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project OVERVIEW

PROJECT LOCATION AND SIZE

Richmond Virginia, Monroe Park Campus

OCCUPANCY AND FUNCTION

New expansion for the schools of Business and Engineering

SIZE

243,717 GSF; 99,761 SOE, 112,680 SOB, 31,276 Common

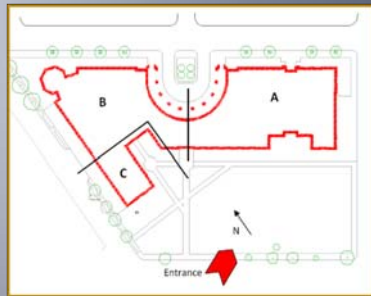
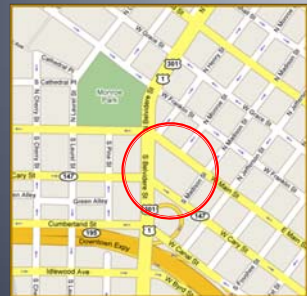
SCHEDULE

January 16, 2006 – November 28, 2007

CONTRACT SIZE

\$65 MM

project SITE



project OVERVIEW

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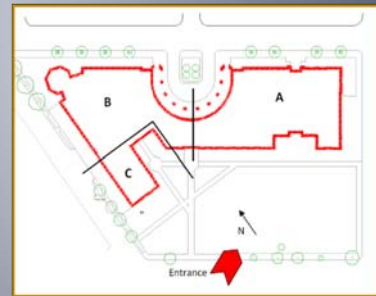
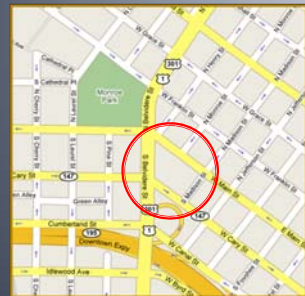


OWNER
The Virginia Commonwealth University

ARCHITECT
Moseley Architects

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
Gilbane Building Company

project SITE



project OVERVIEW

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project FEATURES

2-Full Height Atriums

Research Laboratories

Cafés and Lounge Areas

Faculty Offices and Classrooms

Auditoriums and Lecture Halls

Specialized Team-Building Classrooms



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analysis ONE

structural redesign of SECTOR C

FUNCTION

Laboratories and
Faculty Offices

PROPOSAL

Change the Structural System to Steel

AS-BUILT STRUCTURE

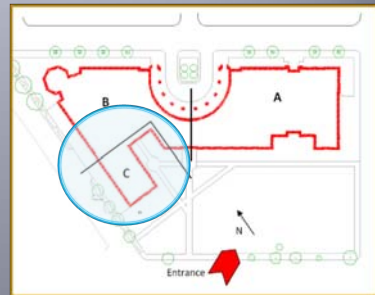
Concrete

GOALS

Improve Constructability
Schedule Compression
Cost Savings

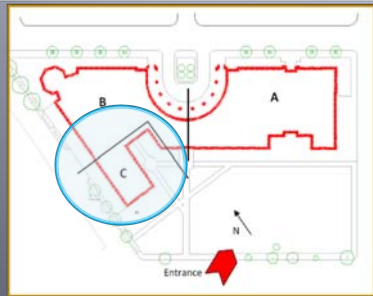
structural ANALYSIS

REDESIGN OF SECTOR C



structural ANALYSIS

REDESIGN OF SECTOR C



analysis ONE

re-design METHODOLOGY

- Review as-built structure
 - Bay Sizes
 - Column Locations
 - Square Footages and Floor to Floor Heights
- Input Grid Into RAM STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 - Lateral Frames – No Bracing
 - Vulcraft Decking – 4-inch, 4,000 psi NW Concrete
- Input Design Loads

