# **Research Facility Core and Shell (RFCS)**



Presented by Tim Maffett on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013



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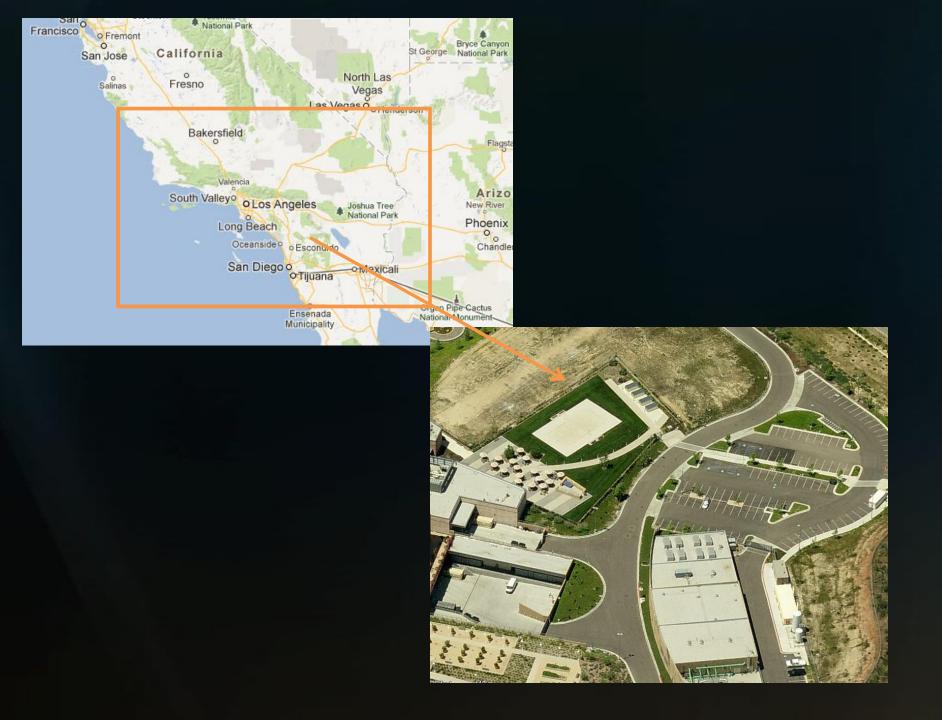
Location | Southern California

**Building Use |** Research Facility with Office Space

**Owner | Faction** 

Architect | Dowler-Gruman Architects

**General Contractor | DPR Construction** 







**Name | Research Facility Core and Shell (RFCS) Project Delivery Method | Design-Bid-Build** Contract Type | GMP Size | 130,000 SF Cost | \$20,000,000 Schedule | 18 Months





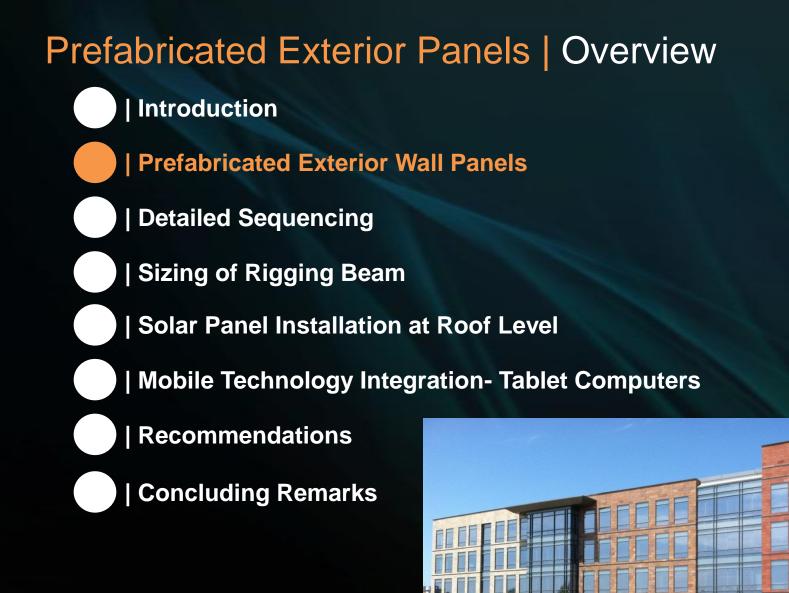


### Design Goal



Increase value through innovative and efficient construction.





### **Prefabricated Exterior Wall Panels**





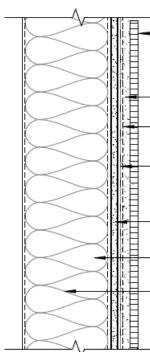
# **Existing System**

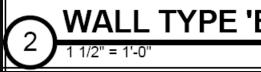
Stick-built metal stud wall with sheathing and masonry veneer

• Critical Path item for 24 weeks (1/3 of total schedule)

Created congestion on site

• \$1,507,959 to complete





**Typical Wall Section** 

 3/4" STONE TILE FINISH PER ELEVATIONS, SET ON 1/8" MORTAR BED PER CBC SECT. 1405.9
 3/4" CEMENT PLASTER W/ MTL. LATH
 15# FELT VAPOR BARRIER OR APPROVED EQ
 SPRAY APPLIED VAPPIOR BARRIER BY GRACE (PERM-A- BARRIER) OR APPROVED EQ.
 5/8" 'DENS-GLASS'
 MTL. STUDS PER STUCTURAL DWGS.
 TYPICAL SOUND INSULATION WHERE OCCURS
NOTE: STONE TILE INSTALLATION PER CERAMIC TILE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

### VALL TYPE 'B' - EXT. STONE TILE

INC RECOMMENDATIONS

# Prefabricated Exterior Panels | Solution | Introduction | Prefabricated Exterior Wall Panels | Detailed Sequencing | Sizing of Rigging Beam Solar Panel Installation at Roof Level | Mobile Technology Integration- Tablet Computers | Recommendations | Concluding Remarks

### **Proposed Solution?**

Prefabricate exterior wall as panel modules.





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### **C-CAPP** Prefabricated Panel System

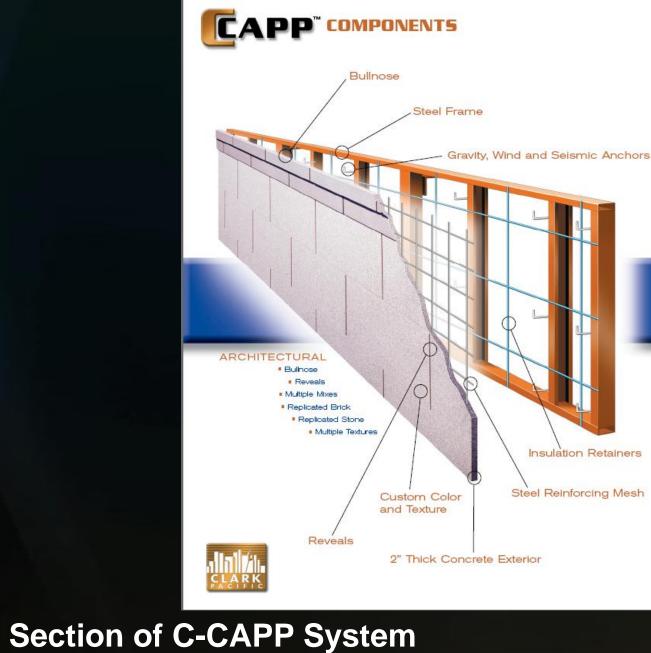
Architectural, lightweight, precast concrete panel system

• 2" thick concrete skin attached to a steel frame

• Durable, lightweight, closest match to existing facade

Produced by Clark Pacific





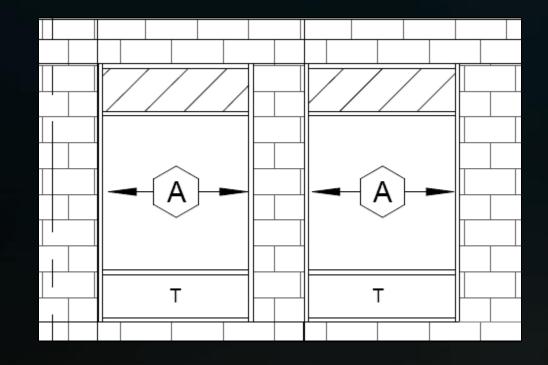


### Results

Quote on C-CAPP Prefabricated Panel System				
Cost Breakdown (\$)		Schedule (Duration)		
Base Budget	\$907,500		Variable	
Staining Panels	\$99,500	Preliminary		
Preweld Connections to Steel	\$75,000	Layout and Preweld	3 weeks	
Structure				
Caulking	\$33,000	Hanging Panels	1 week	
		Final Aligning and	3 weeks	
-		Welding		
Total Cost of System	\$1,115,000	Total Duration on site	7 weeks	

