In developing and deploying the Wood-to-Energy Joint Venture I with the USDA Forest Service, there was a range of support work both in terms of due diligence for potential investments and project management and support that was not allocated to an individual project within the venture.

Urban Advisors aided in due diligence reviews of several firms that were ultimately not selected for investment. Additionally, West 65 provided support to the project review team and aided in the early waves of reports to the USDA Forest Service.

Additionally, in an effort to loop the state forestry agencies more closely in the work, West 65 completed a trial series of “Issues in the Forest” papers about wood-to-energy topics. These were produced as joint products with the National Association of State Foresters. Three papers were issued in the series before it was discontinued:

Wood Pellets: Becoming a Primary Product

Torrefaction: A Woody Biomass Companion to Coal

Biochar: Turning Wood to Gold