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## **Course Description**

Diaphragms play a vital role in a building's lateral load path. Whether that lateral load is from seismic or wind, the diaphragm is responsible for distributing that lateral load to the shear walls. This session provides guidance on the proper design of engineered wood diaphragm and subdiaphragm systems. Participants will learn best practices as they are guided through a simple design example.

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### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Understand the importance of the diaphragm in the overall load path of a wood building.
- 2. Identify the proper sheathing and nailing patterns for a wood diaphragm.
- 3. Discuss how design choices affect the overall diaphragm deflection.
- 4. Distinguish the benefits and drawbacks of using a subdiaphragm.

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# Lateral Load Path Wood Shear Wall and Diaphragms Design Shear Values • Function of fastener size and spacing, panel thickness and the specific gravity of the framing materials • Values in tables in ANSI/AWC SDPWS-21 • Alternately, capacities can be calculated by principles of mechanics

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Lateral Load Path

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#### Shear Wall and Diaphragm Tables

Tables removed from Ch 23 except for staples

 ANSI/AWC SDPWS-21 lists nominal values – require adjusting for ASD or LRFD

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