### Total Cost of C-CAPP System | \$1,115,000

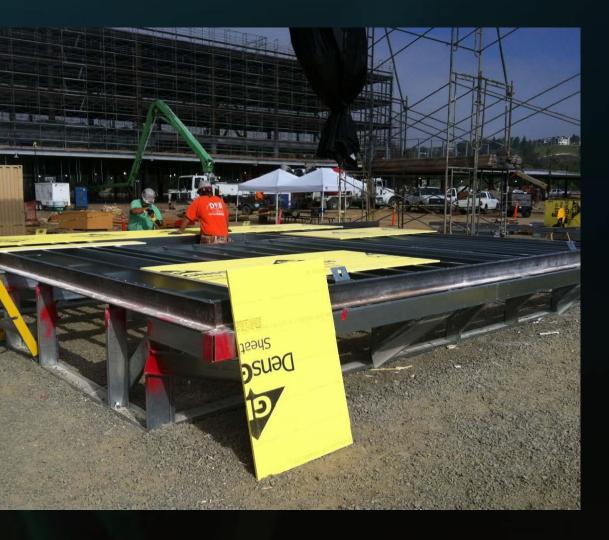
### Critical Path Duration | 7 Weeks



### 12' x 22' Typical Module for C-CAPP System



### **On-Site Partial Panel Prefabrication**





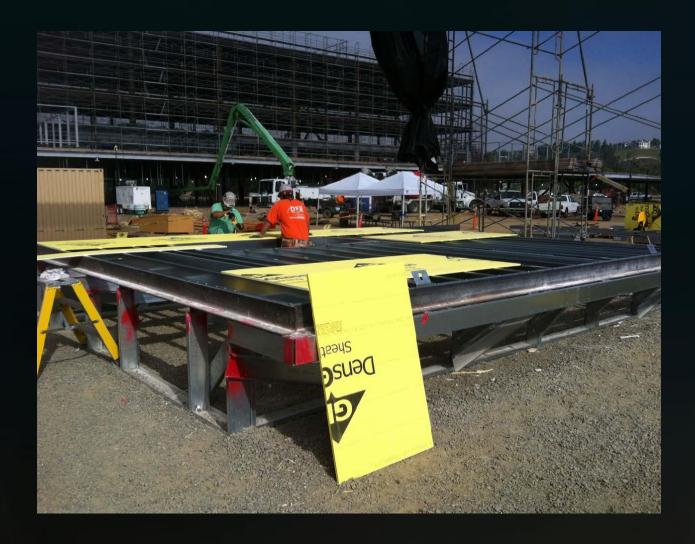
### Panel Prefabrication at Hospital in Temecula, CA



### Results

Total Cost of Partially Prefabricated System | \$1,502,007

Critical Path Duration | 21 Weeks





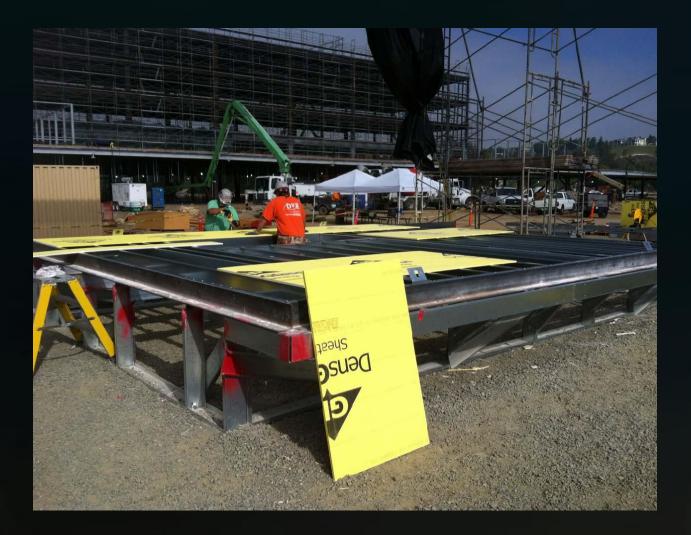
- Cost | Decrease
- Schedule | Decrease
- Safety Increase

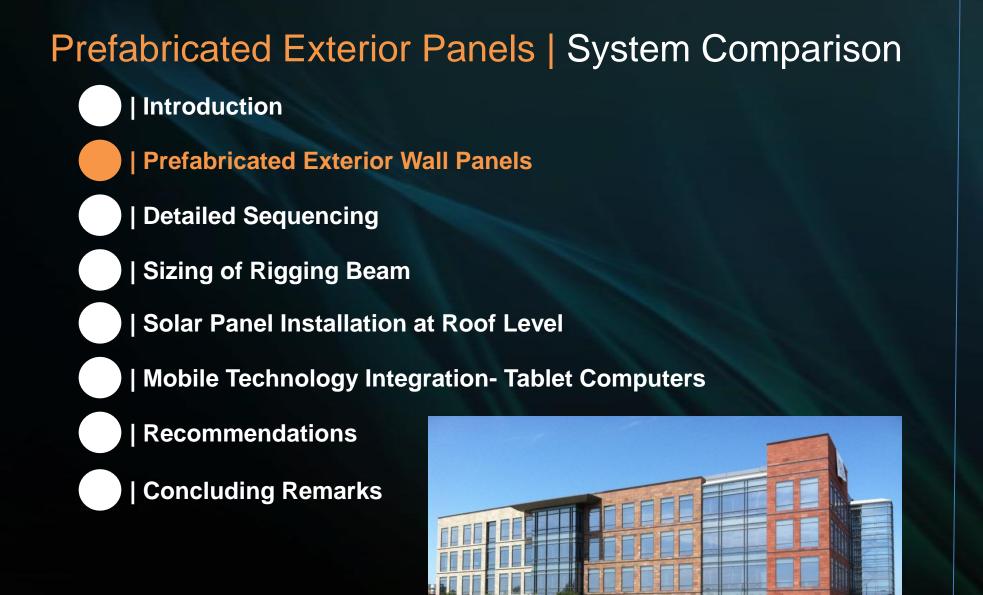
# **Chosen Alternative On-Site Partial Panel Prefabrication**

Architectural Properties | Aesthetic Match

Planning | Later in Process

Owner Hesitance Less Anxiety





# **On-Site Partial Panel Prefabrication vs. Stick-built Wall Construction**

- Cost Savings | \$5,953

Partially Prefabricated Panel Alternative vs. Original Stick Built Design			
Description	Partially Prefabricated Panels	Original Stick-Built Design	
Overall Cost	\$1,502,007	\$1,507,960	
Difference +/-	\$5,953 Savings		
Overall Schedule	21 Weeks	24 Weeks	
Difference +/-	3 Week Schedule		
	Reduction		

Schedule Reduction | 3 Weeks

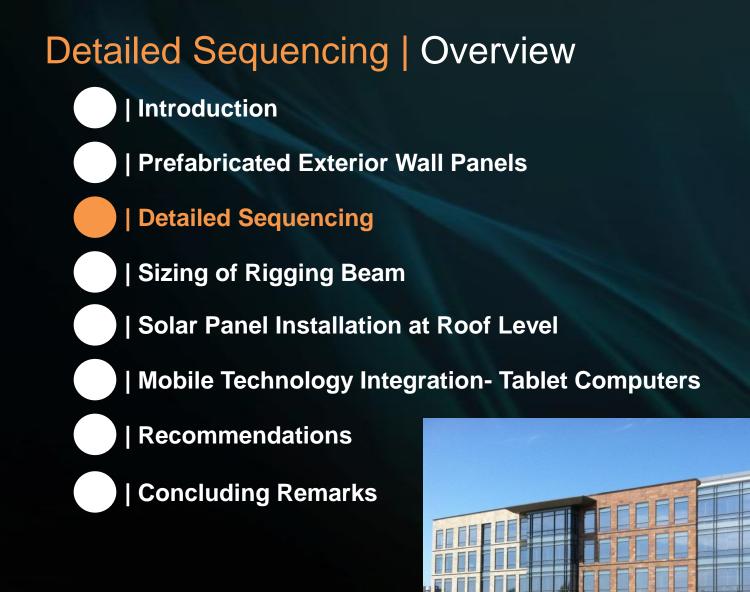




### Recommendation

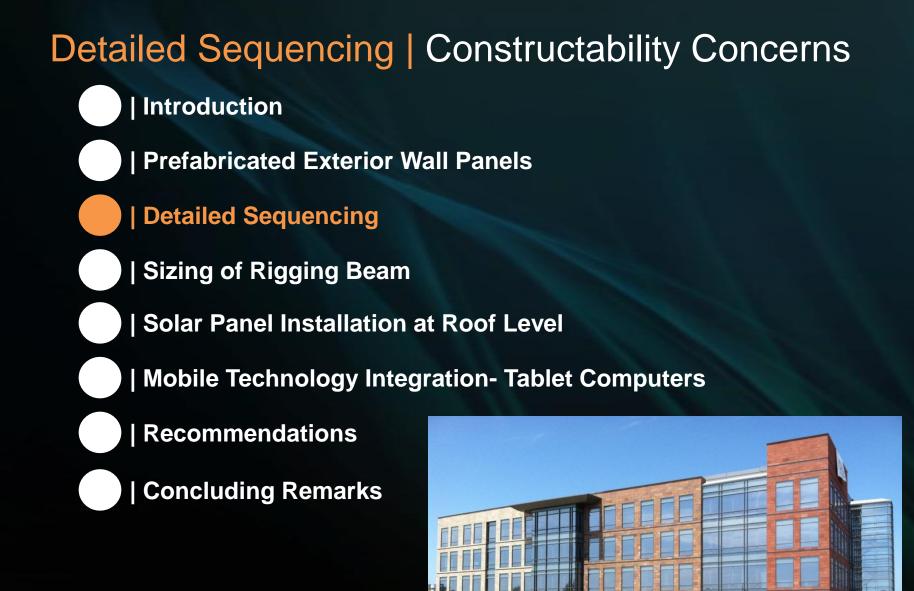
Implement Partially Prefabricated Wall Panel Strategy as opposed to original stick-built construction





