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Course Description

How can architects, engineers and contractors collaborate to meet the growing demand for mass timber buildings? While developers across the country are pursuing mass timber projects, knowledge among AEC professionals is not yet widespread. Firms have varying degrees of familiarity with both the products and practicalities of designing, sourcing, and building a modern mass timber structure, and early adopters continue to play a significant role in educating the rest of the community. This presentation seeks to build on this openness and environment of shared learning, providing an overview of mass timber products, planning, design and implementation to maximize the benefits these buildings can deliver. We'll also discuss why some mass timber projects face resistance, and how to overcome misconceptions to achieve success. Topics will also include preconstruction coordination and interactions between the manufacturer and design/construction teams, case-based approaches to costing and scheduling, project delivery methods, how to achieve the highest level of efficiency for costs, schedule, and performance, and additional education and training opportunities.

Learning Objectives

- 1. Identify project planning, coordination and design topics that translate into successful buildings for both the design and construction team.
- 2. Explore best practices for interaction between manufacturer, design team and preconstruction manager that can lead to cost efficiency and safety on site.
- 3. Discuss potential construction schedule savings and construction fire safety practices realized through the use of prefabricated mass timber elements.
- 4. Discuss benefits of using mass timber products, including structural versatility, prefabrication, lighter carbon footprint, and reduced labor costs.

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

Products
Structural Solution & Connections
Projects and Code Considerations

MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

Planning for Construction Performing Construction Workforce Development



OVERVIEW | TIMBER METHODOLOGIES



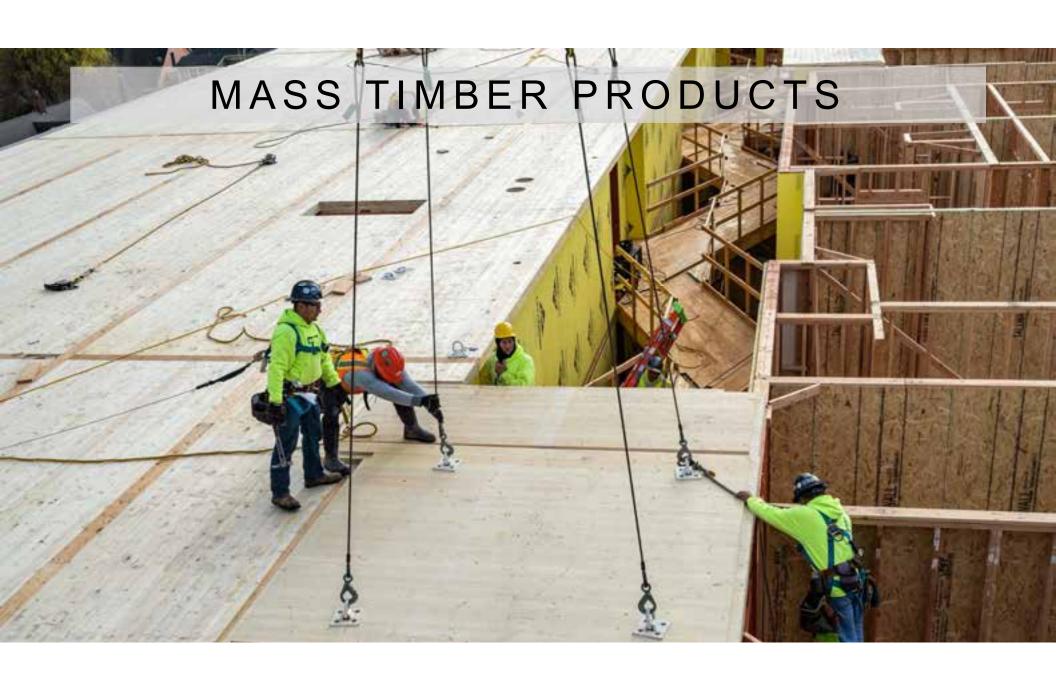
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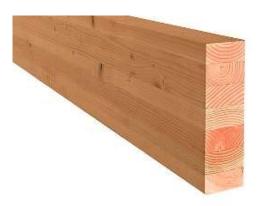
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Mass Timber Photo: John Stamets



Glue Laminated Timber (Glulam)
Beams & columns



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations









Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



Photo: StructureCraft

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



Photo: Think Wood

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT) Plank orientation



Photo: StructureCraft







Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



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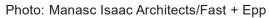
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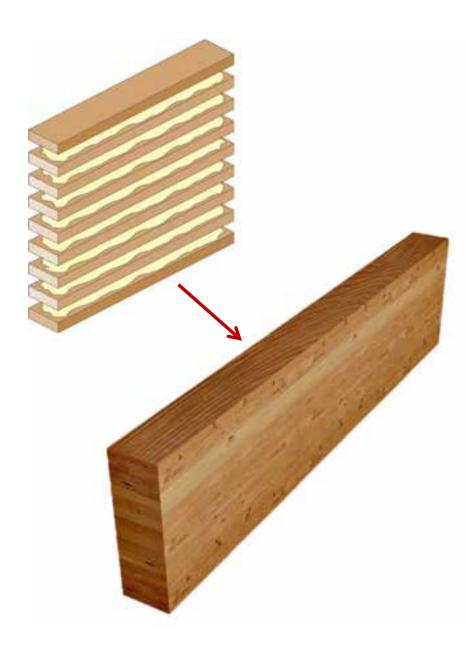


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Glue Laminated Timber (GLT)





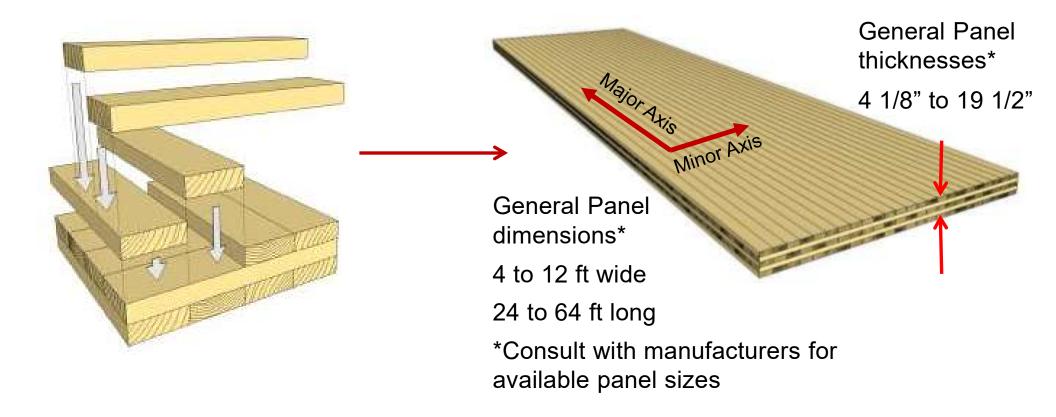


Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)

With solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)

With SCL laminations





Other Mass Timber Product Options



Photos: StructureCraft



OVERVIEW | MANUFACTURING



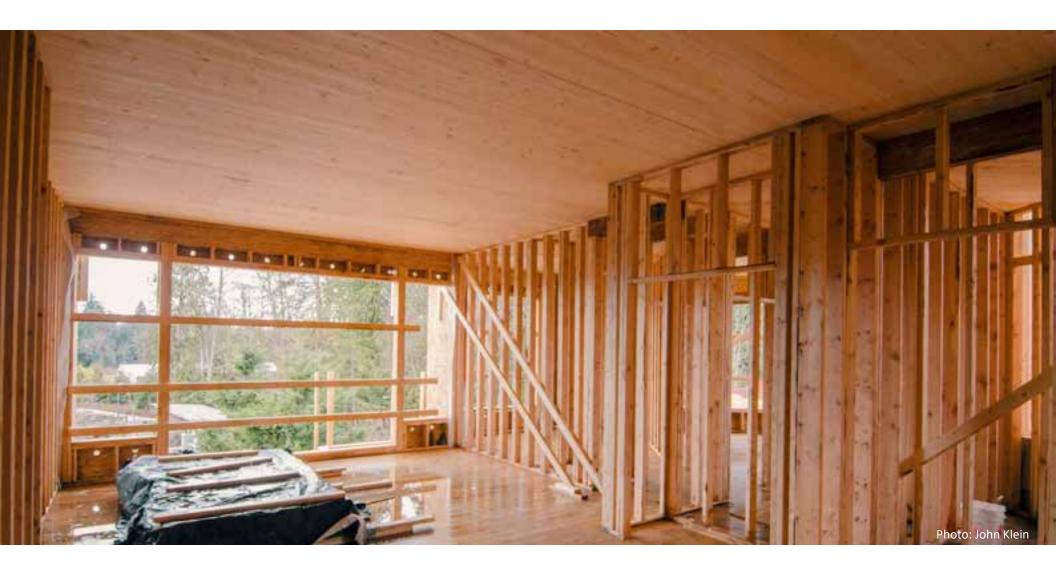
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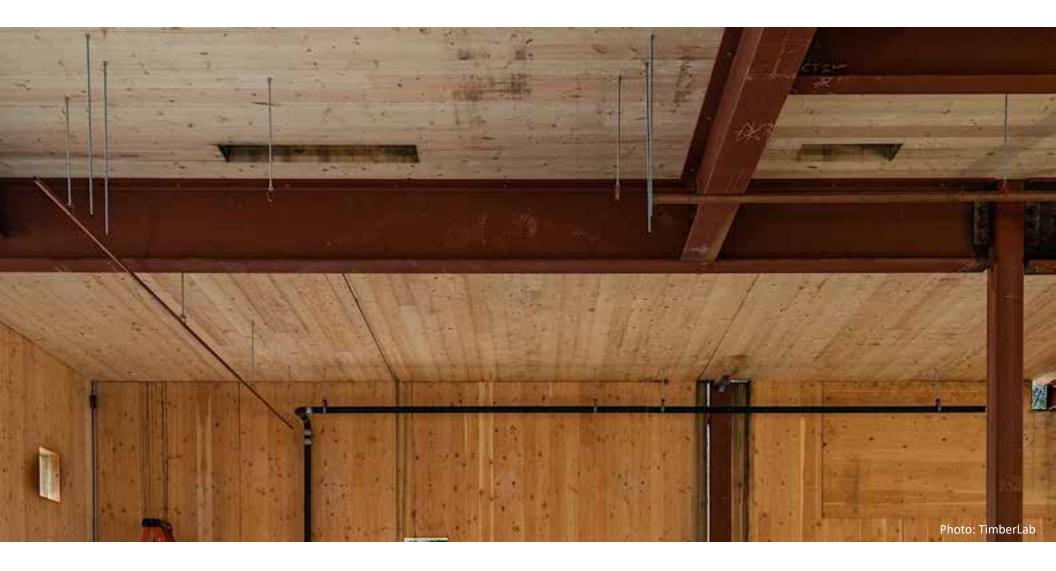
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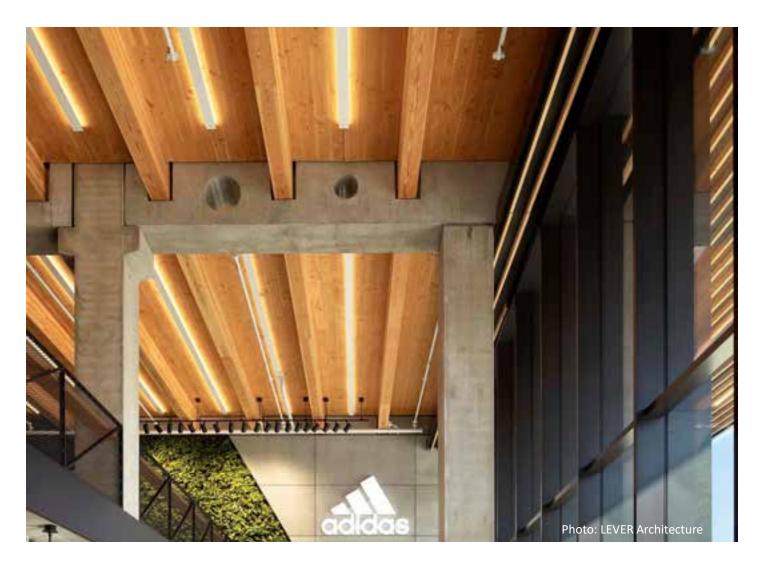
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STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS | HYBRID LIGHT-FRAME + MASS TIMBER



STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS | HYBRID STEEL + MASS TIMBER



STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS | HYBRID CONCRETE + MASS TIMBER



