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**WoodSource Seminars to become the Southern Design Symposium
Name Change Reflects Diverse Educational Offerings**

MOUNT DORA, Fla., March 31, 2010 — Over the past 10 years, the Florida Wood Council has hosted continuing education seminars for architects and designers. These seminars—named the WoodSource Seminars after the Council’s magazine WoodSource—focused mainly on the use of wood building and accessory products and have annually drawn 200 to 300 construction industry professionals. This year, the seminars will continue but under a new name, “***The Southern Design Symposium.***”

“To plan for the following year’s seminars, a couple of days after the conclusion of our program we conduct an online survey of the attendees. The past two years, the survey respondents have urged us to broaden the scope of our presentations.” Explained Brad Wanzenberg the Florida Wood Council president. “The new name reflects the diverse educational presentations that we will offer during this year’s symposium as well as the region that most of our attendees come from.”

Held at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort Convention Center, the *Southern Design Symposium* will commence on September 22, 2010 with a free two-hour update on the Florida Building Code followed by a cocktail reception. With design professionals being able to obtain up to five hours of AIA and AIBD continuing education per day, the symposium will continue on September 23rd and the 24th. The \$25 per day cost to attend includes continuing education courses, breaks, lunch, a cocktail reception and admittance to the Gulf Atlantic Building Products Expo.

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