

MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

DESIGN ENGAGEMENT & SITE PLANNING



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Building the Team

Considerations:

- ☐ Procurement method
- ☐ Design phase
- ☐ Team experience with mass timber
- ☐ Understanding of current code
- ☐ Has a decision on the use of mass timber been made?

Design-Assist Subcontractors:

- ☐ Mass timber supplier
- ☐ Mass timber erector
- ☐ MEP subcontractors



Structure Comparison

Concept Pricing Considerations:

- ☐ Construction type
- ☐ Fire resistance rating
- ☐ Floor-to-floor height
- ☐ Structural grid & column spacing
- ☐ Transfer slab/beams (i.e. U/G parking)
- ☐ Lateral resistance frame & shear walls
- ☐ Foundation sizing & type
- ☐ Interior finishes
- ☐ Core & shell vs. fully built-out
- ☐ LEED/sustainability requirements
- ☐ Construction duration



Impact of Construction Type

Location of Event Space	Rooftop	1 st Floor
Construction Type	III-A	III-B
Assembly Group	A-3	A-3
Fire Resistive Rating	1-Hr	Not required
Connections	Concealed	Exposed
CLT Panel Thickness	5-Ply	3-Ply
Superstructure Cost/SF	\$65/SF	\$53/SF



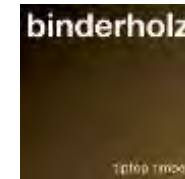
Impact of Construction Type

	Office & Residential	Office Only
Floors	9-stories	8-stories
Building Height	92'-6"	80'-6"
Construction Type	IV-B	IV-C
Occupancy	B & R-2	B
Fire Resistive Rating	2-Hr	2-Hr
Exposed Ceilings	30%	100%
Connections	Concealed	Concealed
CLT Panel Thickness	5-Ply	3-Ply
Superstructure Cost/SF	\$77/SF	\$62/SF



Manufacturer Selection

- ☐ Domestic vs. International Sourcing
- ☐ Varying Panel Fabrication Size Limits
- ☐ Engineering Support
- ☐ Panel Width Shipping Constraints – Land vs. Sea
- ☐ Proximity to Jobsite / Shipping Costs
- ☐ Supplier Only vs. Turn-Key
- ☐ Sustainability – FSC vs. SFI Certification
- ☐ Aesthetic Considerations
- ☐ Wood Species & Stains



Procurement Best Practices

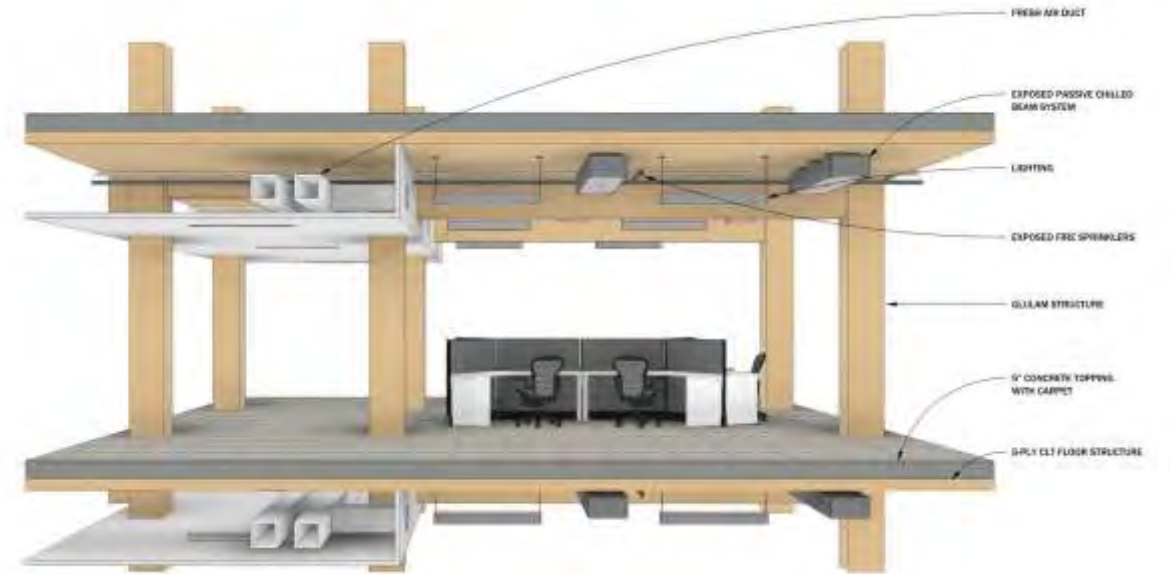


- ☐ Early Go/No-Go Decision on Mass Timber
- ☐ Design-assist involvement
- ☐ Early supplier selection vs. competitive bid
- ☐ Optimize structural grid with supplier input
- ☐ Maximize time for design coordination
 - ☐ Shop drawing release
 - ☐ MEP coordination
 - ☐ Fabrication lead time
 - ☐ Constructability reviews
- ☐ Transfer of Revit model to contractor