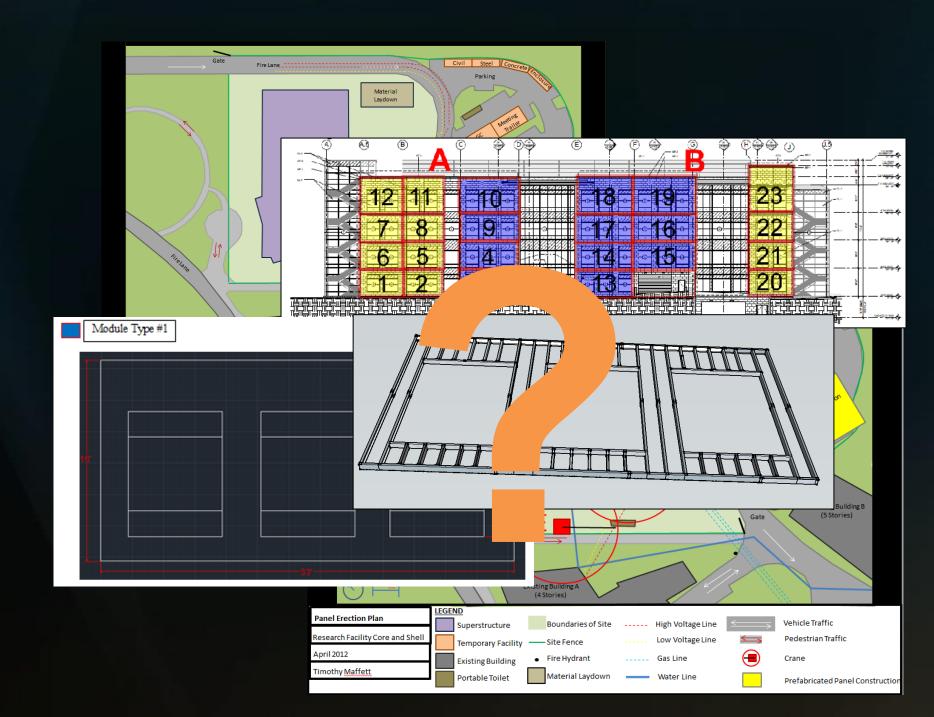
## Detailed Sequencing of Exterior Wall Panels

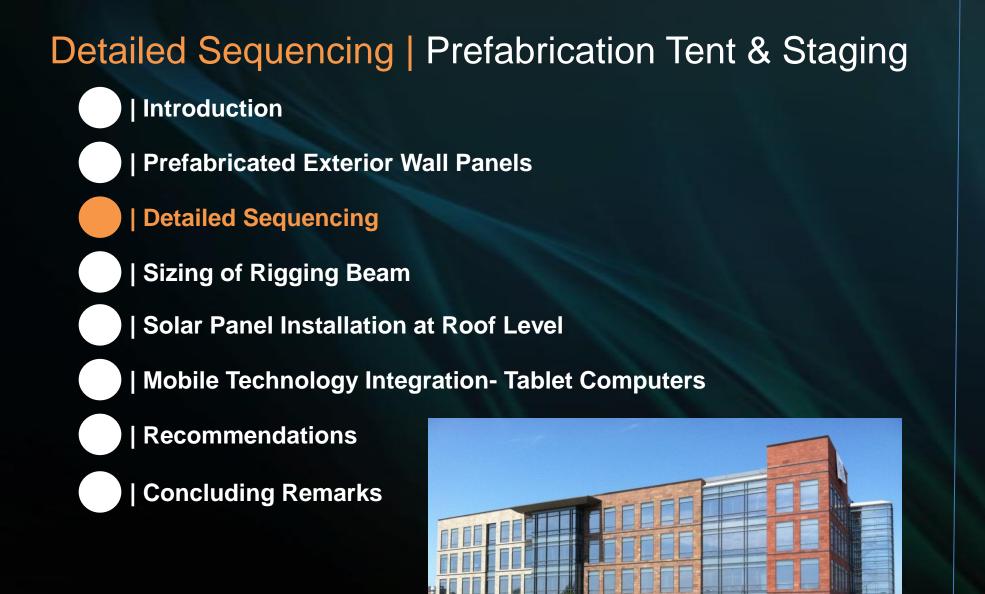




- Where on site will we build panels?
- How do we modularize most efficiently?
- How do we plan necessary supplies?
- How do we schedule this activity?
- In what order will the panels be erected?
- How do we educate and create a safe environment?

### **Constructability Concerns**

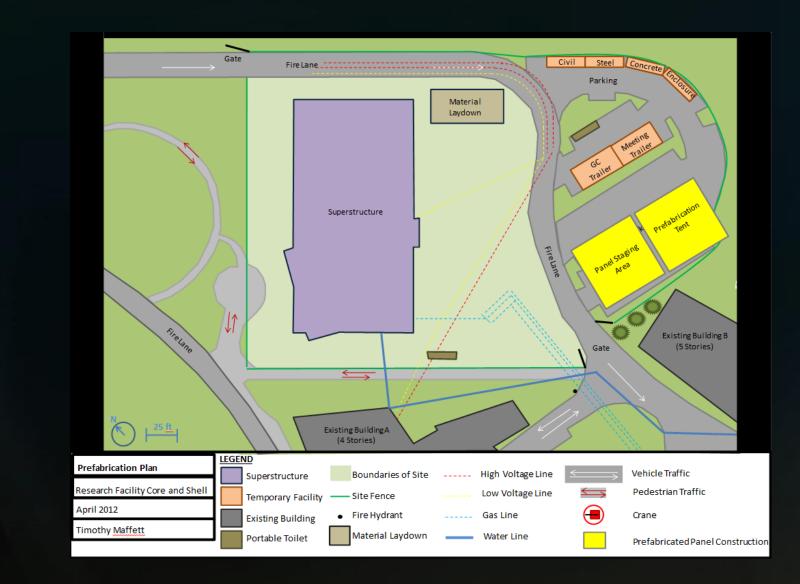


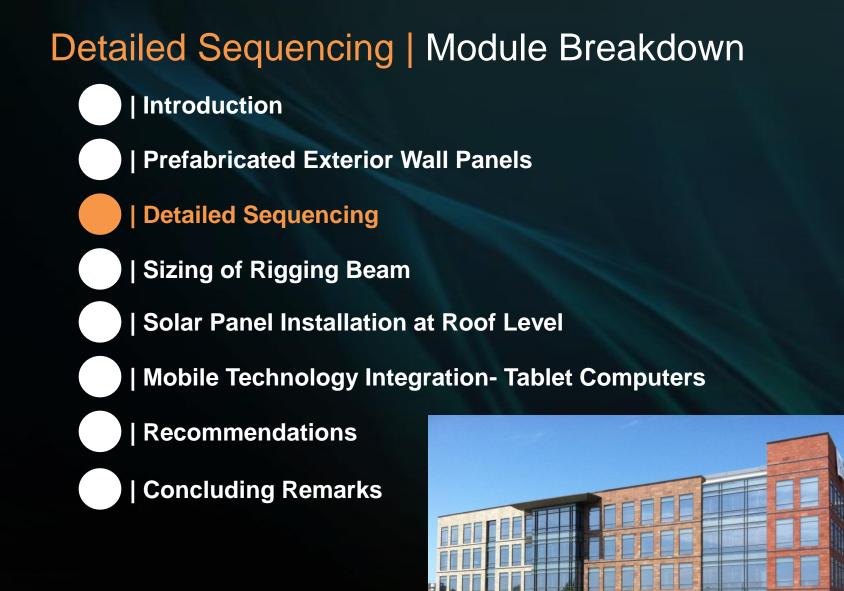


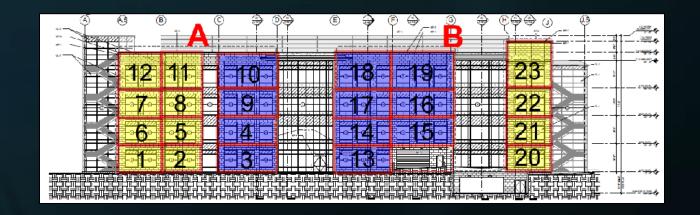
- Location | On-site and near building
- Description | Metal framed tent to provide cover during construction

## **Prefabrication Tent and Staging**

• **Staging** | Tarp to cover and protect completed panels



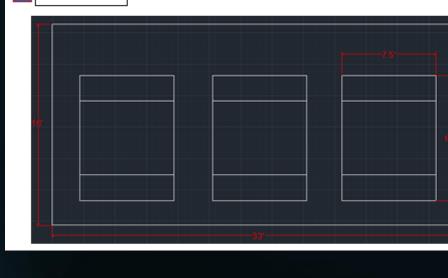




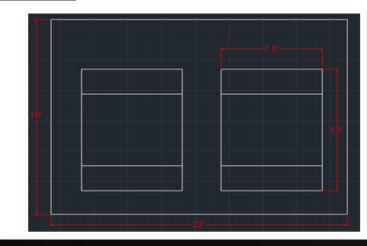
## Module Breakdown

Panel Module Take-Off		
Description	Amount	
Module Type #1	28	
Module Type #2	21	
Module Type #3	3	
Total	52 Panels	