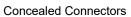


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Self Tapping Screws

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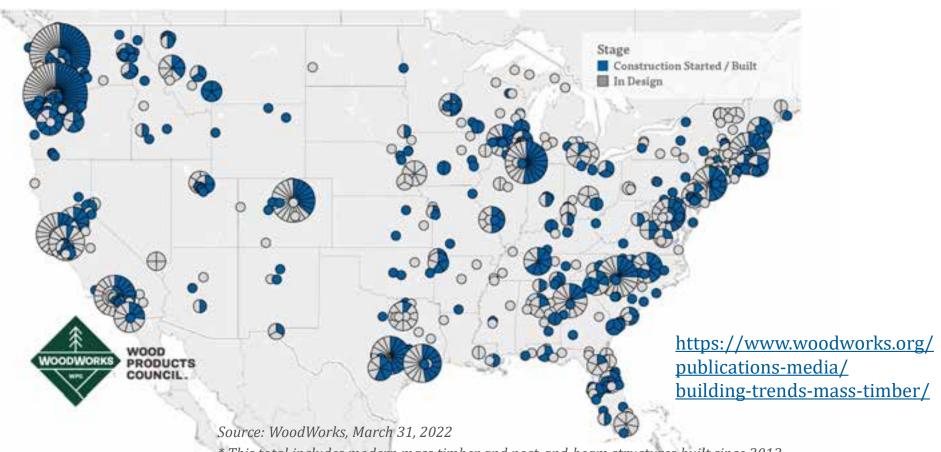




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Current State of Mass Timber Projects

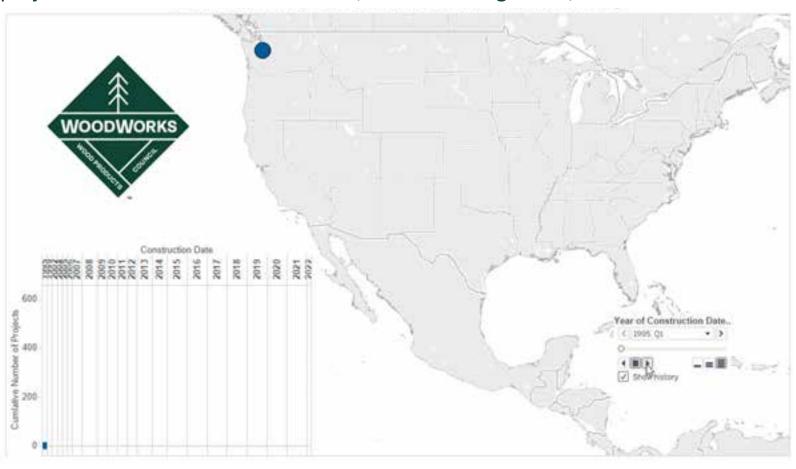
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^{*} This total includes modern mass timber and post-and-beam structures built since 2013

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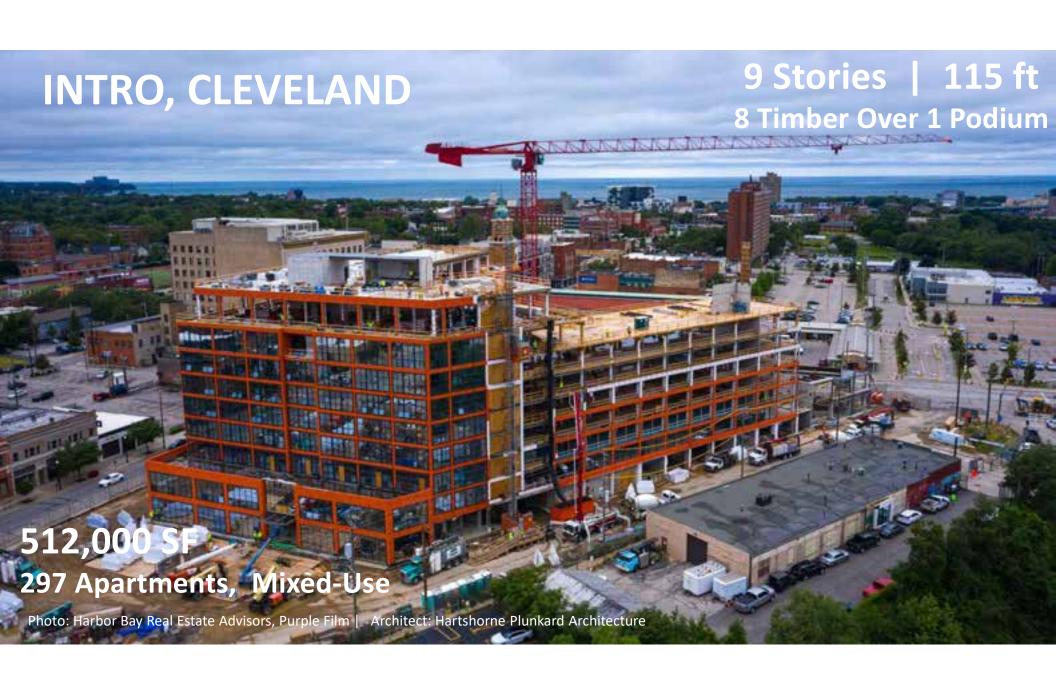






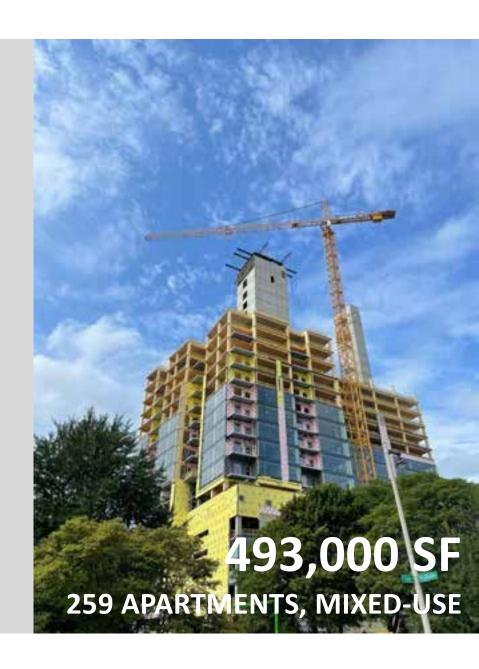
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PRECEDENT PROJECTS | BROCK COMMONS









