

# PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

Strengthening and Diversifying  
Wisconsin's Forest Products Industry

Thursday, May 6, 2021 2-4 p.m.

## AGENDA

**2 p.m.**

### **Welcome**

Tom Hittle, Senior Vice President, Steigerwaldt Land Services and Chair,  
Wisconsin Council on Forestry

**2:05 p.m.**

### **Opening Remarks**

Mandela Barnes, Lieutenant Governor, State of Wisconsin

Ron Kind, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (3rd District, Wisconsin)

Sam Ridders, Deputy Secretary and COO,  
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

**2:20 p.m.**

### **Industry Perspectives**

Brian Brashaw, Assistant Director, U.S. Forest Service Cooperative Forestry -  
Wood Innovations and Forest Products Marketing Unit

Troy Brown, President, Kretz Lumber

**2:45 p.m.**

### **Small Group Listening Sessions**

Attendees will be randomly assigned to moderated small-group breakout sessions

**3:55 p.m.**

### **General Session Wrap-Up**

Input sessions and this initiative are organized by:



Regional and association partners