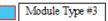
Module Type #1

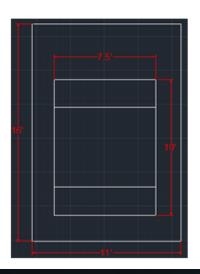


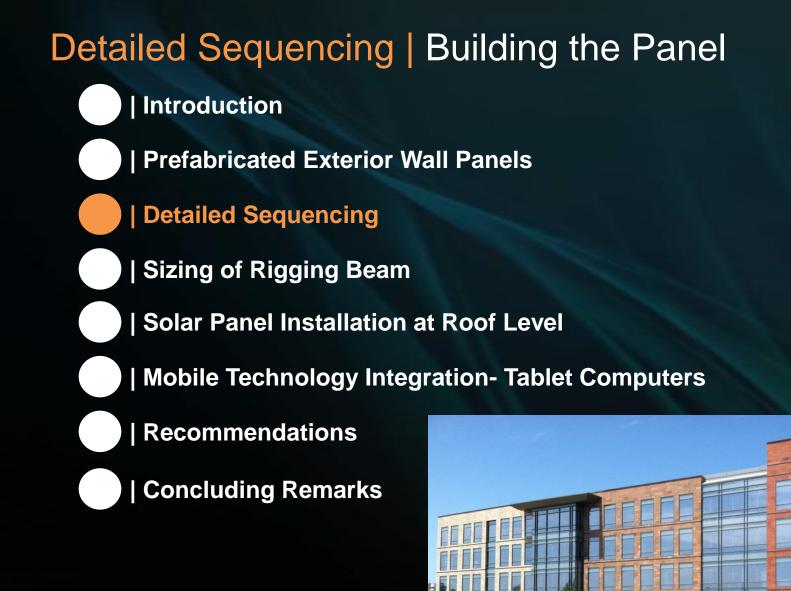
Module Type #2



Module Types







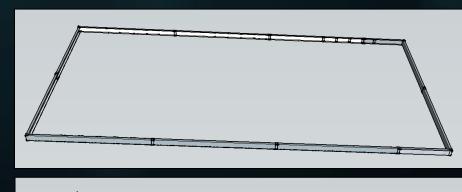
Step 1: Build Outer Framing

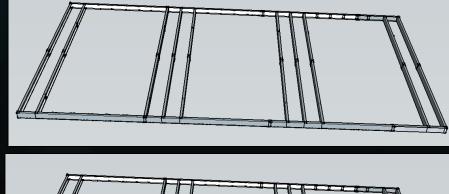
Step 2: Frame Full Length Studs

Step 3: Frame Window Opening 1

# **Building the Panel**

Step 4: Frame Window Opening 2



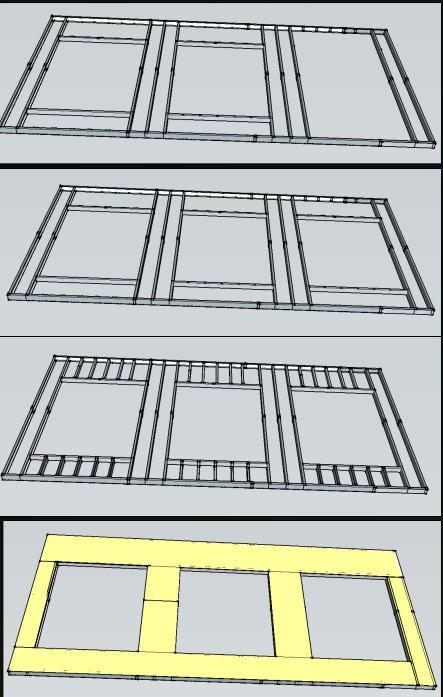


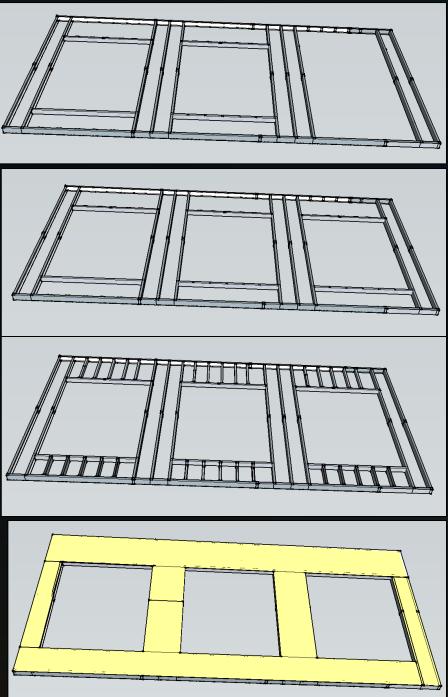


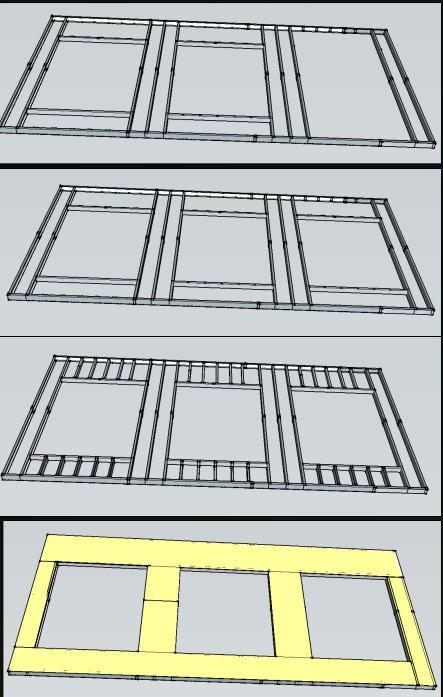
**Step 5: Frame Window Opening 3** 

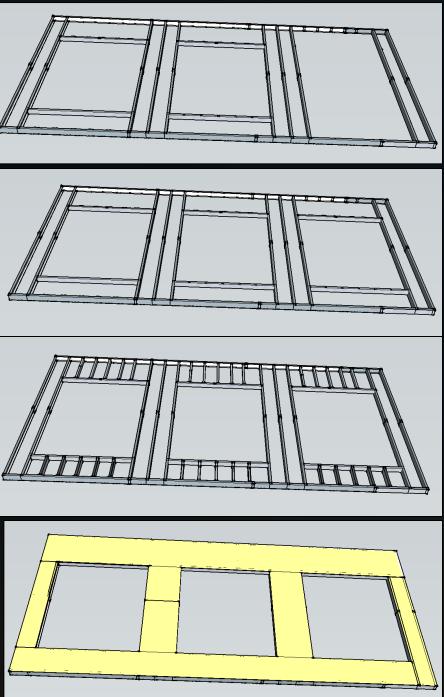
Step 6: Install Window Supports

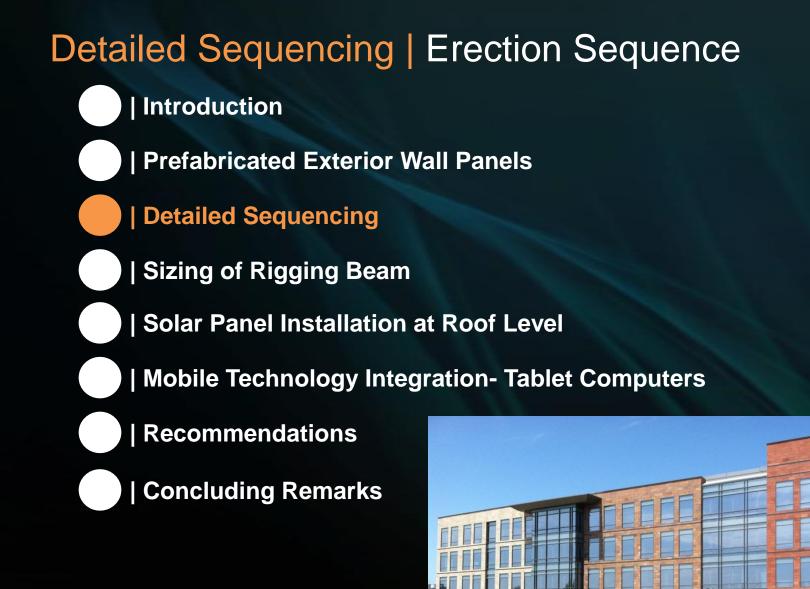
Step 7: Sheath Panel

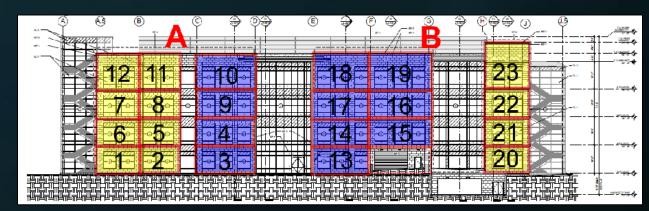






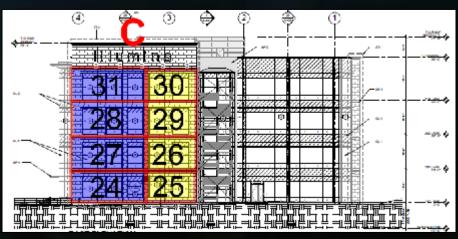




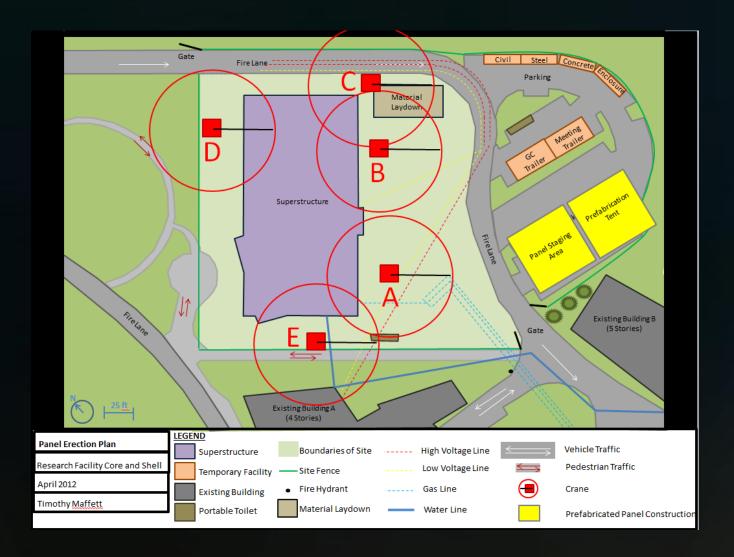


# **Erection Sequence**

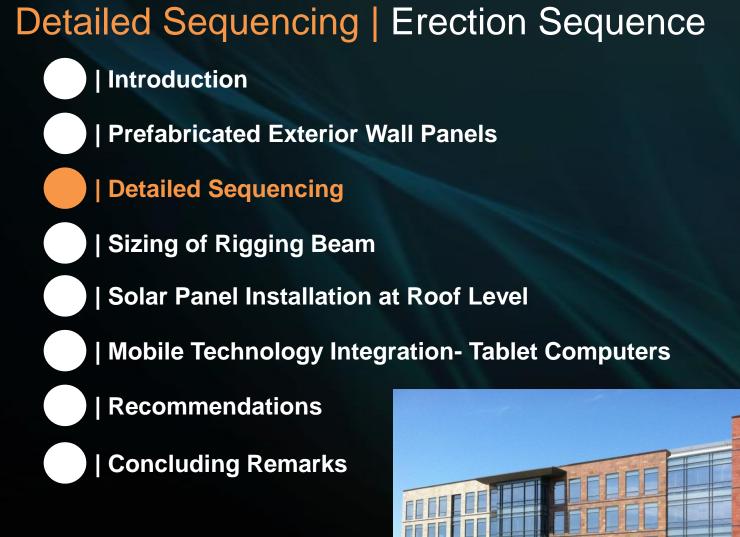
South Façade Phase A and B



East Façade Phase C



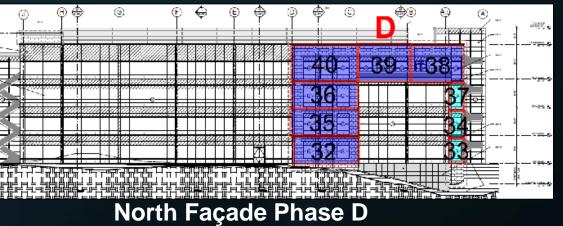
### Sequencing

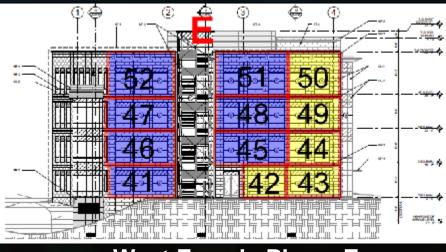




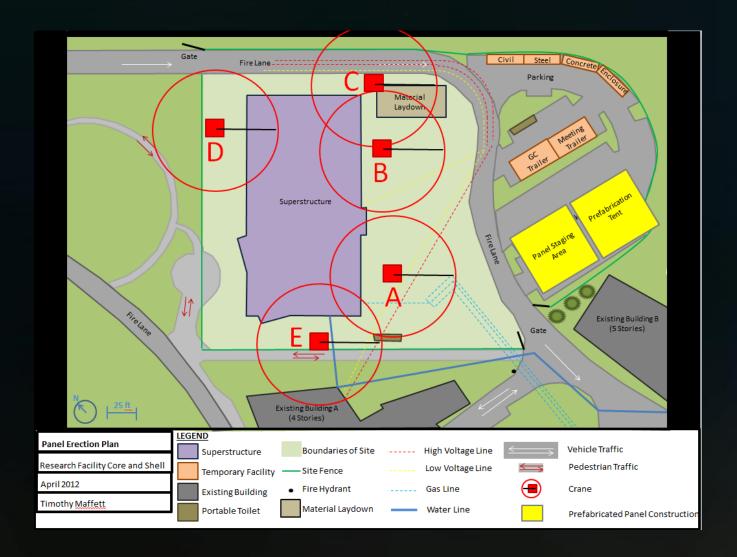