ASCENT, MILWAUKEE

Tallest Mass Timber Building in the World





Photo: CD Smith Construction | Architect: Korb & Associates Architects

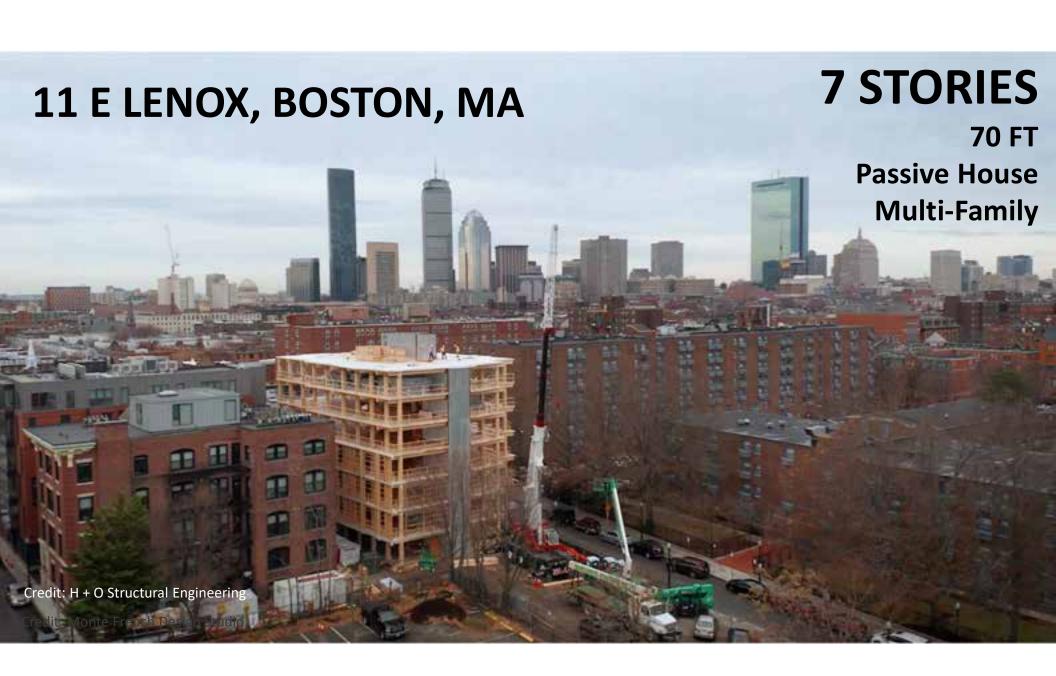


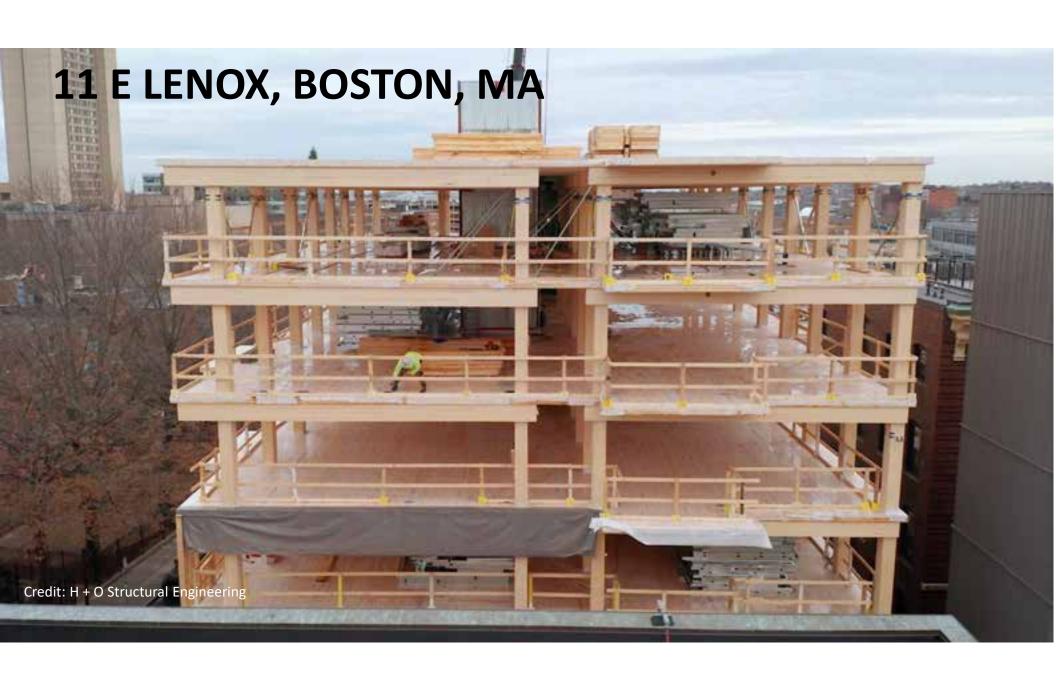
















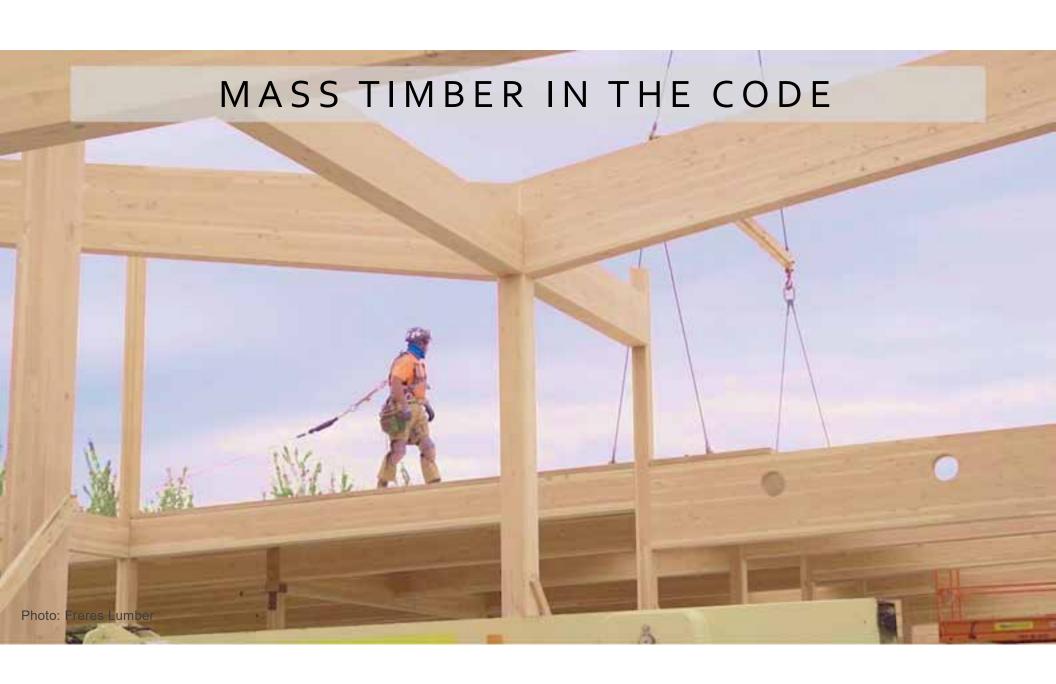


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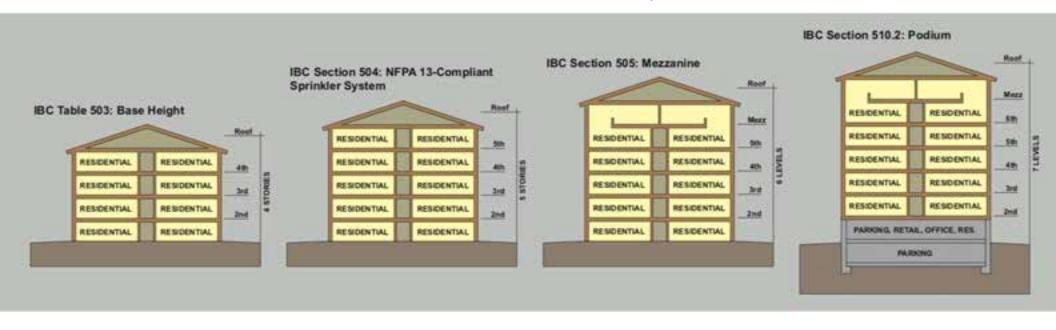
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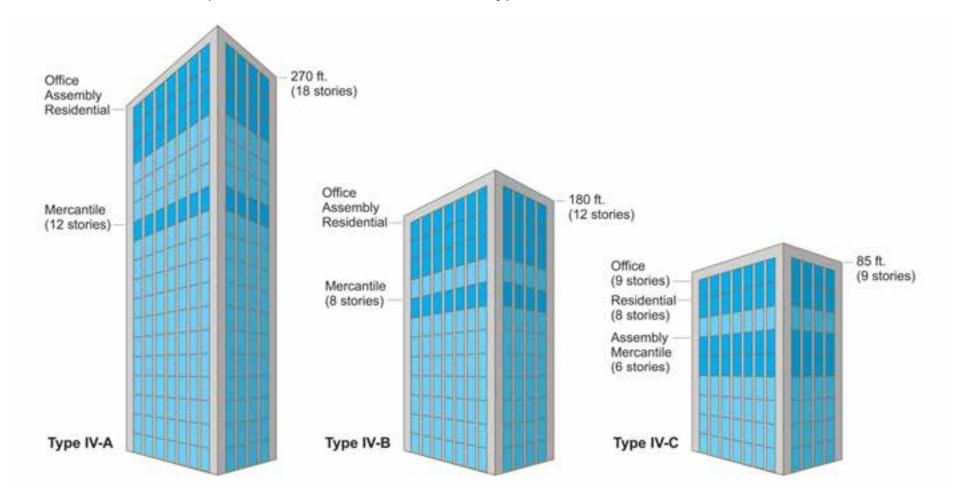
BUILDING CODE APPLICATIONS | CONSTRUCTION TYPE

Mass Timber in Low- to Mid-Rise: 1-6 Stories in Construction Types III, IV or V



BUILDING CODE APPLICATIONS | CONSTRUCTION TYPE

Tall Mass Timber: Up to 18 Stories in Construction Types IV-A, IV-B or IV-C



BUILDING CODE APPLICATIONS | FIRE RESISTANCE

Mass Timber's Fire-Resistive Performance is Well-Tested, Documented and Recognized via Code Acceptance

Cold wood
Heated zone
Char layer

Char layer

Char layer

Source: AWC's TR 10

Table 16.2.1A Char Depth and Effective Char Depth (for β_n = 1.5 in./hr.)

