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SmartLam North America is proud to announce that the first building in the United States to be recognized using USDA Bio-Preferred cross-laminated timber. We will be providing this CLT for a US Forest Service office in Kamiah, Idaho. We are also pleased to use this moment to acknowledge our acceptance into the USDA's important Bio-Preferred Products program.

What is a Bio-Preferred product? The goal of the Bio-Preferred Program is to increase the purchase and use of biobased products in the United States. If you want to learn all the specifics about the Bio-Preferred program, [click here](#).

What does this mean? This program creates a mandatory purchasing requirement for federal agencies and their contractors. SmartLam Cross-Laminated Timber is an approved Bio-Preferred product through the APA – The Engineered Wood Association as well as the USDA. We look forward to the impact this mandatory federal purchasing provision can have on the increased use of sustainable building materials.

And here's the catch – not all Cross-Laminated Timber in the United States market is certified Bio-Preferred. However, all SmartLam North America CLT is. Working with SmartLam guarantees you are using a product that has been federally recognized.

What if your business is not a federal contractor or agency? While only federal agencies are required to comply with the Bio-Preferred program and its mandatory purchasing provisions, it is an excellent point of difference in any building to be able to say that the entire project was constructed with Bio-Preferred CLT.

If you are a federal agency, federal contractor or an interested party and you are considering the use of CLT, please contact us at sales@smartlam.com.