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**Subject:** Very Important Lumber Design Value Notice Responding to SPIB

On July 28, the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB) published a notice essentially calling into question the veracity of the design values of grade-marked lumber that the truss industry has justifiably relied upon to provide engineered designs for trusses and wall panels for the last 50 years. While SBCA through SBCRI has intimate knowledge about the lumber design value issues, we also have confidence through the truss, floor, and roof system testing we have performed that lower than the design values/strength properties assigned to such visual grades does not adversely impact the overall full scale performance of truss, roof and floor systems installed and braced in accordance with SBCA industry guidelines. We are obviously very concerned that SPIB would suggest that our industry cannot rely upon the lumber design values that ALSC has stated to us in no uncertain terms that we can. SBCA will be taking all actions needed and will be working very hard to ensure that current and future use of structural lumber will have accurate and reliable design values provided by our lumber suppliers so that our industry can provide even more of the creative architectural and value engineered applications our country has grown to depend upon.

Please contact Peggy Meskan with any comments, questions or concerns at 608/239-2608 or email her at [pmeskan@sbcindustry.com](mailto:pmeskan@sbcindustry.com). We will be more than happy to set up a SBC Connection meeting to address all the issues before us should we find there is enough interest in doing so. Thank you so much in advance for any thoughts you provide us and for your support of SBCA's effort here and overall!

Best regards,

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