Required Fire Resistance (hr.)	Char Depth, a _{char} (in.)	Effective Char Depth, a _{eff} (in.)
1-Hour	1.5	1.8
1½-Hour	2.1	2.5
2-Hour	2.6	3.2

Source: AWC's NDS



BUILDING CODE APPLICATIONS | FIRE RESISTANCE



Mass Timber Fire Design Resource

- Code compliance options for demonstrating FRR
- Updated as new tests are completed
- Free download at woodworks.org

Value: Program



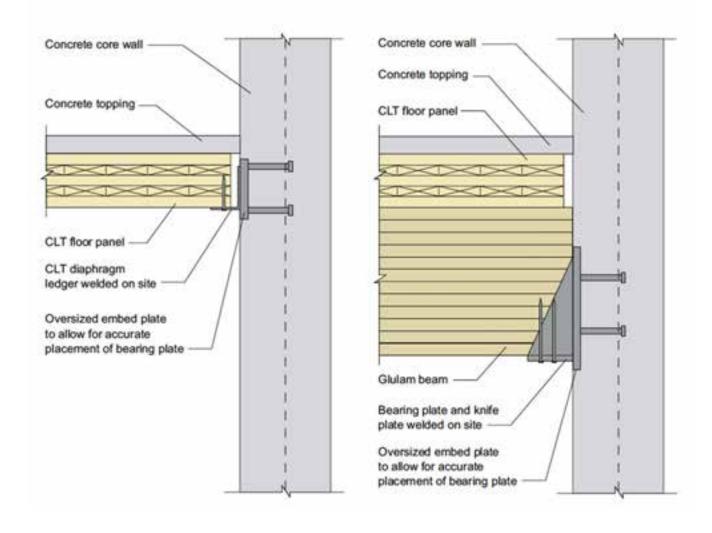
Cost: Construction Type

TABLE 601Fire Resistance Rating Requirements for Building Elements (Hours)

Building Element	I-A	I-B	III-A		III-B	IV-A	IV-B	IV-C	IV-HT	V-A	V-B
Primary Structural Frame	3*	2*	1		0	3*	2	2	HT	1	0
Ext. Bearing Walls	3*	2*	2		2	3*	2	2	2	1	0
Int. Bearing Walls	3*	2*	1		0	3*	2	2	1/HT	1	0
Floor Construction	2	2*	1		0	2	2	2	HT	1	0
Roof Construction	1.5*	1*	1		0	1.5	1	1	HT	1	0
Exposed Mass Timber Elements						None	20-40%	Most	All		
		Basel	ine			+\$10/SF		+\$^	12-15/SF		
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^{*}These values can be reduced based on certain conditions in IBC 403.2.1, which do not apply to Type IV buildings.