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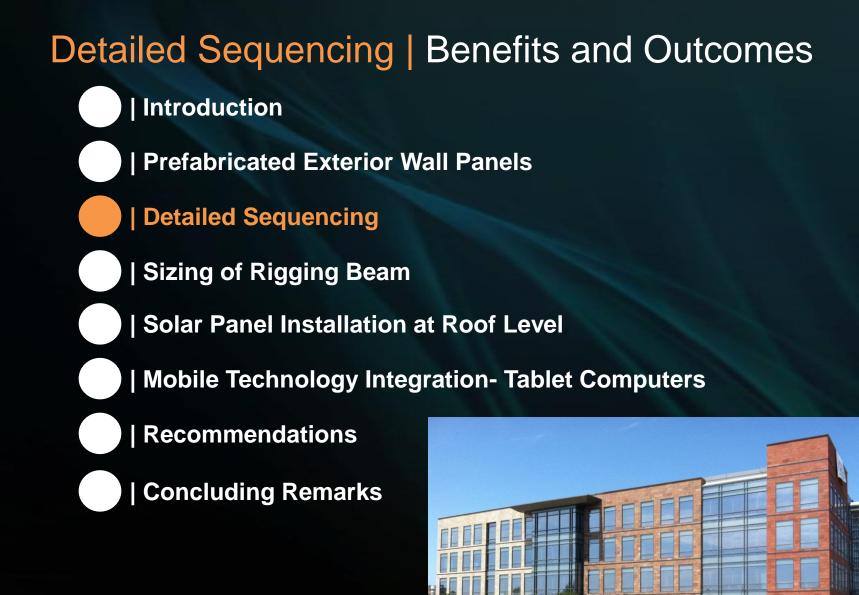


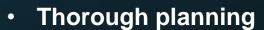


West Façade Phase E



### Sequencing





- Accurate material, schedule, and cost estimate
- Increased efficiency
- Increased safety
- Protection against crane sitting on site stagnantly

### **Benefits and Outcomes**

- Provides training and management tool







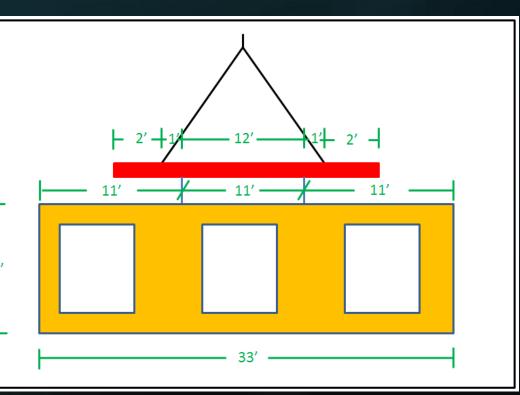
# Sizing of Rigging Beam





## **Outcome of Structural Breadth**





Results of Structural Calculations on Steel Beam in Rigging			
Description	Value		
Dead Weight of Panel	1580 lb.		
Maximum Shear	.790 kip		
Maximum Moment	.790 kip-ft.		
ng Beam Necessary for RFCS	W 8x10		



### Rigging Beam at Hospital in Temecula, CA



### **Solar Panel Installation at Roof Level**





- Achieve LEED Gold Certification •
- Develop solution without simply point chasing
- Improve sustainability
- Take advantage of Southern California location •

### **Requests of the Owner**





### **Proposed Solution?**

Investigate implementation of solar panels on roof.