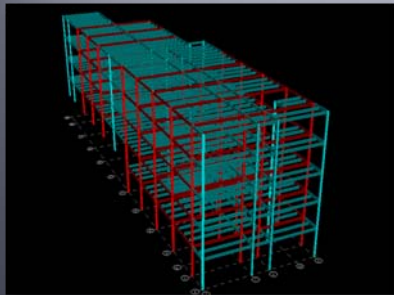
structural ANALYSIS

REDESIGN OF SECTOR C

OCCUPANCY	DESIGN LOAD
Roof	20 PSF
Offices	50 PSF + 20 PSF Partitions
Corridors	100 PSF
Research Laboratories – First Floor	125 PSF
Research Laboratories – Above First Floor	100 PSF

structural ANALYSIS

PERSPECTIVE OF THE STEEL REDESIGN AND A TYPICAL BAY



TYPICAL BAY 21' x 24'

re-design RESULTS

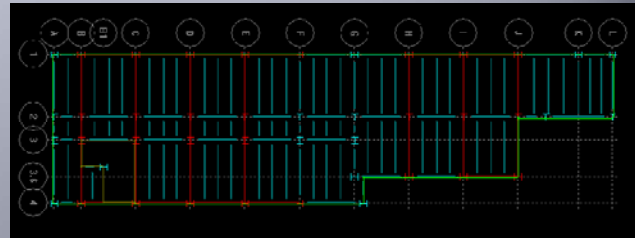
cost COMPARISON

COST COMPARISON SUMMARY OF SECTOR C			
STEEL		CONCRETE	
Beams & Girders	\$341,151.67	Beams & Girders	\$778,461.91
Columns	\$252,897.98	Columns	\$404,606.99
Fire Protection	\$90,000.00	Joists	\$406,531.90
Fabrication	\$456,000.00		
TOTAL	\$1,140,048.65	TOTAL	\$1,589,600.80

Savings: \$449,552

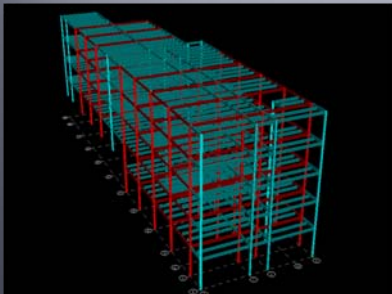
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PLAN VIEW OF STEEL REDESIGN TYPICAL FOR FLOORS 2-ROOF



structural ANALYSIS

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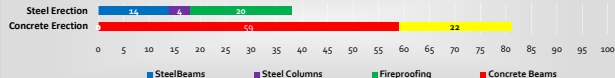
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schedule COMPARISON

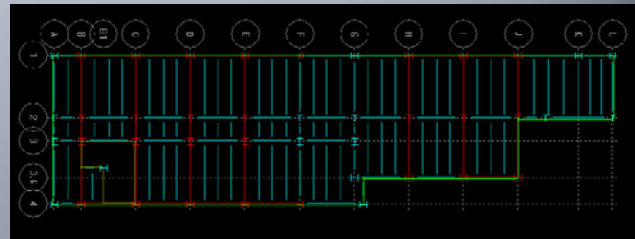
TYPE OF STRUCTURE	QUANTITY	DAILY OUTPUT/CREW	CREW NO.	TOTAL DURATION
STEEL				
Beams	12424 L.F.	900 L.F.	E-2	14
Columns	3886 L.F.	1032 L.F.	E-2	4
CONCRETE				
Beams	1090.37 C.Y.	18.55 C.Y.	C-14A	59
Columns	374.63 C.Y.	17.71 C.Y.	C-14A	22

Structural Schedule Comparison of Sector C



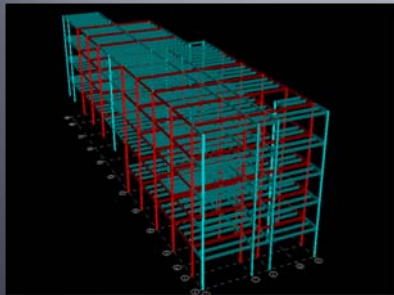
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constructability REVIEW

CRANE SIZE

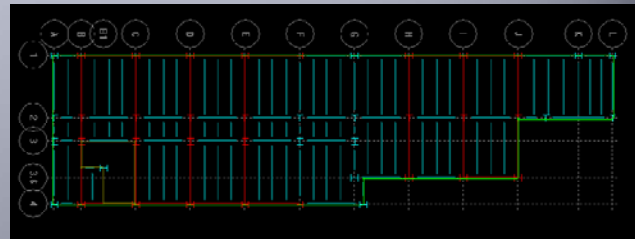
No larger members when compared to sectors A and B
Re-use cranes from erection of sectors A and B

PLENUM SPACE

Concrete beams are larger than the steel beams - 24" vs. 18"
Smoother coordination between MEP trades