MEP Coordination



Raised Access Flooring



Overhead Routing w/ Soffits

Case Study: Wood Innovation & Design Center



Case Study: CSU Pavilion at Laurel Village

1st CLT project in Colorado (2014)

LEED Platinum certification

- ❑ No topping slabs at floor assembly
- ❑ Rigid insulation at roof assembly
- ❑ Long span, exposed ceilings
- ❑ Extensive use of mockups



Case Study: DU Burwell Center

Challenge: No exposed conduit!

- ❑ Well defined space programming
- ❑ Originally explored access flooring
- ❑ 3" topping slabs at floor & roof assembly
- ❑ 3D model ALL conduit
- ❑ Penetration overlay with CLT shop drawings
- ❑ Strategic placement of soffits & ceilings
- ❑ Topping slab reinforcing



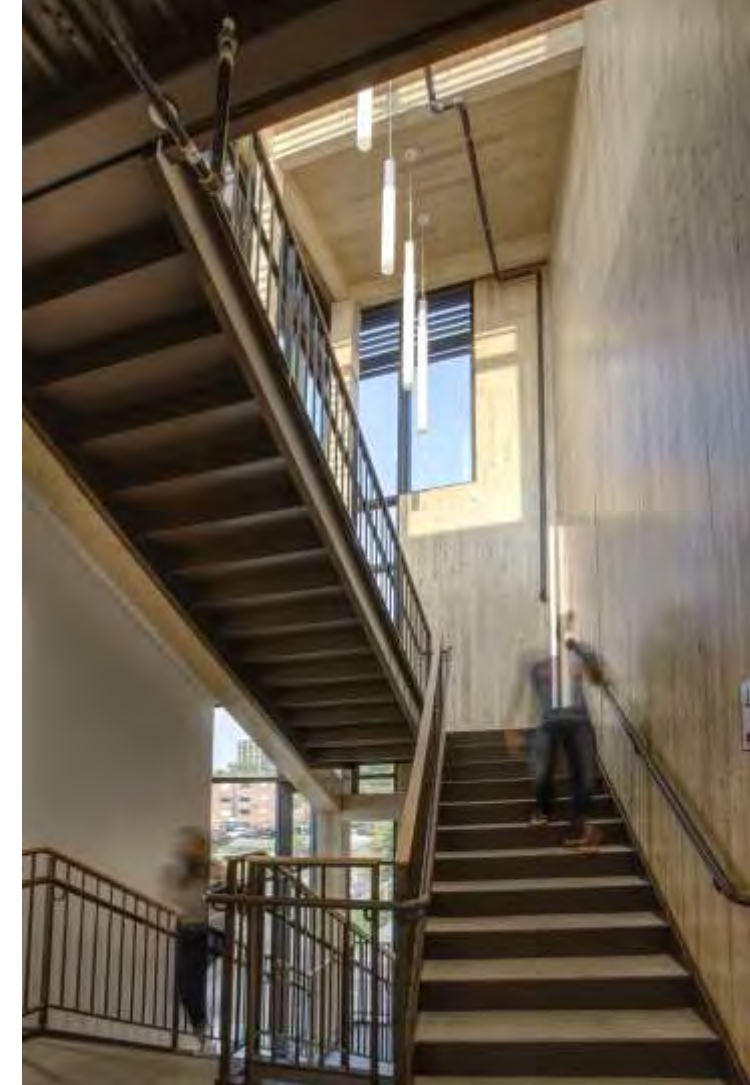
MEP Coordination: Best Practices

- ❑ Identify aesthetic MEP routing goals early
- ❑ Determine extent of flexibility required
- ❑ Early transfer of REVIT model
- ❑ Prioritize MEP penetration coordination
- ❑ Consolidate MEP in soffits/ceilings
- ❑ Maximize shop penetrations made with CNC machine in factory
- ❑ Minimize field penetrations



Critical Early Design Decisions

- ☐ Structure type
- ☐ Structural grid
- ☐ Select mass timber supplier
- ☐ Building height
- ☐ Construction type
- ☐ Fire Resistance Rating
- ☐ Occupancy Classification
- ☐ MEP systems
- ☐ MEP routing goals
- ☐ Floor-to-floor height