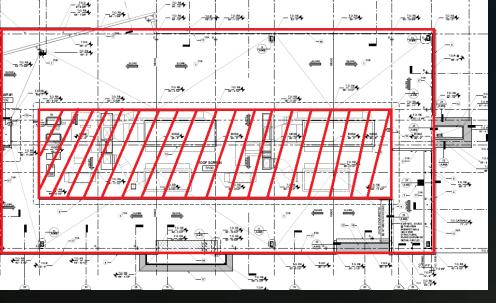
- deck
- 30,250 SF total roof space (125' x 242')
- 9,900 SF centrally located mechanical space (50' x 198')
- Mechanical space surrounded by 13 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>' screen wall
- Parapet walls 4'

### **Background Information**

Roof made of EPDM membrane, rigid insulation, concrete on metal



### Photo of Rooftop and Plan View of Rooftop





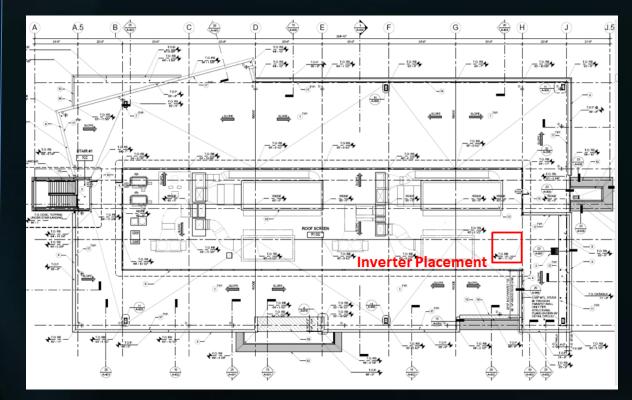
- room

# **Design Decisions**

Grid Direct System (DC to AC Power) connected to utility

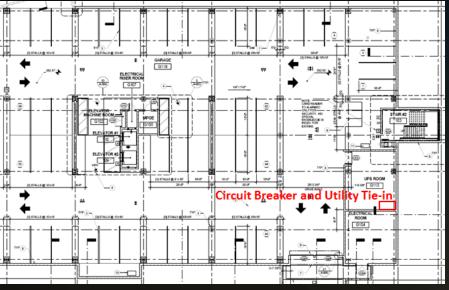
Inverter placed at east side of the rooftop mechanical zone

Circuit breakers and utility tie-in placed in basement main electrical





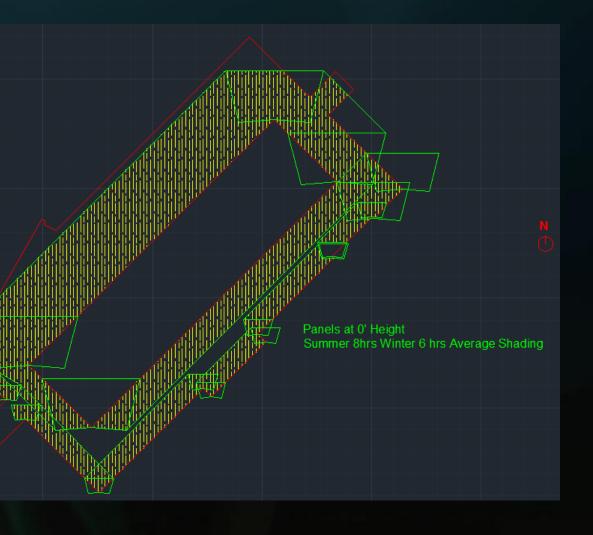
### Rooftop

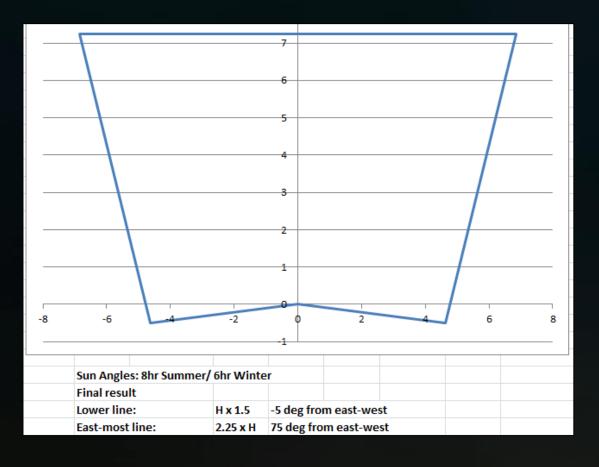






# Shading Analysis

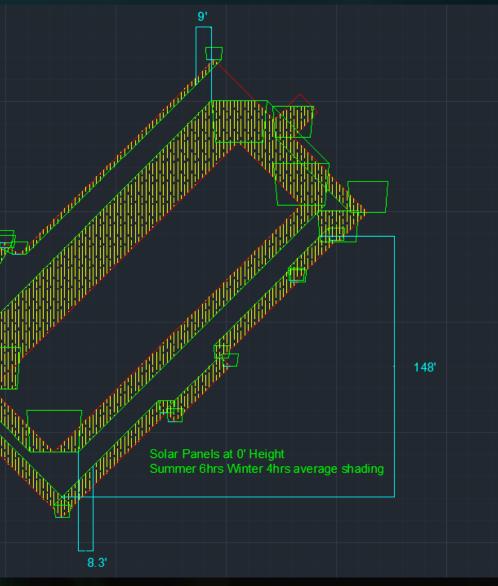


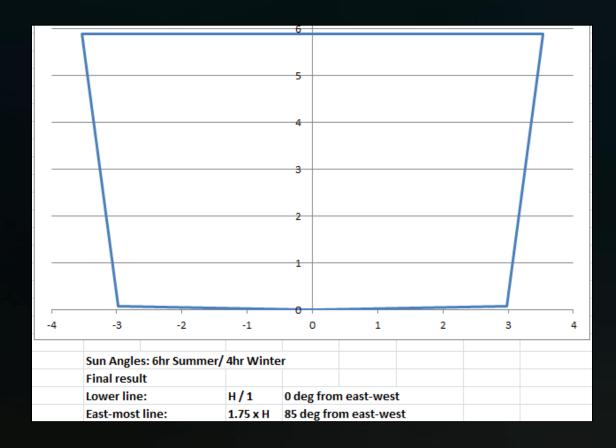






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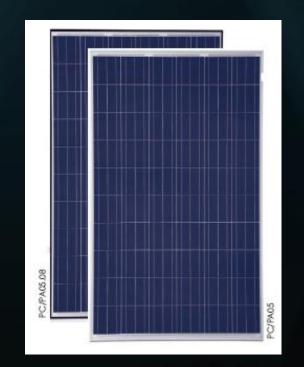




### Module: Trinamount TSM-250PA05

- Criteria | Best efficiency for cost
- Efficiency | 15.3%
- Maximum Power | 250 W
- Size | 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>' x 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'

# Module, Inverter, and Racking



### **Inverter: Sunny Tower by SMA**

- Criteria | Large, single inverter
- Efficiency | 96%
- Maximum Load | 42 kWdc power

### Racking: Trinamount III

- Type | Ballasted racking system
- Tilt | 11 degrees







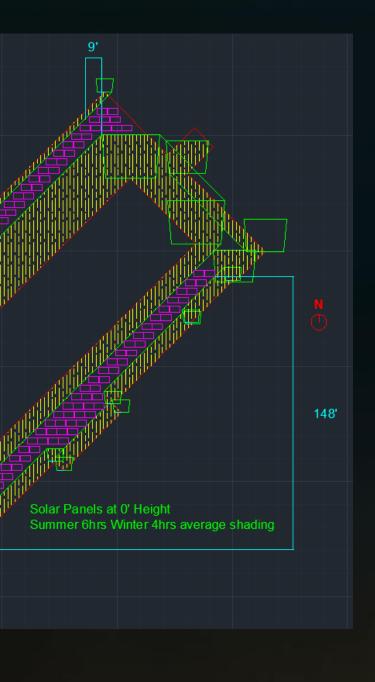


### **Array Placement**

Module Amount | 143 modules

System Max Output | 36 kWdc

### **Array Layout**





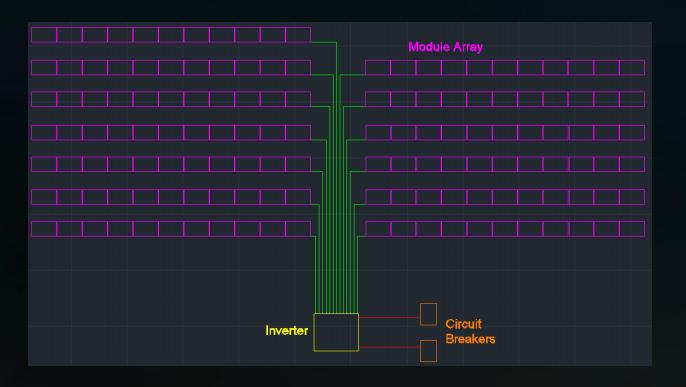


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Conductor Sizing Summary			
Connection	Description	Legend	
Panels String to Inverter (DC Side)			
Conductor Sizing (One Way)	(5) #12 AWG's per PV Output Circuit String		
Maximum Run Length	187 ft. one way for 2% Voltage Drop		
Inverter to Circuit Breakers (AC Side)			
Conductor Sizing (One Way)	(3) #4 AWG conductors per 80-amp breaker		
Maximum Run Length	85 ft. one way for 1.5% Voltage Drop		
Circuit Breaker Sizing	(2) 80-amp circuit breakers		

# **Electrical Sizing and Design**

### 13 Strings, 11 Modules per string



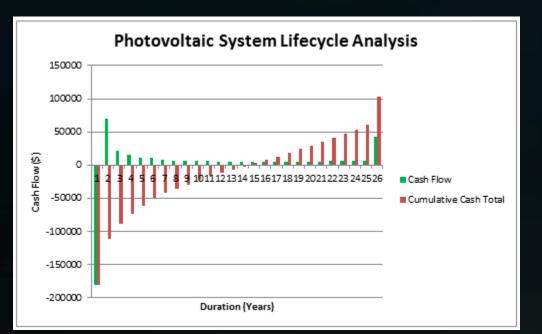
### **Riser Diagram of PV System**



- System Direct Cost | \$180,534
- System Production | 47,000 kWh / year
- System Production (\$) | \$6,110 / year
- Incentives | 30% Fed. Tax Credit, \$.05 / kWh State Credit

