

Engineering Review Committee Update

BRACING FOCUS GROUP PLANNED: A concern expressed by some truss installers is that full compliance with current industry temporary bracing guidelines (HIB-91) is too costly and unnecessary. In an effort to address these opinions, WTCA is assisting TPI in convening a group of truss erection contractors with experience in safely handling and installing wood trusses in a wide range of applications and climactic conditions. The goal is to obtain

additional field information that will enable the continued development of installation documents that are practical and easy to follow, while maintaining sound and safe guidelines for handling, installing and temporarily bracing metal plate connected wood trusses in most applications.

The focus group will meet in early March of 1998 and will be moderated by an unbiased facilitator. Open and honest discussion of experiences, concerns and suggestions regarding temporary bracing will be encouraged. Should you know of a contractor that has experience in this area and would like to participate in our focus group effort please contact either WTCA at 608/274-4849 or TPI at 608/833-5900.