

The BLA Build Local Challenge



Do you design, create, or build with responsibly sourced local wood? We want to see it! Enter your project into the Build Local Challenge for a chance to put your work in the spotlight!

What is the Build Local Challenge?

The Build Local Challenge is a way for the Build Local Alliance (BLA) to recognize the work of people, companies, and groups that use locally and responsibly sourced forest products. The BLA is passionate about supporting sustainable forestry and a healthy economy. Help us show how it's done – enter your project today!

The Basics

Anyone who uses locally sourced, responsibly grown wood can enter the challenge:

- Woodworkers
- Designers and architects
- Contractors (residential and commercial)
- Wood Products Manufacturers
- Home/building owners
- Developers

Projects can be entered in one of two categories:

1. Craft
2. Structures/Buildings

Projects must also:

- Have been completed within a two hour drive of Portland, Oregon
- Have been initiated no earlier than October 2014, and be completed by September 30, 2016

Judging Criteria

Projects entered into the Build Local Challenge will be evaluated on the following criteria and general guidelines. If your project does not strictly fall under the guidelines given below, you are encouraged to describe how your own interpretation fulfills the spirit of the criteria.

1. Use of locally sourced wood: 100% of the wood used is grown from within the Portland BLA chapter geography area (see map). The more local to your project, the better!
2. Use of responsibly sourced wood: Wood that is FSC certified or better, and/or salvaged or reused.
3. Creating partnerships along the value chain: Demonstrates value for business members of the local, responsibly sourced economy such as forest owners, millwrights, retailers, distributors, designers, architects, and/or builders. Tell us the story from stump to finished project.
4. Creative expression and innovation: For example, upcycling waste wood, incorporating a compelling story, utilizing a challenging tree species, etc.
5. You tell us! What else should we know about your project? What are other ways that your project supports thriving local economies and the mission of the Build Local Alliance?

I'm in! How do I enter the Challenge?

- Applications are due **September 30th 2016**.
- All submitted projects will be celebrated at the BLA Fall Event on **October 26th 2016**, with special recognition for the selected Challenge winners.

Judging and Awards

One winner from each category will be selected by an independent panel of green building professionals. Awards will include project publicity, recognition, and a special prize!

Take the Challenge!

For questions and to submit the full application, email Meagan Nuss: meagan@wisewood.us.

The BLA Build Local Challenge Full Application



Thank you for your interest in the Build Local Challenge! To submit a full application, please answer the questions listed below using no more than 250 words per question. In addition, please submit a maximum of 10 pictures that highlight your project. To download an electronic copy of this application and for more information, visit the Build Local Alliance website: www.buildlocalalliance.org

All completed applications must be received by **September 30 2016**.

To email application materials, please send to: Meagan Nuss, meagan@wisewood.us

To mail application materials, please send to:
Sustainable Northwest Wood
Re: BLA Challenge
2701 SE 14th Ave
Portland OR 97202

General Information

Name:

Email:

Company/Organization:

Telephone:

Address:

Challenge Category (select one)

1. Craft
2. Structure

Project Description

Please provide a brief overall description of your project. What is it? What is it made out of? When was it made/built?

Challenge Criteria

Please describe how your project fulfills each of the following Build Local Challenge criteria.

1. Use of locally sourced wood (100% sourced within the Portland BLA chapter geography area, the more local the better):
2. Use of responsibly sourced wood (Wood that is FSC certified or better, and/or salvaged or reused):
3. Creates partnerships along the value chain (Demonstrates value for business members of the local, responsibly sourced economy such as forest owners, millwrights, retailers, distributors, designers, architects, and/or builders. Tell us the story from stump to finished project.):
4. Creative expression and innovation (For example, upcycling waste wood, incorporating a compelling story, utilizing a challenging tree species, etc):
5. You tell us (What else should we know about your project? What are other ways that your project supports thriving local economies and the mission of the Build Local Alliance?):

- Check this box to grant the Build Local Alliance permission to use your name and images in Build Local Alliance and Build Local Challenge publicity.

Portland BLA Chapter Geography Area

What defines “local”? It can have many meanings to different people! The Portland Build Local Alliance Chapter defines local as anything within the area highlighted in the map below. However, we know there are compelling reasons and cases in which this boundary ought to be expanded. If your project doesn’t fall within the below geography, but it does support sustainable forestry and local economies, pitch your idea to us! Ultimately the Build Local Challenge is about encouraging and recognizing the use of locally and responsibly sourced forest products. If that’s you, we want to hear from you!