Options for accommodating differential movement



Cost Impacts of Construction Type

Construction Type Early Decision Example



3-story building on college campus

- Mostly Group B occupancy, some assembly (events) space
- NFPA 13 sprinklers throughout
- Floor plate = 7,700 SF
- Total Building Area = 23,100 SF

Impact of Assembly Occupancy Placement:

Owner originally desires events space on top (3rd) floor

- Requires Construction Type IIIA
 If owner permits moving events space to 1st or 2nd floor
- Could use Type IIIB

Cost Impacts of Construction Type

Construction Type Early Decision Example

3-story building on college campus



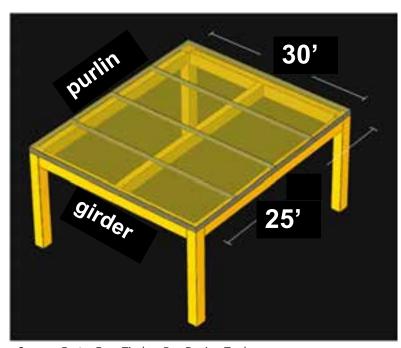
Location of Event Space	3 rd Floor	1st Floor
Construction Type	III-A	III-B
Assembly Group	A-3	A-3
Fire Resistive Rating	1-Hr	o-Hr
Connections	Concealed	Exposed
CLT Panel Thickness	5-Ply	3-Ply
Superstructure Cost/SF	\$65/SF	\$53/SF



Source: PCL Construction



Panel volume usually 65-80% of MT package volume



Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

Type IIIA option 1

1-hr FRR

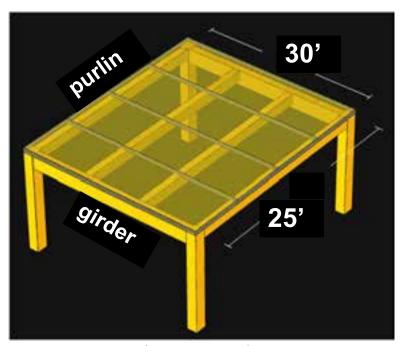
Purlin: 5.5"x28.5" Girder: 8.75"x33"

Column: 10.5"x10.75"

Floor panel: 5-ply

Glulam volume = 118 CF (22% of MT) CLT volume = 430 CF (78% of MT) Total volume = 0.73 CF / SF

Panel volume usually 65-80% of MT package volume



Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

Type IIIA option 2

1-hr FRR

Purlin: 5.5"x24"

Girder: 8.75"x33"

Column: 10.5"x10.75"

Floor panel: 5-ply

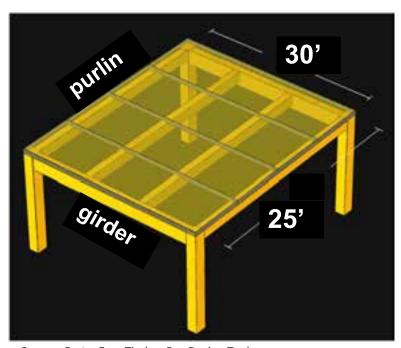
Glulam volume = 123 CF (22% of MT)

CLT volume = 430 CF (78% of MT)

Total volume = 0.74 CF / SF

Cost considerations: One additional beam (one additional erection pick), 2 more connections

Panel volume usually 65-80% of MT package volume



Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

Type IV-HT

0-hr FRR (min sizes per IBC)

Purlin: 5.5"x24" (IBC min = 5"x10.5")

Girder: 8.75"x33" (IBC min = 5"x10.5")

Column: 10.5"x10.75" (IBC min = 6.75"x8.25")

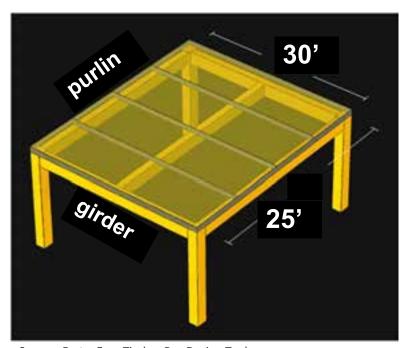
Floor panel: 3-ply (IBC min = 4" CLT)

Glulam volume = 120 CF (32% of MT)

CLT volume = 258 CF (68% of MT)

Total volume = 0.51 CF / SF

Which is the most efficient option?



Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

	Timber Volume Ratio
IIIA – Option 1	0.73 CF / SF
IIIA – Option 2	0.74 CF / SF
IV-HT	0.51 CF / SF

A general rule of thumb for efficient mass timber fiber volume is no higher than 0.75 CF per SF for up to a 1 hour rated structure (higher if 2 hour exposed timber in tall mass timber). Ratios in the 0.85 to 1.0 CF / SF range tend to become cost prohibitive

Expert Tips

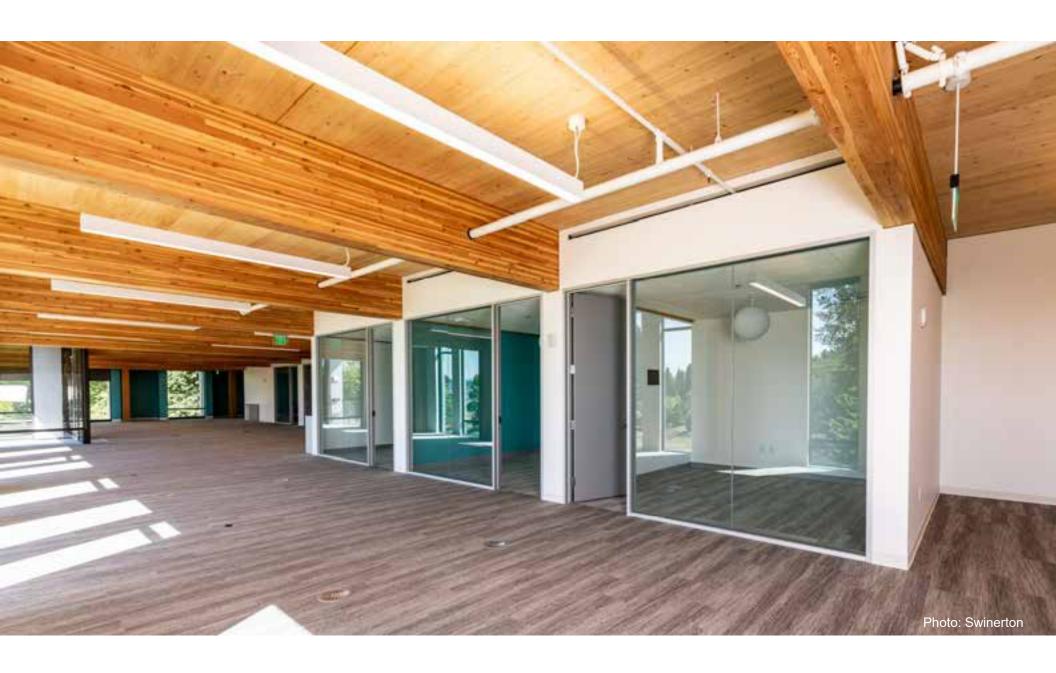
Key Design Considerations for Mass Timber Projects

Important considerations related to construction type, fire ratings, panel thickness, member size and occupancy.

