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Southwest Student Housing Building 1000 Apache Boulevard East, Tempe, Arizona







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- New 20-story apartment building
- Overall height: 208 ft
- Total area: 260,000 ft²
- Estimated total cost: \$37.5 million
- Projected construction time: 177 days (9 months)

Client: Arizona State University

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Site Map









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Unique Features



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Typical Floor Plan







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Lift-Slab Construction









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- Mat Foundation
 - Soil conditions

- Floor System

 - 3" metal deck

Structural Framing Plan

- Structural steel framing

- 3-1/4" lightweight concrete topping









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- - Gravity:

- Lateral:

Building Structural System

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(3) 25' x 25' Concrete Cores

Gravity and Lateral system

Load Type	Load Value (psf)
Construction Dead Load	59
Superimposed Dead Load	15
Live Load	80
Façade Load	15
Snow Load	0



 $V_{wind} = 565 k$

Maximum drift = 2.74 in (h/400 = 6.24 in)









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 - to change?

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- How easily can this type of building attain a LEED
 - Certification in a cost-effective way?

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- Relocate to SDC D
 - St Louis, Missouri
- Investigate ways to transfer diaphragm
 - shear to the cores
- Cost analysis
- Architectural evaluation
- Sustainability study







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- New design loads:
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Base

- Assumption: no extreme torsional
 - irregularity (ASCE 7-05, 12.2.5.4)

Structural Investigations

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Façade L	oad	15	psf
Snow L	oad	20	psf
Shear		1001.4	kips

Special reinforced concrete shear walls

- $C_{s,new} = 0.027$
- W_{bldg,new} = 24,349 kips

- Trial sizing: 12", 16" and 18" walls
 - Used 16" walls for building weight

• Shear check: $t_{min} = 9.26$ in





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- Trial wall thickness = 16"
- Minimum shear reinforcement
 - $V_c = 2678k >> V_{base} = 1001k$
- Minimum moment reinforcement
- Boundary elements
- Maximum compressive stress = 0.253f'_c

Core Design

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- Coupling beams
 - Shear from ETABS model:

 - V_{coupling beam design} =158 kips

Structural Investigations

Core Design

 $V_{max,model (3rd floor)} = 130.7 kips$

Reinforcement details:



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—#9's @ 5.4" o.c. (center them and maintain clear cover)





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 - 3 models (different core layouts)

Structural Investigations

Core Design

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ETABS Outputs

Design	Original	Option 1	Option 2
ion (in.)	6.126	6.126	9.737
ion (in.)	-0.455	-0.888	-2.555
e 1 (sec)	3.943	2.167	2.783
e 2 (sec)	3.521	2.025	2.486
e 3 (sec)	3.319	1.797	2.332

- Max Deflect
- **Min Deflecti**
 - Mode
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- Focus: floor-to-core connection
 - Shear transfer

- Complexity
 - Coupling beams
 - Boundary elements
 - Construction method

Structural Investigations

Floor System Design

- 2 potential designs:
 - "Steel Collar" Design

 - core via shear studs embedded in the core
 - "Drag Strut" Design

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Shear goes directly from diaphragm to

The beams running along each core act as collector elements, shear transfer is from beams to core via welds on elements embedded in core





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Shear Othe **Difference from**

Cost Evaluation

Used bare material costs for evaluation

Costs			
Item	Original Design	Option 1	Option 2
ncrete	113373	247340	216553
ement	74385	381027	432258
Welds	0	1080	1080
r Studs	0	70553.6	6364.8
r Steel	0	2069809.2	2069809.2
tal (\$)	187757	2769810	2726064
n Origin	0	2582053	2538307

About the same for both options

Additional 8% of total construction cost





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Architectural Impact

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Original Design



- Advantages
 - Easy access to cores
 - Regular
 - Modular
- Disadvantages
 - Numerous core penetrations
- Patterns
 - Bathrooms line the corridor





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Architectural Impact



- Advantages
 - No core penetrations
 - More usable area
- Disadvantages
 - Not as regular
 - Bathrooms are not as stacked





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Architectural Impact



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 - Easy access to cores
 - Modular
 - More usable area
 - Bathrooms are more stacked
- Disadvantages
 - Core penetrations





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• LEED Certified status requires a minimum of 40 points

Sustainability Study

Goal

- Attain a minimum of LEED Certified status
 - with minimal, if any, cost investment







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Current design = 20 points

- Additional easily attainable points = 21
 - 3 of the 21 credits require money

- Landscaping to protect, restore and shade the site

Sustainability Study

LEED Point Evaluation

- Sheltered bike racks for 15% of residents





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- Bike racks (1 credit)

 - Total cost = \$35,000

Sustainability Study

LEED Point Evaluation

- Estimated cost at about \$70/ft²
- Estimated area needed = 450 ft^2

(0.1% of total building cost)

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 - shade the site

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- Landscaping (2 credits)

Sustainability Study

LEED Point Evaluation

- Total cost = \$200,000
 - (0.5% of total building cost)

Total estimated cost for 3 credits:

\$235,000

(0.6% of total building cost)

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Structural, Architectural, Cost

- 8% more expensive (bare material) in SDC D
- Complicated connections
- Viability:
 - None. Extreme torsional irregularity.
 - Torsional amplification factor ≈ 2.5 for Option 1
 - Peer review?
 - Architecturally viable

Conclusion

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Sustainability

- Can easily attain LEED Certified
 - Requires:

Initial time investment during preconstruction Monetary investment of 0.5 - 0.6% of total cost



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Thank You!

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Core Corner Details

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Masses Modeled in ETABS

Model Masses

Roof	1.73E-06 k-sec2/in2
pical Floor	2.57E-06 k-sec2/in2
First Floor	3.16E-06 k-sec2/in2



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