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**NEW SHINGLE PANEL HITS SIDING MARKET**

HUMPTULIPS, WA: Jim Carlson, President of Premier Forest Products, Inc. announced today the development and production of the Premier Panel™ (Patent Pending). The Premier Panel™ is a major breakthrough in shingle panel design and technology. The Premier Panel™ features an advanced two-ply “Cedar on Cedar” shingle panel design.

Premier Forest Products, Inc. will unveil the Premier Panel™ tomorrow at the 2005 NAWLA Traders Market held October 21st and 22nd in Chicago, Illinois.

The Premier Panel™ includes real, full natural cedar key-ways and features premium kiln dried, rebuted and rejointed 100% Vertical Grain, 100% Clear, 100% Heartwood “A” face Western Red Cedar shingles on a real Western Red Cedar backer-board.

“I have been in the wood products industry for nearly 35 years and the Premier Panel™ features the best shingle panel design on the market,” said Mike Herbert, Sales Manager for Premier Forest Products, Inc. “The sales team is very excited to hit the road.”

The Premier Panel™ also features factory installed Moisture Guard™ furring strips that vent and drain trapped moisture, provide a thermal break, accommodate air flow and regulate pressure within the wall system. Premier’s Moisture Guard™ furring strips provide ventilation between the backer-board and wall sheathing; creating a reliable, cost effective solution for producing a “breathable” high end siding system.

Other notable features include over-lapping vertical end joints and a proprietary horizontal Premier Joint™ with a “snap lock” feature; developed to provide weather tight connections where the panels join together. The Premier Panel™ is also designed to eliminate face nailing and exposed fasteners; coupled with the “snap lock” feature, the Premier Panel™ is the ultimate solution for a total blind nail system.

“The Premier Panel™ is the Real Deal and I am very fortunate to have a team with nearly 200 years of industry experience participate in the development of a revolutionary production process to manufacture this product,” said Jim Carlson. We have been manufacturing Western Red Cedar products for over 35 years and this is the most exciting product our company has manufactured to date.”

For more information on the Premier Panel™ and show schedule visit: [www.PremierForestProducts.com](http://www.PremierForestProducts.com)

(The Premier Panel™ -- Patent Pending)