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### **ASABE to Revise Standard on Mechanically Laminated Columns**

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has initiated a project to revise ANSI/ASAE EP559, Design Requirements and Bending Properties for Mechanically Laminated Columns. This standard, used by structural design engineers, will be updated to reflect latest reference versions, current practices used for wood preservation, fastener substrates and coatings, laminate strength and stiffness, both allowable stress design (ASD) and load and resistance factor (LRFD) design formats, lateral torsional buckling, and terminology and symbol consistency with other ASABE standards.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 225 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at ASABE, 269-429-0300, [cedarq@asabe.org](mailto:cedarq@asabe.org). A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at <http://www.asabe.org/standards/proposed.html>.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members from more than 100 countries. For further information about the Society, or for an electronic copy of this news release, contact Dolores Landeck at ASABE, 269-428-6339, [landeck@asabe.org](mailto:landeck@asabe.org).