### **Cost Analysis**

14 year Payback Period

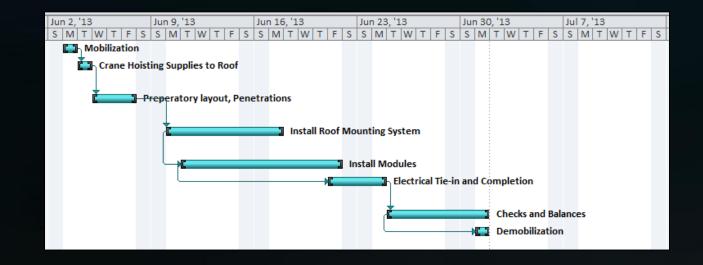




- Duration | 4 weeks

## Schedule Analysis

Construction Concerns | Roof membrane, organization, system balance



#### Schedule for Photovoltaic System Installation



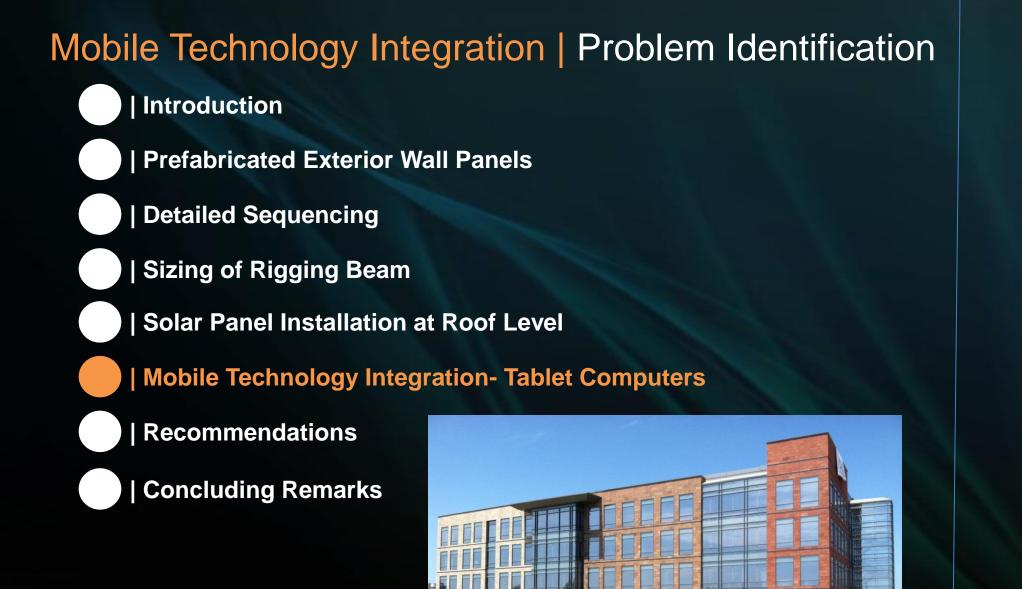
Do not install solar panels at roof level.





**Mobile Technology Integration** -Tablet Computers-





- Data entry, field coordination, communication, organization-inefficient
- Available technology underutilized
- General Conditions competitive in this market

## Problem

Engineers and site management following inefficient processes





# **ASCE Journal: Making the Case for Mobile IT in Construction**

Industry slow to change and adopt new information technologies

• Barriers include: low profit margin for GC, hesitation towards benefits, lack of awareness, lack of success stories

Analyzed 11 construction projects

### Results

- Reports generate faster and easier
- Increased customer service
- Ability to identify trends
- Reduced task turn around time
- Increased quality and efficiency

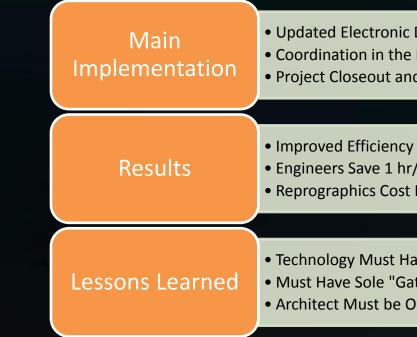


# **DFW Airport- Terminal Renovation and Improvement Project**

- Cost | \$900M
- Duration | 7 years
- Size | 2,000,000 SF



#### Results



• Updated Electronic Drawings • Coordination in the Field • Project Closeout and Archiving

• Engineers Save 1 hr/day from Tablet Integration • Reprographics Cost Decrease of 71% or \$5.1M

• Technology Must Have an Implementation Plan • Must Have Sole "Gatekeeper" of E-Documents • Architect Must be On-board

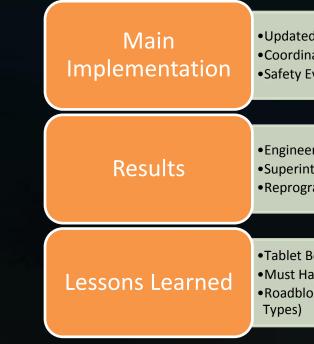


## Pharmaceutical Processing Plant (Los Angeles, CA)

- Cost | \$150M
- Duration | 2 ½ years
- Size | 90,000 SF



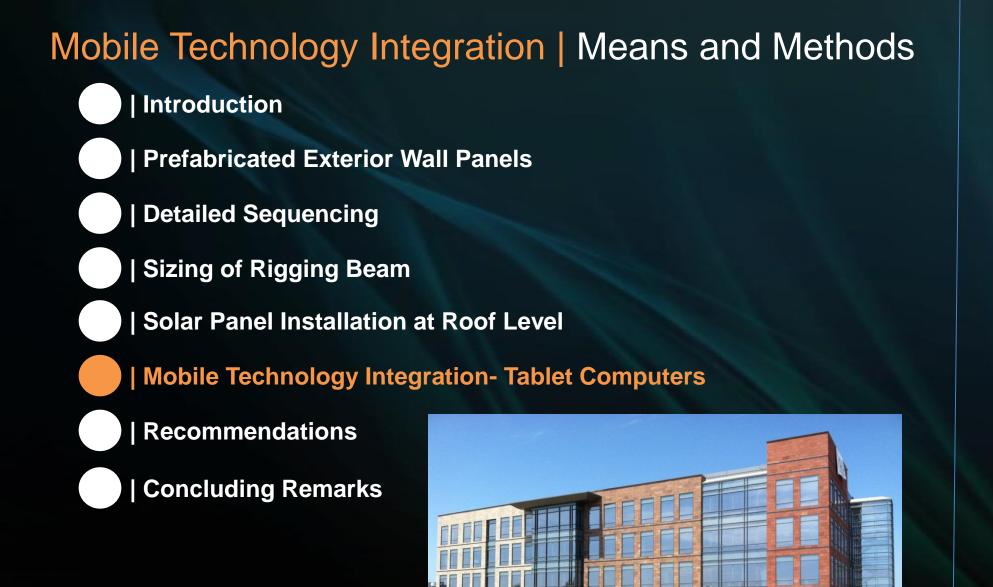
#### Results



• Updated Electronic Drawings •Coordination in the Field and RFI's Safety Evaluations

•Engineers Save 1.1 hr/day from Tablet Use • Superintendents Save 1.5 hr/day from Tablet Use •Reprographics Cost Decrease \$4000/Addendum

•Tablet Becomes Integral. Must Keep With You • Must Have Sole "Gatekeeper" of E-Documents •Roadblocks with Technology (3D Model, Opening File



- On Site Management | 4 people
- Technology | Laptop Computers in Jobsite Office
- **Drawings | Electronic and Paper (Mainly Paper)**

## **Original Practices**

Storage | Cloud Server





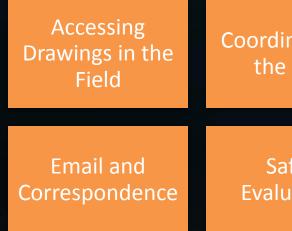
## **Proposed Tablet Integration Plan**

On Site Management | 4 people

Technology | Table Computers & Laptop Computers in Jobsite Office

• **Drawings | Electronic and Paper (Mainly Electronic)** 

Storage | Cloud Server



#### **Proposed Uses for Tablet Computers at RFCS**

dination in ne Field	Documenting Field Issues	
Safety aluations	Daily Forms and Checklists	





## **Costs of Tablet Computer** Implementation

• Direct Costs | -(\$5,264)

Weekly Human Resource Savings | \$1,688/ week

Overall Project Savings | \$116,272

Benefits | Efficiency, Quality, Customer Service

Direct Costs of Tablet Computer Implementation					
Description	Quantity	Cost/Unit	Cost		
Tablet Computers	4	\$500/iPad	-(\$2,000)		
Contingency for Software & Add-ons	4	\$300/iPad	-(\$1,200)		
Training Project Manager	6 hours	-	-(\$624)		
Training Superintendent	6 hours	-	-(\$624)		
Training Project Engineer #1	6 hours	-	-(\$408)		
Training Project Engineer #2	6 hours	-	-(\$408)		
Total	-	-	-(\$5,264)		

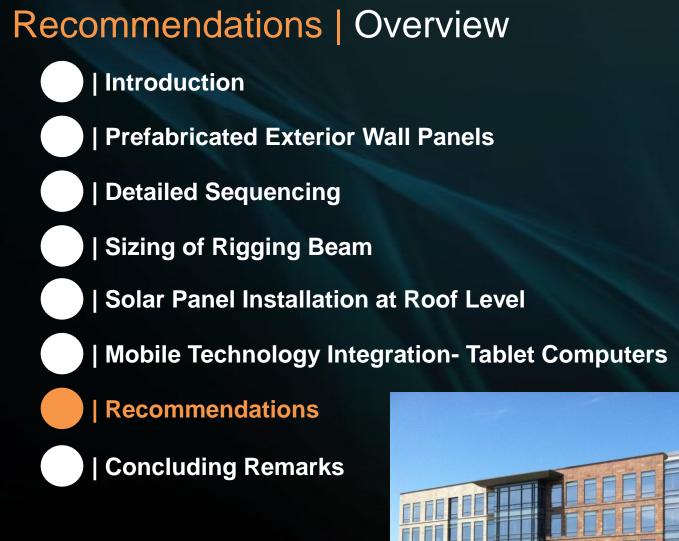
Human Resource Costs of Tablet Integration (Weekly)					
Description	Quantity	Cost/Unit	Cost		
Costs					
IT Champion Time	2 hours	\$68/hour	-(\$136)		
Savings					
Project Manager Time	4	-	\$416		
Superintendent Time	7	-	\$728		
Project Engineer #1 Time	5	-	\$340		
Project Engineer #2 Time	5	-	\$340		
Total	-	-	\$1688/week		

#### **Costs of Tablet Computer Integration**



Implement tablet computers at RFCS.







