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Building Statistics:

- 154,000 SF
- 5 floors + penthouse
- \$74 million
- Outpatient diagnostic and treatment center
- Apr. 2008 – Dec. 2010
- Design-Bid-Build



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Architecture:

- Consolidate existing services into one building
- Offices, exam rooms, linear accelerators, radiation/oncology
- 4th floor expansion
- Entrance Lobby

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Mechanical System:

- All air, local reheat in each room
- 4 main AHU's
- 288 air terminal units

Electrical System:

- 23 local transformers
- 83 panel boards
- 65 different light fixtures, fluorescent



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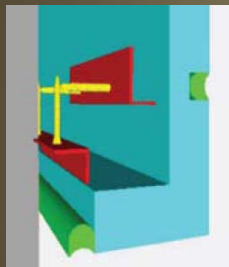
Building Envelope:

- Brick veneer, stone, and curtain wall
- EPDM single-ply roof membrane w/ white acrylic coating
- Roof garden

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BIM for Façade Construction

Possible Limitations:

- Learning curve
- Technology
- Experience

Possible Benefits:

- Quicker construction
- Better coordination
- Shorter schedule

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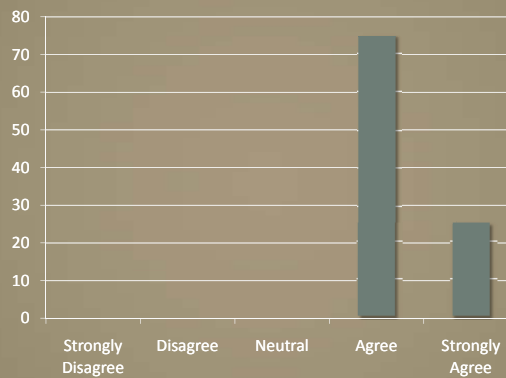
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Survey Results:

- Increase Constructability?
- Yes
 - Structural analysis
 - Coordination
 - Details

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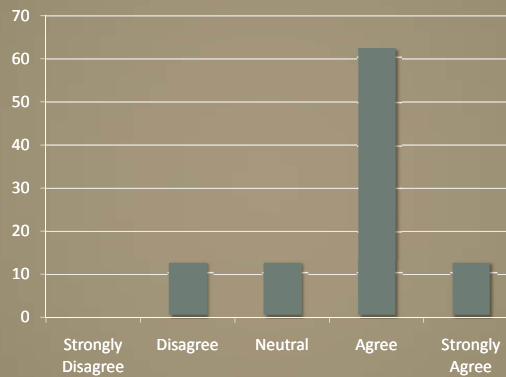
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Survey Results:

- Increase Productivity?
- Yes
 - Communication
 - Plan execution

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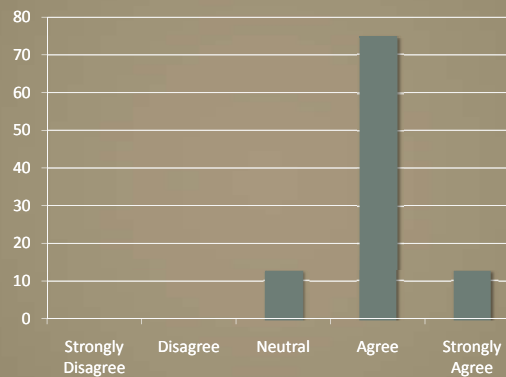
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Survey Results:

- Beneficial for Façade Analysis/Coordination?
- Yes
 - Quantifying materials
 - Understanding water infiltration and energy loss

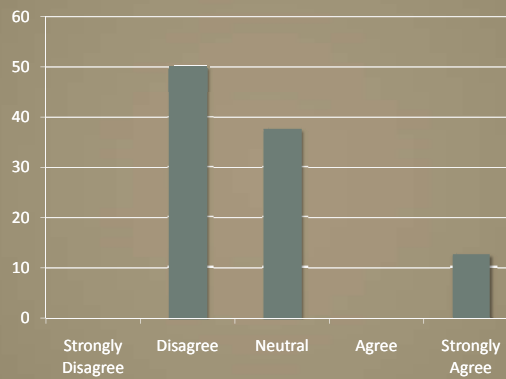
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Survey Results:

