

Quick Updates from Your HF Team

USDA Pushes Million\$ on Mass Timber

Ag Secretary Vilsack kicked off the Memorial Day weekend announcing \$32 million to support wood innovation grants, including hardwood projects, to promote affordable housing. The Biden Administration views mass timber as a solution to multiple goals including carbon capture, forest health to reduce wildfire risk, and focusing on rural and "underserved communities." To learn more about the grants, please click here.

Ohio Forestry Association Joins the Hardwood Federation

The Hardwood Federation is pleased to welcome the Ohio Forestry Association to our growing list of member associations. OFA members include a wide variety of forestry-related companies and businesses. Their engagement and participation will increase our capacity to reach and educate members of the Ohio Congressional delegation. Thank you to the OFA Board of Directors and Executive Director Jenna Reese for supporting Federation membership.

President Biden Outlines Plan to Fight Inflation

On the heels of the Memorial Day weekend, President Biden announced on Tuesday a plan to fight inflation, focusing on taxes and energy prices. He zeroed in on familiar themes by pointing out that "tax reform" would force companies and the most well-off Americans to "pay their fair share," therefore reducing the deficit. The President also called for adoption of clean energy tax credits to speed

up delivery of more energy options for consumers. HF will keep you posted on federal activity as inflation heats up debate in Washington leading up to the election.