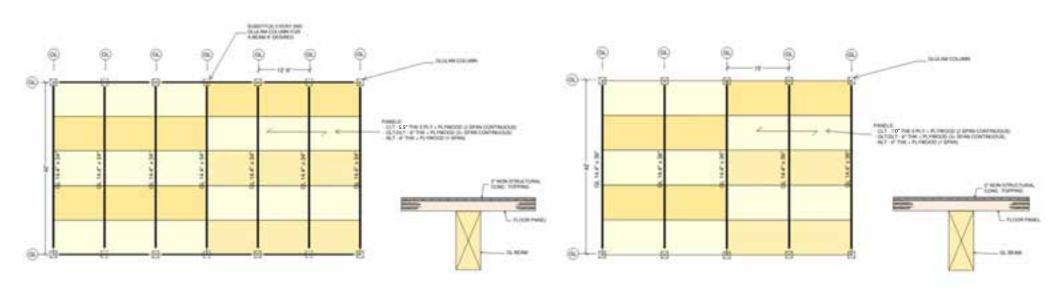


Selecting a Construction Type

For mass timber projects, selection of construction type is one of the more significant design decisions. While it's common to choose construction type based on structural material—i.e., to assume that steel and concrete structures should be Type II, light-frame wood should be Type V, and exposed heavy/mass timber should be Type IV—this approach can lead to additional costs. While Type IV construction can be used for exposed



Cost: Structural System & Grid



Baseline
12'-6" Glulam Spacing
5.5" CLT

\$ +5%
15' Glulam Spacing
7" CLT

Source: Seattle Mass Timber Tower Book



Expert Tips

Creating Efficient Structural Grids in Mass Timber Buildings

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Although a mass timber solution may work economically on grids created for other materials, a few modifications can increase efficiencies related to member sizing and manufacturer capabilities.



Mass timber products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber (NLT) and glue-laminated timber (glulam) are at the core of a revolution that is shifting how designers think about construction. At no time has materials selection been such an integral aspect of the building designer's daily responsibilities. In addition to its sustainability and light carbon footprint, mass timber has benefits that include enhanced aesthetics, speed of construction and light weight, all of which can positively impact costs. However, to convince building owners and developers that a mass timber solution is viable, the structural design must also be cost competitive. This requires a full understanding of both material properties and

Value Analysis

$$Value = \frac{\uparrow Function + \uparrow Aesthetics}{\downarrow Cost}$$



Value Analysis

$$Value\ Engineering = \frac{Function + Aesthetics}{Cost}$$







Perimeter Glazing

Insurance Perspective on Mass Timber

- Lack of historic loss data = Unknowns
- Unknowns = Risk
- Risk = Higher Premiums
- Some take a 'wood is wood' approach
- Important to understand the significant differences in how mass timber performs in the event of a fire, etc. when compared to light wood-frame and all other building materials



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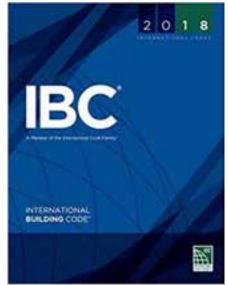


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Insurance vs. Building Codes

- It is important to note the distinct difference between the primary concerns of insurers vs. primary concerns of building codes
- Insurance primarily concerned with property loss
- Building codes primarily concerned with occupant safety
- As such, code acceptance and associated testing may be helpful to insurers in evaluating a new product like mass timber, but it will not address all concerns



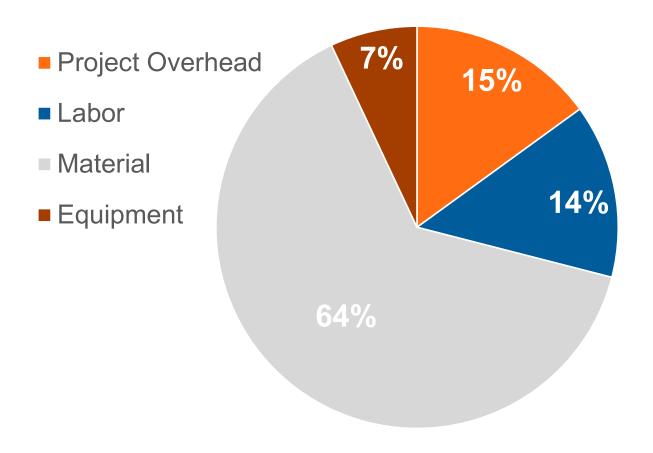




Holistic Costing

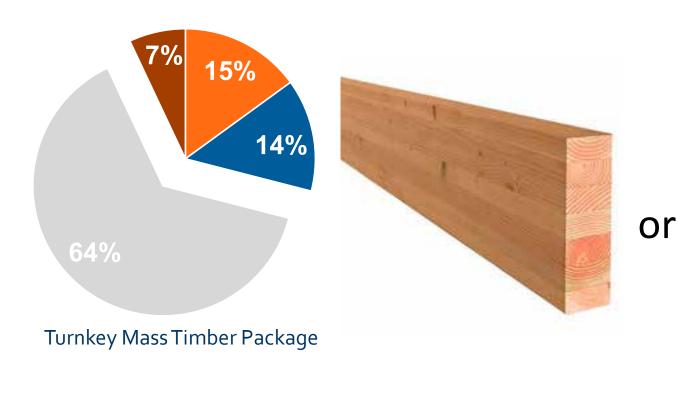


Anatomy of a Turnkey Mass Timber Package



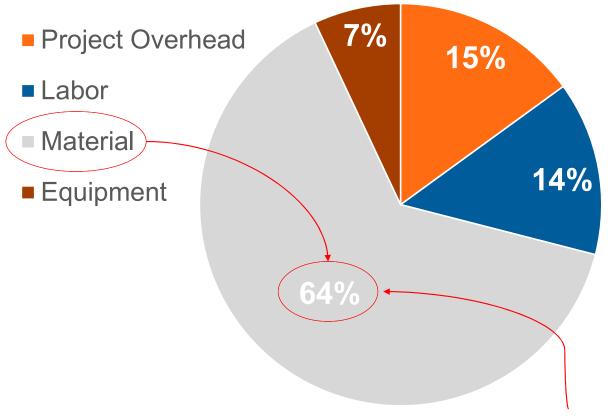
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Material (Direct Cost)



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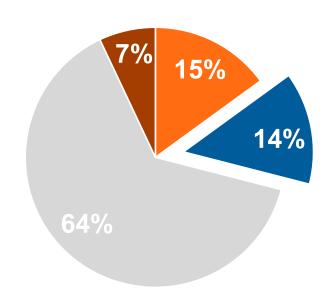
Mass Timber Package Costs



Panels are the biggest part of the biggest piece of the cost pie

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Labor (Direct Cost)

