Announced during a reception at Greenbuild, the award-winning projects demonstrate the benefits and practicality of using products from responsibly managed forests.

Winning projects are selected based on the following criteria:

- QUANTITY of FSC-certified products used
- INNOVATIVE use of FSC-certified products
- EXTENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN development resulting from the project

Collectively, these projects show that use of FSC-certified wood delivers benefits to the forest and the marketplace, and that wood from responsibly managed forests can meet all design and construction needs.

Following is a summary of the winning projects from 2012.
“The building itself is not only elegant but also warm and inviting – a difficult balance to pull off – and the use of wood is an essential part of that achievement.”

- 50,000 square-foot, six-story commercial building designed to last 250 years and targeting Living Building certification.
- First commercial building in the US to earn FSC Project Certification.
- 100% of wood used in the Bullitt Center is FSC certified.
- Tallest Type-4, heavy timber commercial building in Seattle built since the 1920s.
- FSC-certified glulams used as structural elements.
- Stacked 2x6s comprise the finished ceilings, shaping the building aesthetic and visible to visitors and people passing by.
- Wood chosen to help define a Pacific Northwest regional vernacular for architecture.
Hôtel et Geos
Spa Sacacomie

**DEVELOPER** Réal Migneault, RPM Développement Durable
**ARCHITECT** Robert Constantin Architect
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR** Les Constructions André Boulard

“This project beautifully reflects and integrates with its surroundings, creating a sustainable and wellness-focused space.”

- The first FSC Project Certification awarded in Canada, a pioneering achievement that aided wood material procurement and rallied the project team.
- Log structure made from regionally sourced white pine, built in a forested setting overlooking Sacacomie Lake.
- 84% of wood used was FSC certified.

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Big Rock Cottage – Douglas White

**ARCHITECT** Douglas White
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR** Carlson Construction Company

- 900 square-foot traditional vernacular West Indian cottage, a style which nearly became extinct after Hurricane Marilyn in 1995, using single skin wooden exterior, which is extremely resource efficient.
- Highest rating, 5-Star Tropical Green Building Certification, which requires all tropical hardwoods to be FSC certified.
- Design based on Island Green Building Association’s Residential Tropical Green Building Certification program.
- 100% of the cottage structure, studs, top & bottom plates, rafters, siding, roof decking is FSC certified.
- Regionally sourced, FSC-certified Manchiche, (lonchocarpus castillioi) is used for the structural frame and FSC-certified Santa Maria (callophyllum brasiliensis) is used for shiplap siding & roof decking.
- 100% of kitchen, bathroom, buffet and refrigerator cabinet facing is FSC-certified Manchiche lumber. Dining room table and mahogany bed are FSC certified.
- “Bush tested” woods by leaving them near termite nests for months, to ensure they were truly termite resistant.
- FSC-certified wood sourcing supported by Alicia Uhlig, Rainforest Alliance’s Smartwood program and FORESCOM.

“I love how local wood and vernacular architecture provide naturally climate-responsive design and built-in pest resistance.”
“I’m really impressed by the level of demand this commitment has created in the marketplace – and with the use of North American hardwoods rather than tropical timber.”

- FSC-certified wood tables manufactured for Cisco Systems, to be used with their Telepresence video conferencing systems worldwide.
- FSC Mix using FSC-certified hardwood lumber, particleboard and architectural veneer.
- Approximately $4 million of FSC-certified materials used by Woodtech to manufacture these tables in 2011.
- Woodtech has manufactured more than 8,000 of these tables for Cisco over the last five years.
- This is the first wood table integrating high-tech hardware, and the first that is FSC-certified.
- A veneer mill, distributor, hardwood lumber wholesale distributor and veneer panel manufacturer all became FSC Chain-of-Custody certified to supply materials into this product line.
- Western Panel Manufacturing provides veneer and National Wood Products supplies solid wood for the tables.

FSC encourages architects, builders, owners or anyone else who is building with FSC-certified wood to apply for the 2013 Design & Build with FSC Awards. To be eligible, the project must meet the following criteria:

- Completed during or after 2012
- At least 50% of the wood used (by cost) is FSC certified
- The project is located in the US or Canada

Commercial, institutional, mixed-use or residential projects are encouraged to apply. The deadline for application is September 20th, 2013.

Winners will be recognized at the 9th Annual Design & Build with FSC Awards Reception on November 20, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, directly across from the Pennsylvania Convention Center where Greenbuild will be held.

For more information visit us.fsc.org.