- Learning curve = negative affects?
- No
- Find right people

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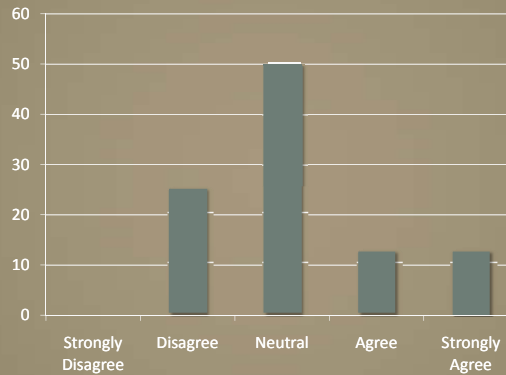
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Survey Results:

- Reduce cost of façade construction?
- Neutral
- Saves on errors
- Increase in productivity

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Survey Results:

- Most difficult parts:
 - Level of details
 - Training
 - Subcontractors
- Most beneficial parts:
 - Increase field productivity
 - Managing costs
 - Coordination

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Conclusion:

- Use for mock ups
- Not for complete model

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Prefabrication of Brick Facade

Advantages:

- Shorter schedule
- Better quality
- Possibly cheaper
- constructability

Disadvantages:

- Possibly more expensive
- Storage

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Brick Façade:

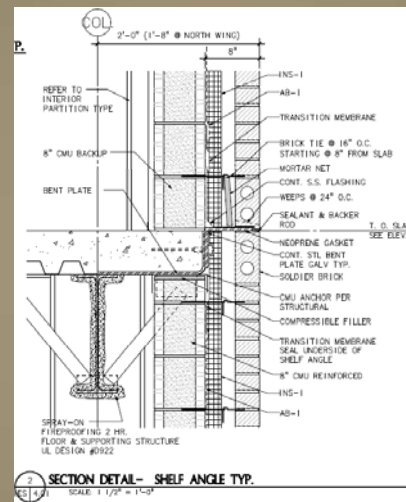
- Area = 33,472 SF
- Schedule = 244 days
- Original cost = \$1.8 million



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Materials:

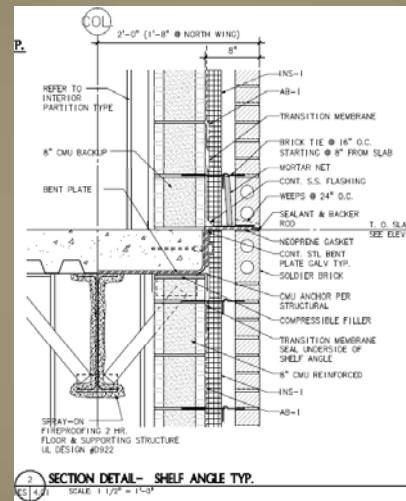
- 8" CMU Backup
- 2" Insulation
- Mortar Net
- Weeps
- Brick Veneer



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Materials Excluded with Prefab:

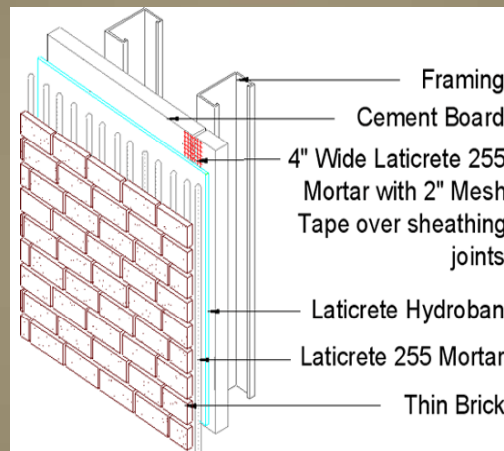
- Mortar Net
- Weeps
- Air Cavity
- Steel Plates
- CMU Backup