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analysis TWO

solar array addition to SECTOR C

BACKGROUND

Green Construction within Universities
Not LEED® certified
No Green Policy

PROPOSAL

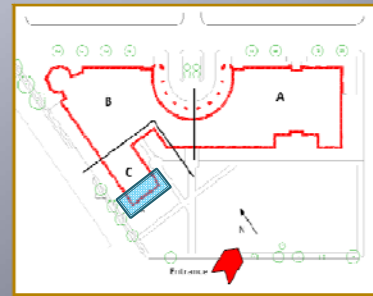
Add a solar array to south facing roof screen

GOALS

Aesthetic Movement
Investment vs. Cost Offset
Value Engineering Review

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SOLAR ARRAY ADDITION TO SECTOR C



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PRODUCT SELCTION



SX 3195
195 watt photovoltaic module

MODULE CHARACTERISTICS	
Maximum Power	190W
Voltage at Maximum Power	24.3V
Open-Circuit Voltage	30.6V
Current at Maximum Power	7.82A
Solar Cells	50
Maximum System Voltage	600V
Dimensions	
Length	66.0"
Width	33.0"
Depth	2.00"
Weight	33.95 lbs.



Sunny Boy™3800U

analysis TWO

design METHODOLOGY

MECHANICAL ROOF SCREEN (southern pitch)

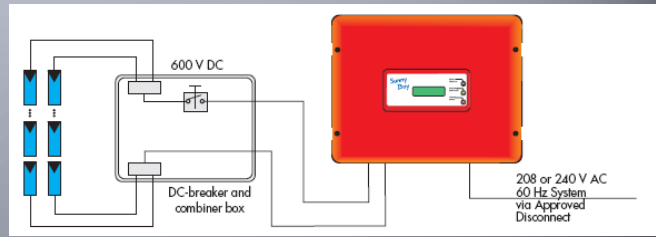
- 39.5° Tilt
- 57' by 27.5'
- 100 Panel Array
- 5 Rows of 20 Panels
- 19 kW array

GRID CONNECTION

- 20 Panels connected in series (maximum 600V by NEC)
- 5 – 3800 Watt Inverters (one inverter per row of panels)

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SIMPLIFIED WIRING DIAGRAM



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PANEL BOARD LOADING

PANEL P2N4A3										RATING: 208/120V, 3φ, 4W										225 AMP									
LOAD DESCRIPTION		WIRE & CONDUIT		KW LOAD		CB/ Phase		CIRC. NO.		φ		LOAD DESCRIPTION		WIRE & CONDUIT		KW LOAD		CB/ Phase		CIRC. NO.		φ							
INVERTER 1	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	1	A	2	20/1			INVERTER 1	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	1	A	2	20/1								
INVERTER 2	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	3	B	4	20/1			INVERTER 2	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	3	B	4	20/1								
INVERTER 3	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	5	C	6	20/1			INVERTER 3	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	5	C	6	20/1								
INVERTER 4	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	7	A	8	20/1			INVERTER 4	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	7	A	8	20/1								
INVERTER 5	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	9	B	10	20/1			INVERTER 5	2#12AWG + 1#12AWG	1.9			20/2	9	B	10	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	11	C	12	20/1			SPARE					20/1	11	C	12	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	13	A	14	20/1			SPARE					20/1	13	A	14	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	15	B	16	20/1			SPARE					20/1	15	B	16	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	17	C	18	20/1			SPARE					20/1	17	C	18	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	19	A	20	20/1			SPARE					20/1	19	A	20	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	21	B	22	20/1			SPARE					20/1	21	B	22	20/1								
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SPARE					20/1	33	B	34	20/1			SPARE					20/1	33	B	34	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	35	C	36	20/1			SPARE					20/1	35	C	36	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	37	A	38	20/1			SPARE					20/1	37	A	38	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	39	B	40	20/1			SPARE					20/1	39	B	40	20/1								
SPARE					20/1	41	C	42	20/1			SPARE					20/1	41	C	42	20/1								
TOTALS		7.6	0.7	0.7								TOTALS		7.6	0.7	0.7													

design RESULTSTS

electrical IMPACT

INVERTER DATA AND DEMANDS

Single Phase

Each inverter requires 2 "spare" locations
Need a panel board with 10 "spares"

