

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Wisconsin Wood Fiber Supply Chain Costs**

The cost of delivered wood fiber is a component of the sustainability of Wisconsin's timber industry and one of the topics to be addressed by the Wisconsin Forest Practices Study. This specific analysis will focus on documentation of the costs of each link in the wood fiber supply chain and a comparison of these costs to three other U.S. regions. Included will be an assessment as to why the various component costs may differ as compared to other regions with considerations for Wisconsin's ability to compete in the U.S. timber industry relative to fiber supply costs. The analysis will also include an overview of the current timber marketing system for eastern Canada for a perspective comparison to the U.S. and Wisconsin timber markets. The foundational data to support the fiber cost analysis will be derived from compiled transactional delivered load cost data including cost components from the stump to the mill. Work on this effort will be completed by a team of experts from Forest2Market Inc., located in Charlotte, North Carolina and led by Peter Coutu, North America Sales Director, and Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., located in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and led by Forrest Gibeault, Analysis and Investments Operations Director.