Construction Tolerances



Dissimilar structural material tolerances

- Allowable tolerances – ACI, AISC
- Steel: $\pm 1/2"$
- Concrete: $1/4"$ in 10 ft., up to 1'
- Mass Timber: $1/16"$

Quality Control

- Build tolerance into the interface detail
- Base plate layout & verification
- Overlay field scan with 3D model

Erection Sequence

- Shear wall bracing plan
- Early establishment of diaphragm – lock the building in
- Coordination w/ Just-in-Time material delivery
- Ensure erection sequence aligns with details



Site Logistics



Targeted Goals:

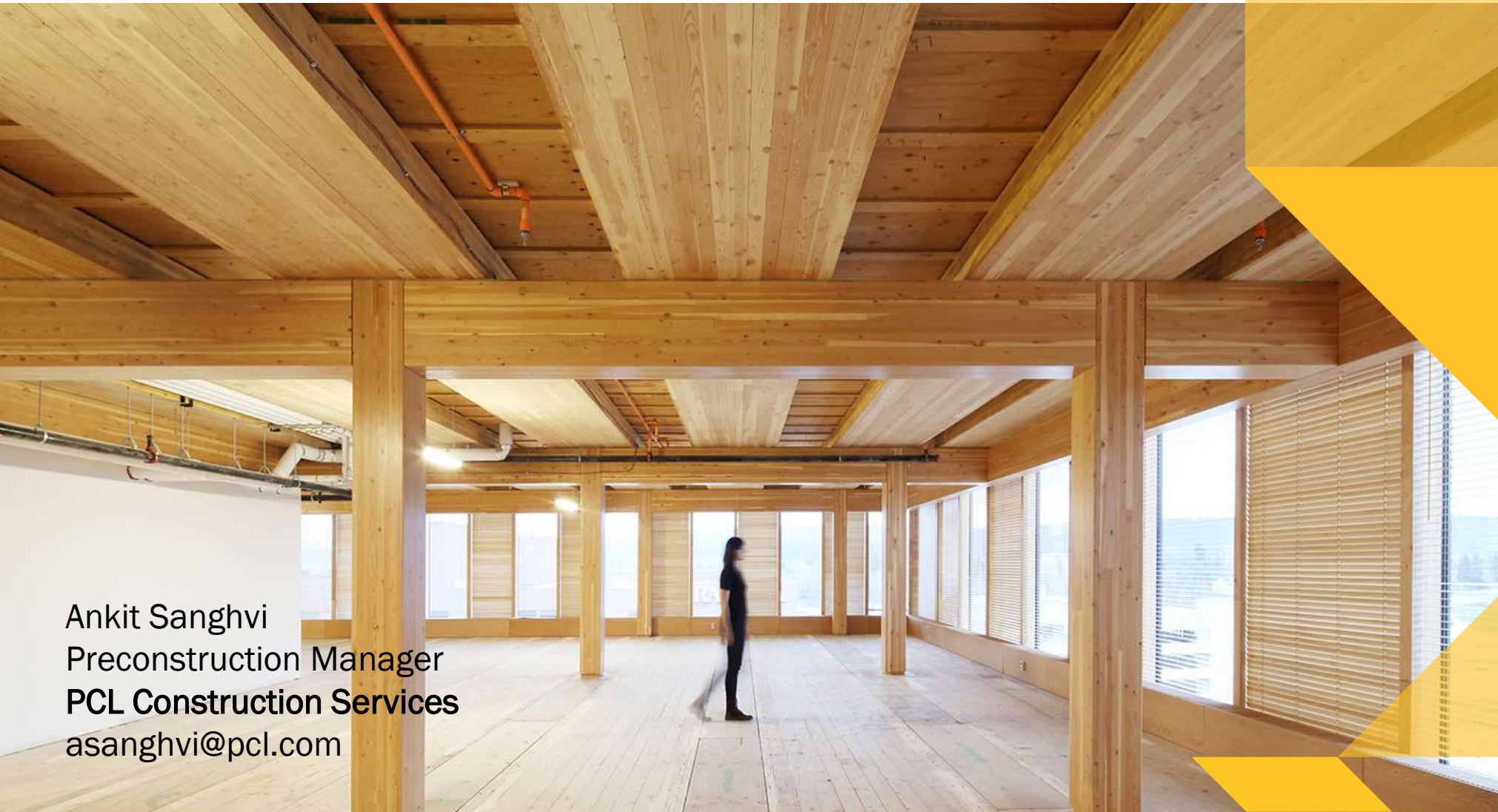
- Pick CLT panels directly off the trailer
- Eliminate double-handling
- Eliminate onsite storage of material

Best Practices

- Align erection and fabrication sequence
- Optimize lay down area & crane placement
- Onsite vs. Offsite Marshalling Yard



Thank you!



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