PANEL BOARD LOCATION

Electrical Room on 4th Floor

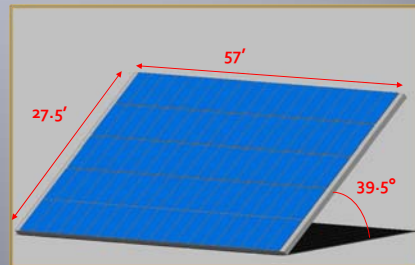
Panel Board P2N3A4 – Close to the Array

PANEL BOARD LOADINGS

3.8 kW = (2) 1.9 kW Loading on Panel Board per Inverter

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CONCEPTUAL VIEW OF ARRAY



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INTERPOLATED SOLAR DATA FOR RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

ANGLED SURFACE DATA (kWh/m ² day) FOR RICHMOND, VA													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
\$	3.29	3.9	4.57	5.05	5.21	5.40	4.85	5.10	4.74	4.30	3.54	3.02	4.47

- A power of 190 W (maximum power)
- A voltage of 30.6 V (open-circuit voltage)
- The corresponding days/month
- An average price of \$0.09/kWh
- 1.4 lbs of CO₂/kWh

design RESULTS

estimated SAVINGS

SOUTHERN PITCH SAVINGS PER YEAR		
MO.	SAVINGS (\$)	SAVINGS (LBS OF CO ₂)
JAN	\$190.31	2960.31
FEB	\$186.73	2904.72
MAR	\$242.26	3768.42
APR	\$259.07	4029.90
MAY	\$276.18	4296.17
JUN	\$277.02	4309.20
JUL	\$257.10	3999.31
AUG	\$270.35	4205.46
SEPT	\$243.16	3782.52
OCT	\$227.94	3545.78
NOV	\$181.60	2824.92
DEC	\$160.09	2490.29
AVG	\$230.98	3593.08
TOT	\$2771.81	43,117lbs

ELECTRIC SAVINGS
\$2770 PER YEAR

SAVINGS OF CO₂ EMISSIONS
43,117 LBS PER YEAR

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MATERIALS SAVINGS

ESTIMATED MATERIALS SAVINGS	Total SF	Material Cost per SF	Total Material Cost	Installation Cost per SF	Total Installation Cost	TOTAL SAVINGS
Pre-Formed Metal Roofing	1567.5	\$2.86	\$4,483.05	\$1.88	\$2,946.9	\$7,429.95
Formed Metal Roofing	1567.5	\$14.35	\$22,493.62	\$4.71	\$7,382.93	\$29,876.55
Treated Wood Blocking						\$1000.00
TOTAL MATERIAL SAVINGS						\$38,306.5

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design RESULTS

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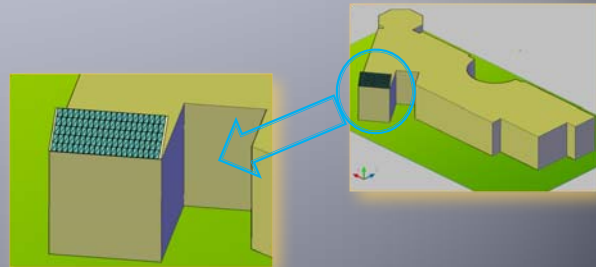
CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW

Panel Weights – Lightweight Design
Fixed-Mounted – Cheaper Alternative
Panels are Wired for Connection
Low Maintenance
Utility Interconnection Requirements
Roof Penetrations

estimated INVESTMENT

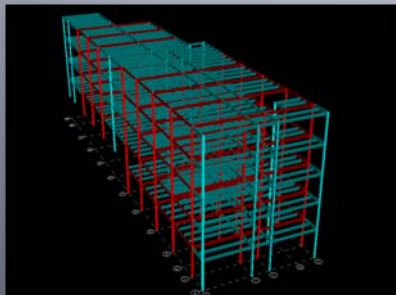
INVESTMENT			
ITEM	QTY.	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
Solar Panels	100 – 190W	\$6.00/W	\$114,000
Inverters	5 – 3800U	\$2,500.00 ea.	\$12,500
Savings			-38,306
TOTAL			\$88,194

