



## News From MTI

Hello Mass Timber Colleagues!

### Feature: Idaho Central Credit Union Arena

The Central Credit Union Arena at the University of Idaho is a model for the use of timber in long-span sports facilities across North America. The 4,200-seat arena is the new home for the Vandal's varsity basketball teams and a gathering place for a variety of school and community events.

With the freeform timber structure erected on site, the arena is nearing final stages of construction and will be open to the public this summer. Collaborating with Opsi Architecture, Hastings + Chivetta Architects, KPFF, and Hoffman Construction, StructureCraft acted as structural engineer and builder for the free-form timber roof structure to help bring the signature arena to life. Of note is the 120' span portal frame which acts as the supporting structure between the main and practice arenas. This was erected in 3 large pre-assembled pieces weighing over 50,000 lbs.



Image Credit: University of Idaho Creative Services.

## News from the Institute



### 1. TimberCon

Save the date for the Architect's Newspaper mass timber [conference](#), co-chaired by the Mass Timber Institute on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>! Tune in for a great lineup of speakers, panels, and roundtables. [Register using this link to receive a 20% discount.](#)

## Updates from our Partners

- Looking for more mass timber events? The International Mass Timber Conference has gone virtual this year and will run from March 30-April 1. [For more information check out the conference webpage.](#)
- Congratulations to the Ontario Forest Industries Association on hosting their 78th annual conference! The Ontario Wood *WORKS!* program presented the Ontario Wood Design Award to [six winning projects](#).

That's all for now -- thanks for reading!



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