## **Final Recommendations**





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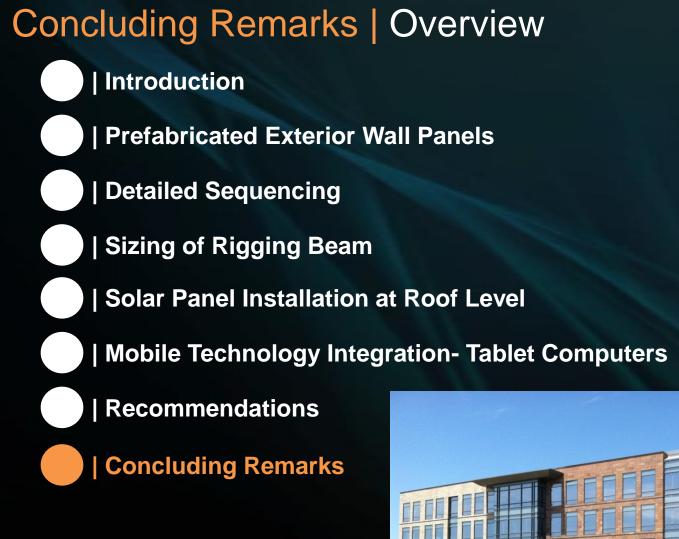
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2. Do not install solar panels at roof level.

**3. Implement tablet computers at RFCS.** 

## **Final Recommendations**

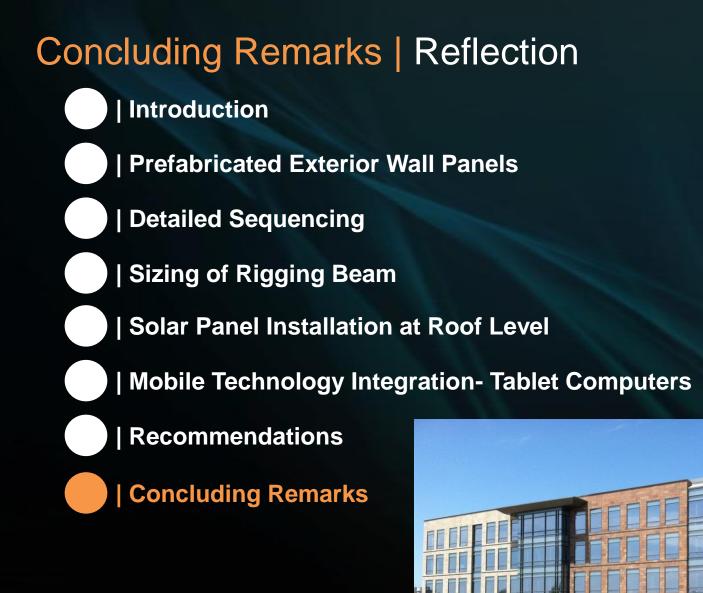






## **Concluding Remarks**





#### **Design Goal**

Increase value through innovative and efficient construction.

#### Outcome

Schedule savings through innovative panel prefabrication.

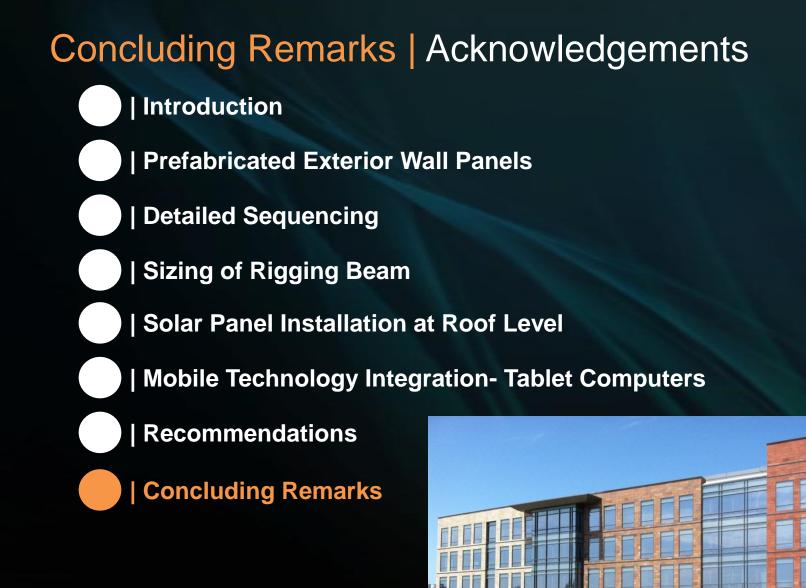
Alternative energy system analyzed

Comprehensive and beneficial study of mobile technology integration

## Reflection

## Successful Study





### Thank you!

#### **DPR Construction**

### **AE Faculty**

## **PSU Department of Sustainability**

### Audience





### **C-CAPP** Estimate

Base Budge

Staining Pa

Preweld Co

Structure

Caulking

Total Cost



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of System	\$1,115,000	Total Duration on site	7 weeks			

### **Partial Panel Prefabrication Estimate**

#### Framing and Sheathing Engineering Exterior Framing Mock-up Crane Rental Onsite Panel Shop Build Panels Install Panels Complete screwoff of panels Patch in Densglass sheathing form pick points Sheath backside of parapets Deduct of scaffold time usage (-3 weeks rent) Schedule savings general conditions cost (-3 weeks) Subtotal

1	LS	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
1	LS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
26943	SF	\$ 6.95	\$ 187,253.85
26943	SF	\$ 1.35	\$ 36,373.05
26943	SF	\$ 2.15	\$ 57,927.45
26943	SF	\$ 0.40	\$ 10,777.20
1300	SF	\$ 2.15	\$ 2,795.00
1	LS	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ (7,000.00)
3	weeks	\$ (10,700.00)	\$ (32,100.00)
			\$ 330,027





## Solar Panel System Estimate

Modules

Ballast Ra

Inverter

DC Wirin

DC Condu

AC Wirin

AC Condu

**Circuit Br** 

Crane Rei

(Truck Cra

Capacity)

Shipping

Labor

Total

Direct Costs for Solar Panel Installation						
Description	Cost/Unit	Quantity	Total Cost	Reference		
	\$190/Module	144	\$27,360	Sunwize Quote		
cking System	\$0.30/Watt	35730	\$10,720	Rocky Mountain		
				Institute		
	\$19553/Unit	1	\$19,553	Affordable Solar		
				Quote		
g #12 AWG	\$0.74/LF	12400	\$9,176	RSMEANS		
ıit 3/4"	\$10.50/LF	2480	\$26,040	RSMEANS		
g #4 AWG	\$2.29/LF	250	\$573	RSMEANS		
iit 1"	\$12.45/LF	250	\$3,113	RSMEANS		
eakers 80 AMP	\$1025/Ea	2	\$2,050	RSMEANS		
ntal	\$4200/day	2	\$8,400	RSMEANS		
ane 4,000 lb.						
	\$190/Pallet	11	\$2,090	Sunwize Quote		
	\$3/Watt	35730	\$107,190	Sunwize Rec.		
	-	-	\$180,534			

## **RFCS Costs and Building Use**

Major Costs for Research Facility Core and Shell					
	Construction Cost	Cost/SF			
Actual Building Construction	\$16,031,402	\$125.86			
Total Project	\$20,035,000	\$157.29			
Mechanical System	Mechanical System \$1,574,261				
Electrical System	\$1,014,666	\$7.97			
Plumbing System	\$662,250	\$5.20			
Fire Protection	\$298,462	\$2.34			
Structural System	\$5,238,945	\$41.13			
Exterior Skin	\$4,089,261	\$32.10			

Building			
Level	Size		
Underground Parking Garage	31,197 SF		
First Floor	31,850 SF		
Second Floor	31,850 SF		
Third Floor	31,850 SF		
Fourth Floor	31,850 SF		
Roof	31,850 SF		

#### e Description

#### Use

Parking; UPS, Electrical & Elevator Machine Rooms

Lobby, Laboratory Space

Offices, Laboratory Rooms

Offices, Laboratory Rooms

Offices

Large Mechanical Equipment