CONCEPTUAL VIEW OF ARRAY ON THE BUILDING



structural ANALYSIS

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



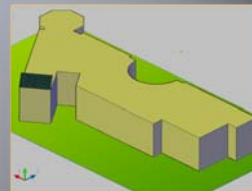
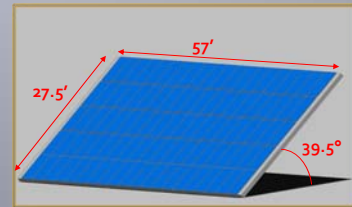
technical ANALYSES

conclusions RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ **Structural Redesign**
Allows Substantial Completion to be Met Over 2 Months Earlier
Estimated Savings of \$450,000
- ✓ **Solar Array Addition**
Trivial Initial Investment
Estimated Savings of \$2,700 per Year on Electricity
Value Engineering Design – Price of Electricity Will Increase

electrical ANALYSIS

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

No Single Applicable
Technique – Project
Specific

Prefabrication impacts:
Management
Project Execution

PREFABRICATION DEMANDS

Clearly Defined Scope of
Work
Early Decision Making and
Proper Planning
Increase in Design Detail

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LACK OF AWARENESS

Understand Risks and Benefits
Early Decision Making is Crucial

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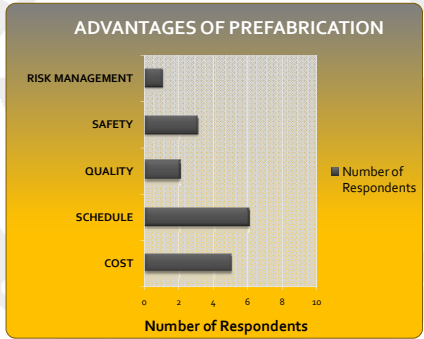
INCENTIVES OF PREFABRICATION

- Lower Costs (overhead, labor, equipment)
- Risk Management
- Schedule
- Quality
- Safety

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PREFABRICATION



The schedule becomes much more predictable and, from that, the planning makes the management easier.

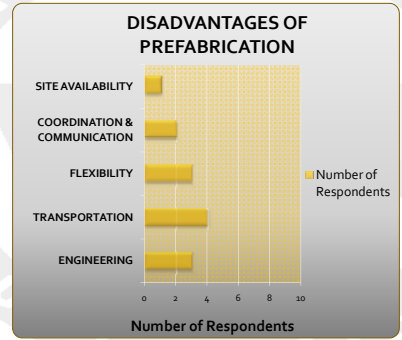
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DISINCENTIVES OF PREFABRICATION

Engineering
Transportation
Reduced Design Flexibility
Coordination and Communication
Site Availability

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PREFABRICATION

Transportation is a major logistical concern as to what you can actually put on the road.

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PREFABRICATION

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INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

**Establish Important Drivers
Early Decision Making
Explore Options of Prefabrication**

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PREFABRICATION

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PREFABRICATION AT VCU



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IMPLEMENTATION OF PREFABRICATION

The Mechanical Roof Screen

Safety Concerns

Time Consuming

Maneuverability Around Mechanical Equipment

Damage to the Finished Roof

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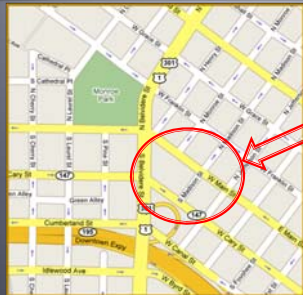
A FRAME-WORK FOR DECISION MAKING
Effectively Applying the Drivers

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PARKING LOT
NEXT TO SITE

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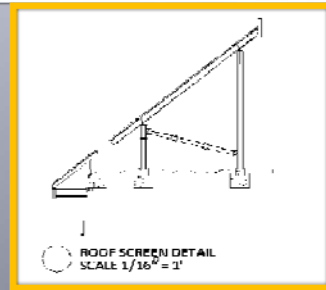
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GATHERING OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Typical Panel Size: 21' x 27.5"
Typical Panel Weight: 3500 lbs
Total Number of Panels: 65
On - Site Assembly

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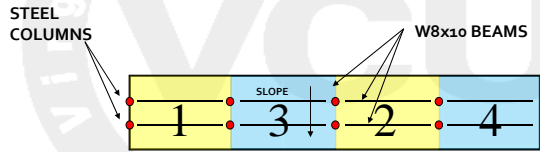
ERECTION SEQUENCING

Erect Panels 1 and 2 with steel posts
Lay and Connect Panels 3 and 4

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ERECTION SEQUENCING



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ERECTION TIME

6-9 Panels per Day (~65 Panels Total)
8-11 Days for Installation

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CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW