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Thin Brick Prefab System:

- Cold formed structural stud:
6" 16 ga. 1-5/8" @ 16" o.c.
- 5/8" sheathing
- WP membrane
- Z
- 5/8" sheathing
- Lath
- Scratch coat
- Laticrete
- Thin brick



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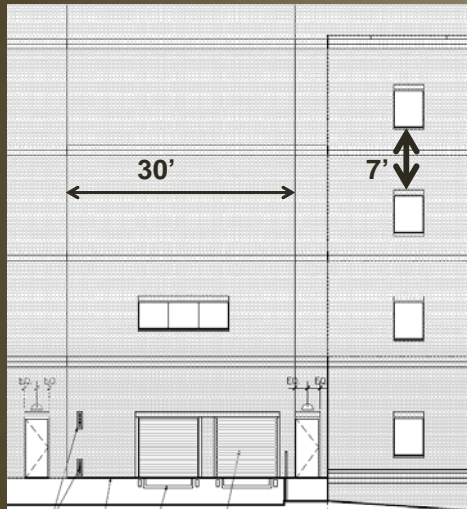
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New Advantages:

- Shorter schedule
- Better quality
- No air cavity, no leaks
- Constructability

New Disadvantages:

- More expensive



Prefabrication of Brick Facade

Panel Calculations:

- Panel Area = $30' \times 7' = 210 \text{ SF}$
- # of panels = $33,472 \text{ SF} / 210 \text{ SF} = 159 \text{ panels}$
- Days = $159 \text{ panels} / 8 \text{ panels per day} = 20 \text{ days}$

Prefabrication of Brick Façade

Comparison:

- Original:
 - Cost = \$1.8 million
 - Schedule = 244 days
- Prefabricated:
 - Cost = \$3.2 million
 - Schedule = 178 days



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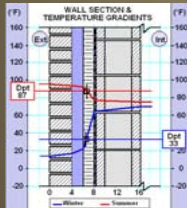
Conclusion:

- Too expensive
- Not a fast track schedule

Mechanical Breadth

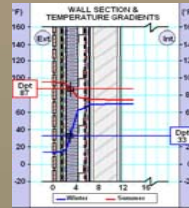
Original Wall Properties:

- R-value = 10.63
- U-value = 0.094
- Thickness = 16"

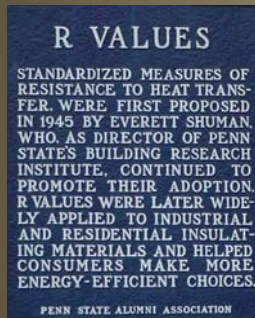


Prefab Wall Properties:

- R-value = 13.28
- U-value = 0.075
- Thickness = 11"



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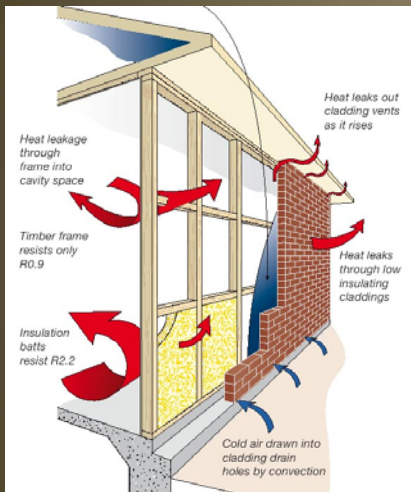


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Heat Loss:

- Original Design
 - 176,384 BTU/HR
- Prefab Design
 - 141,145 BTU/HR
 - 19.9% better

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Mechanical Breadth

Conclusion:

- Prefab has better mechanical properties
- Still too expensive

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Conclusions

- Solar panels not economical
- BIM should have been used for mockups
- Prefab definitely shortens the schedule and adds quality, but too expensive

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