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## **Hernandez Joins TECO**

Sun Prairie, WI — TECO is pleased to announce that Roland Hernandez has joined the company as a *Senior Engineer* on the corporate technical and business development staff. Hernandez had been with the USDA Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) for the past 17+ years. When introducing Hernandez to TECO's staff, Chairman and CEO Steve Winistorfer emphasized “the wealth of education and experience that Roland brings to TECO, with very specific skills and capabilities that will help us expand into new and exciting areas.”

Hernandez, a native of San Antonio, TX, holds BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University, with specializations in structural engineering. Upon graduating from Texas A&M, he joined FPL as a Research Engineer, where his areas of research included glulam, finger-jointed lumber, and other engineered wood products and structures. In addition to the 40+ articles and reports he authored during his FPL tenure, Hernandez is the author or co-author of glulam and panel products chapters in several wood-related books, including the USDA *Wood Handbook*, Marks' *Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, the PFS Research Foundation Guide: *Engineered Wood Products*, and the Springer publication textbook on *Primary Wood Processing*. While working at the FPL, he completed all of his coursework in the Civil/Structural Engineering Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hernandez currently serves as Chair of the Wood Products Standards Subcommittee of the Forest Products Working Group for the North American Forest Commission, where he has led projects involving international forest product activities in Mexico and Brazil; he will continue in this role with TECO. He has served on technical committees relating to engineered wood product standards throughout his career with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the American Institute of Timber Construction (AITC), and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE).

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Based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, TECO offers certification and testing services for a wide variety of engineered wood products, including OSB, plywood, LVL, wooden I-joists, glu-lam, as well as agri-fiber panels, decks and guardrail systems, and structural adhesives. Founded in 1933, the company is recognized to certify products for use in the U.S., Canada, and Japan, and operates testing laboratories in Oregon and Louisiana.

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