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**Forest Products Society and TAPPI Form Partnership to Bolster Society's Operations  
*Action Expands Opportunities for Future Growth and Membership Development***

**MADISON, WI, July 3, 2013** – The Forest Products Society (FPS), the global network for forest products professionals, has contracted with [TAPPI](#), a professional organization dedicated to the pulp and paper industries, to provide management services for the Society's operations.

The partnership, originally announced at the FPS 67th International Convention on June 9, 2013 in Austin, Texas, is intended to further advance the Society's new strategic direction and leverage TAPPI's capabilities and industry expertise to bolster the Society's operations and leadership in the industry.

"We're very excited about the benefits of this partnership," said Stefan A. Bergmann, FPS Executive Vice President. "In addition to administrative support that will greatly enhance the services we provide to our FPS members, TAPPI can help FPS expand and promote our brand and services to a wider geographic area."

TAPPI is the leading association for the worldwide pulp, paper, packaging and converting industries, providing management training and networking to industry leaders. TAPPI will allow FPS to tap into its wide range of services and capabilities, which include publication services, marketing, event management, and program development.

"We look forward to working with FPS to support the important services they provide to our industry," said Larry N. Montague, TAPPI President and CEO. "The synergy created by working together will expand the services provided by FPS and also increase its outreach to industry members."

Founded in 1947, the vision of FPS is to be the international leader for advancing the sustainable use of renewable cellulosic resources through science and technology. The international not-for-profit technical association convenes technical conferences, produces several journals including the peer reviewed *Forest Products Journal* and publishes books. Society members represent a broad range of professional interests including private and public research and development, industrial management and production, marketing, education, government, engineering and consulting.



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As part of the partnership, FPS will remain an independent association with its own bylaws, organizational structure, board of directors and officers, and member dues. FPS will continue to be headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Visit [www.forestprod.org](http://www.forestprod.org).

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