- Transportation from Lot to Site
- Temporary Supports for Panels
- “Incomplete Erection” for Connecting Purposes
- Security Issues with Parking Lot Assembly Site
- Decide Early

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Logical Alternative in Terms of:
 - Weather Delays**
 - Pace of Trades on Roof**
 - Safety of Workers**
 - Incurred Damages to Roof**

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GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY

AE FACULTY

FELLOW STUDENTS

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS

steel design NOTES

L.R.F.D. was used

Beams have a maximum
100% composite action and a
minimum 25% composite
action

steel VALUES

R.S. MEANS COST DATA – steel pricing per linear foot
includes labor and erection costs

FABRICATION COST - \$3,000 per ton for Fabrication Cost
228 tons of steel

fireproofing steel CODE

Section 304 under business
group (B) of IBC 2006

2-hr fire rating

adjusted solar DATA

ADJUSTED AVERAGE SOLAR DATA FOR RICHMOND VIRGINIA - kW/hm ² day														
Direction	Angle	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
North Pitch	39.5°	1.84	2.48	3.33	4.19	4.78	5.19	4.53	4.43	3.65	2.85	2.04	1.61	3.46
South Pitch	39.5°	3.29	3.9	4.57	5.05	5.21	5.4	4.85	5.1	4.74	4.3	3.54	3.02	4.47
East Pitch	39.5°	2.27	3.04	4.04	5.02	5.55	5.95	5.29	5.22	4.41	3.49	2.52	2.03	4.12
West Pitch	39.5°	2.29	3.03	4.04	5	5.52	5.91	5.24	5.19	4.39	3.47	2.52	2.03	4.11
NW Pitch	39.5°	2.06	2.75	3.68	4.6	5.15	5.55	4.89	4.81	4.02	3.16	2.28	1.82	3.78
SW Pitch	39.5°	2.79	3.46	4.3	5.03	5.36	5.66	5.05	5.14	4.57	3.89	3.03	2.53	4.29
NE Pitch	39.5°	2.05	2.76	3.68	4.61	5.17	5.57	4.91	4.82	4.03	3.17	2.28	1.82	3.79
SE Pitch	39.5°	2.78	3.47	4.3	5.03	5.38	5.68	5.07	5.16	4.58	3.89	3.03	2.53	4.3

savings CALCULATIONS

Southern Pitch Savings Estimation				
Month	kW/h*m ² *day	kW/h	Savings Per Month	Savings per Month (lbs CO2)
JAN	3.59	2114.51	\$190.31	2960.31
FEB	3.9	2074.80	\$186.73	2904.72
MAR	4.57	2691.73	\$242.26	3768.42
APR	5.05	2878.50	\$259.07	4029.90
MAY	5.21	3068.69	\$276.18	4296.17
JUN	5.4	3078.00	\$277.02	4309.20
JUL	4.85	2856.65	\$257.10	3999.31
AUG	5.1	3003.90	\$270.35	4205.46
SEPT	4.74	2701.80	\$243.16	3782.52
OCT	4.3	2532.70	\$227.94	3545.78
NOV	3.54	2017.80	\$181.60	2824.92
DEC	3.02	1778.78	\$160.09	2490.29
AVG	4.47	2566.49	\$230.98	3593.08
TOTAL SAVINGS PER YEAR			\$2,771.81	43117.00
Vales				
Total Panels	Maximum Power	Total kW of System	Cost of Electricity per kW	CO2 lbs per kWh
100	190 W	19	\$0.09	1.4

additional solar CALCULATIONS

$$\text{No. of Panels in Series} = 600\text{V}/30.6\text{V/panel} = 19.6 \text{ Panels}$$

$$\text{No. of Inverters} = (100 \text{ panels} * 190\text{W})/3800\text{W/Inverter} = 5 \text{ Inverters}$$

$$\text{Maximum Panel Loading} = (225\text{A})(208\text{V})(3)^{1/2} = 81.1 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Total Inverter Loading on Panel Board} = (5 \text{ inverters})(3.8\text{kW}) = 19 \text{ kW}$$

$$81.1 \text{ kW} > 19 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Circuit Breaker Size} = 3800\text{W}/208 = 18.27\text{A use } 20\text{A Circuit Breaker}$$