

Forest & Timber Products RSA Hosts Fall Conference

On October 17, 2007, the Forest and Timber Products Michigan Regional Skills Alliance held the Michigan Forest and Timber Industries: Our Challenges and Opportunities Conference in Lansing, MI. The conference brought together representatives from the forest and timber product industry, educators, government and elected officials to discuss the challenges and opportunities for forest and timber related businesses.

The conference featured speakers covering a broad range of topics, including: bio-fuel pro's and con's, alignment of education to meet the needs of the industry, economic development in Michigan, creating partnerships to strengthen the industry, and discussions concerning the supply and availability of timber and pulp. The conference included a workgroup session where participants addressed critical questions concerning the industry, such as: "What is the shape and condition of the forest and timber industry in Michigan?"; "How do we assure the competitiveness of the industry?"; and "How do we position the industry to take advantage of opportunities?"

The event concluded with a legislative reception attended by legislators, legislative aides and other critical partners.

