

# Government Affairs Update: Mass Timber x U.S. DOD

Megan Zavertnik

- **FY24 Goals**
- **FY24 Outcomes**
- **FY25 Goals**
- **Military Construction Budgets**
- **SLMA Call to Action**
- **Q&A**

# Goals for FY24

---

## FY 24 Requests

- Competition
  - Instilling more competitive procedures for MILCON projects before request for proposal (RFP) solicitation
- Education
  - Ensuring installation engineers maintain currency with all new developments with the Unified Facilities Criteria
- Research
  - Continuing progress made with FY23 research, development, test and evaluation (RDTE) funding increase

# FY24 Outcomes and Ongoing Implementation

---

## Increasing MILCON Competition

- FY24 NDAA Section 2808
- All materials included in Unified Facilities Criteria considered

## Pilot Program Expansion

- FY24 NDAA Section 2871
- Mass timber vs. low carbon concrete comparison
- Hampton Roads CDC, JBLM Barracks, Mountain Home CDC

## Continuing Education

- FY24 NDAA Section 2886
- Joint curriculum for MILCON project delivery teams

## Army Engineering Construction Bulletin 14

- Mass timber must be considered in MILCON projects FY27 onward
- “The industry and USACE continue to make progress in addressing barriers impeding mass timber use in buildings.”

## Contract Opportunities

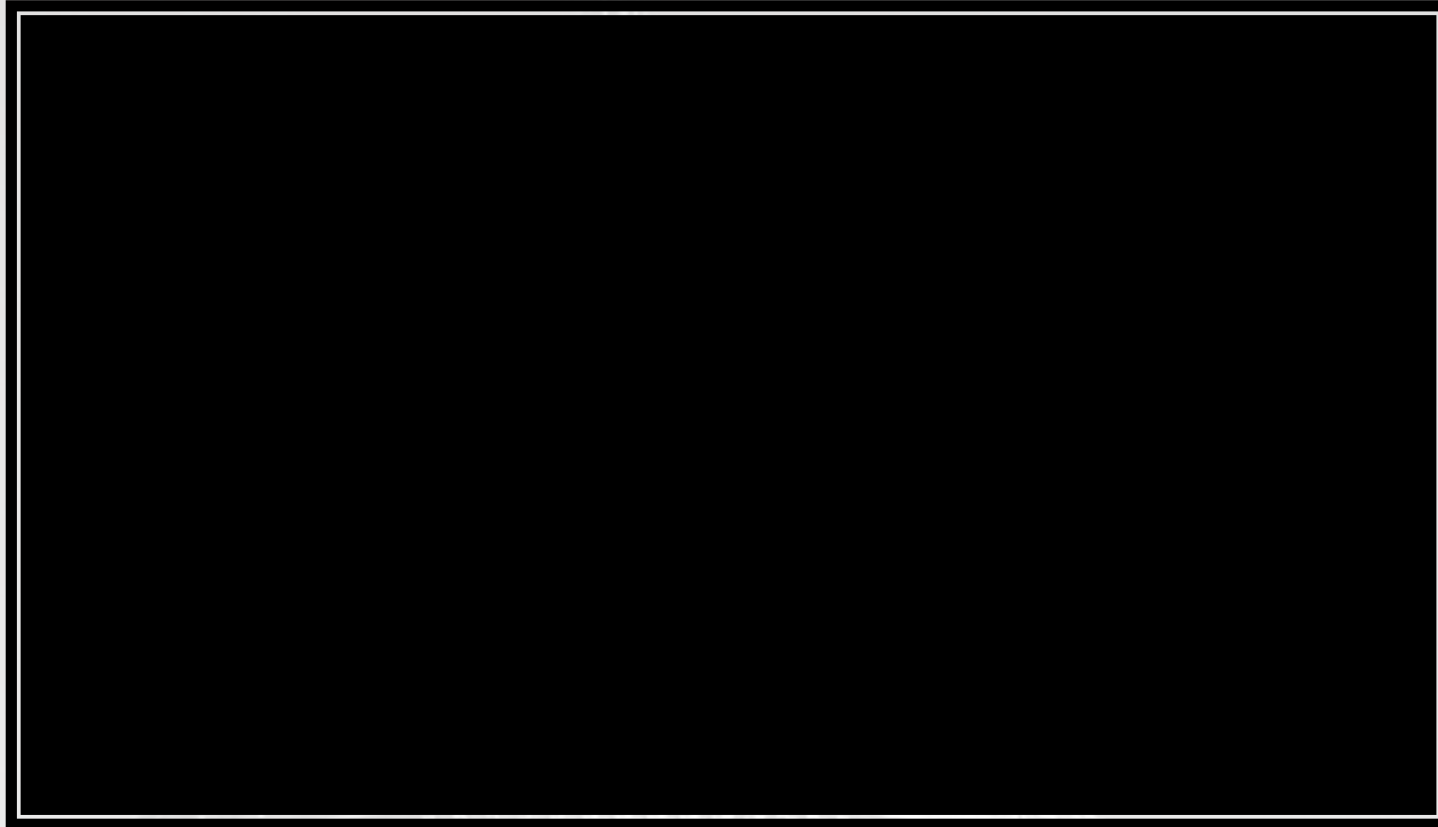
- Army RDTE
- Air Force
- Defense Innovation Unit

## Out-of-Cycle Opportunities

- Ebbing Air National Guard Base

# FY24 Outcomes and Ongoing Implementation

---



HASC Chairman Mike Rogers – AL 03

NDAA Floor Debates – July 2023

# FY25 Legislative Goals

---

**Policy:** Incentivize construction systems that enhance quality of life for building end users, highlighting biophilic benefits of mass timber construction

**Funding:** Continue research on Department of Defense-specific applications of mass timber construction with academic institutions, increasing awareness of and comfort with innovative construction systems

# FY25 Legislative Goals

---

## **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Sec. 28XX Quality of Life Preference in Military Construction

- A. Within one year of the date of Enactment of this Act, the Secretary of each military department shall establish a contracting preference for primary construction systems of a military construction project that have been proven to enhance quality of life for the end users of such project.
- B. The term “quality of life” shall be defined as increased reported satisfaction and decreased physiological stress response.

## **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

+\$12,000,000 for research on “Mass timber applications for the Department of Defense”

*Army RDTE, Line 038 Ground Advanced Technology*

Mississippi State, University of Washington current contracts

# Military Construction Appropriations

---

## **FY21 MILCON**

- \$8 Billion President's Budget Request
- \$8.5 Billion Enacted (excludes natural disaster relief for Hurricanes Florence and Michael)

## **FY22 MILCON**

- \$10 Billion President's Budget Request
- \$15 Billion Enacted

## **FY23 MILCON**

- \$12.2 Billion President's Budget Request
- \$19 Billion Enacted

## **FY24 MILCON**

- \$17 Billion President's Budget Request
- \$19 Billion Enacted



# SLMA Call to Action

---

## **Make it Parochial**

- Keep SLMA apprised of recent investments, employment numbers and local economic impact, and engagement you have with your delegations
- Contact your Members of Congress (House and Senate) about SLMA priorities
- Join Fly-In in September!

## **Signal Industry Interest to DOD:**

- Respond to Requests for Information (RFIs) and Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- Work within A&E networks to explain DOD-specific value of wood products

# Q&A