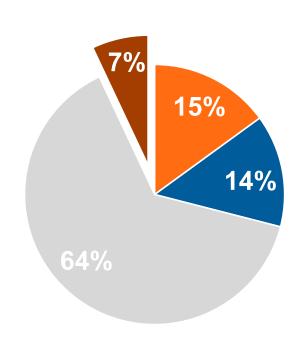


Turnkey Mass Timber Package



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Equipment (Direct Cost)



Turnkey Mass Timber Package

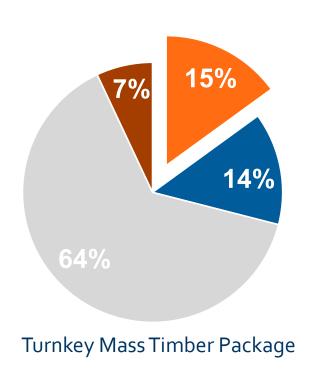


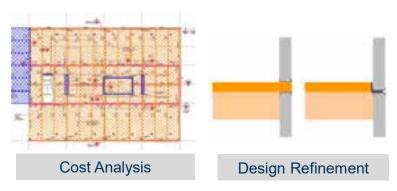
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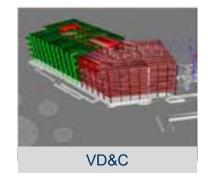
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Project Overhead













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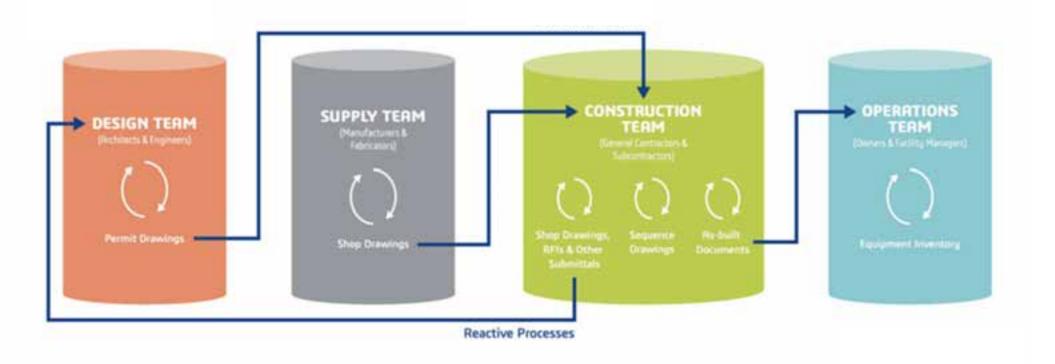


Sample Procurement Strategies

GC/CM Hires Turnkey Mass Timber Subcontractor	GC/CM Buys Material, Self-Performs Installation and Coordinates	GC/CM Buys Material, Subcontracts Labor and Coordinates
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+ Hiring experience + Single point of responsibility	+ Hiring experience + Single point of responsibility + Financial security of strong GC/CM	+ Potential added mark-up
- Prequalify capacity of subs - Potential added mark-up	Lack of familiarity with supply chain Steep learning curve for coordination	Multiple layers of coordination Prequalify capacity of sub

Source: Timberlab

Potential Cost Impacts: Design-Bid-Build Procurement



Alternate Procurement Option: Trade Partner/Master Builder Approach

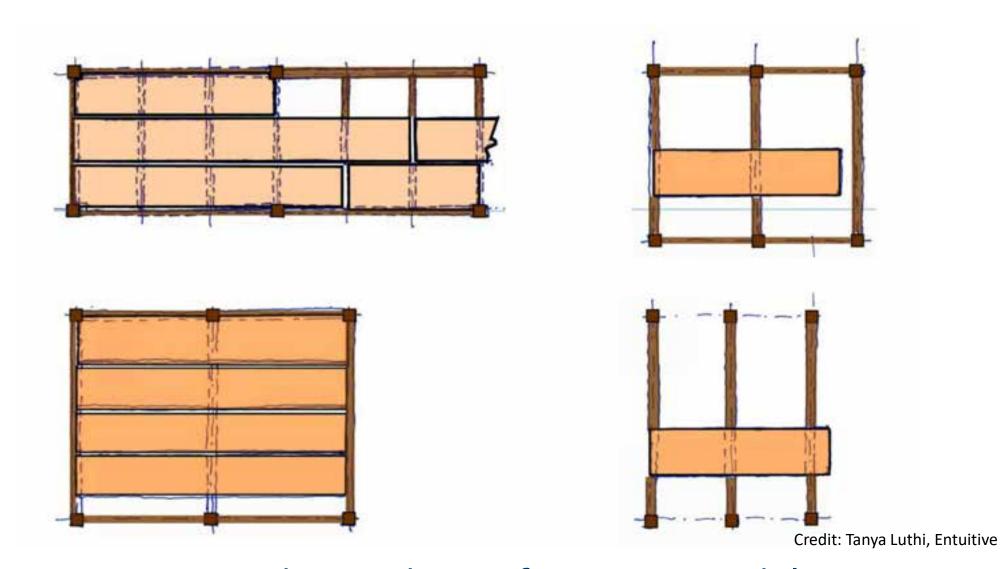


Procurement Strategy is Key to Success





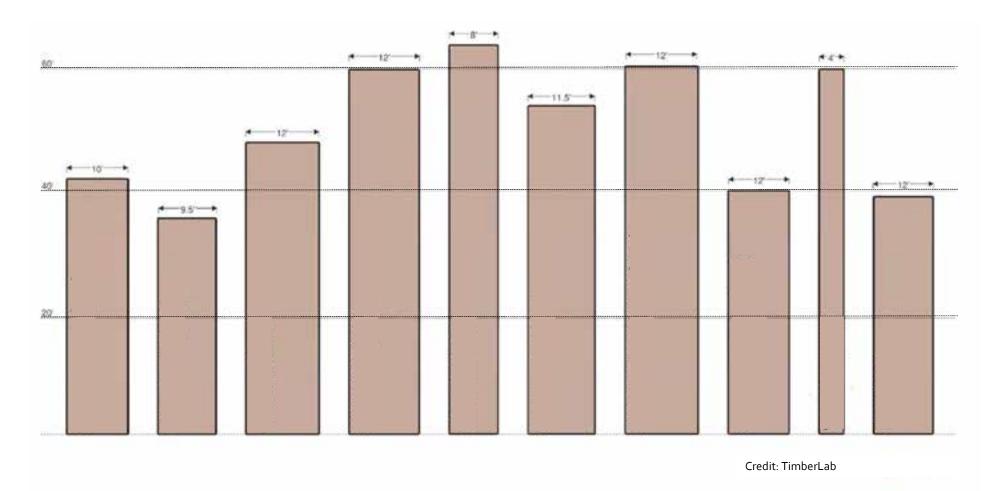


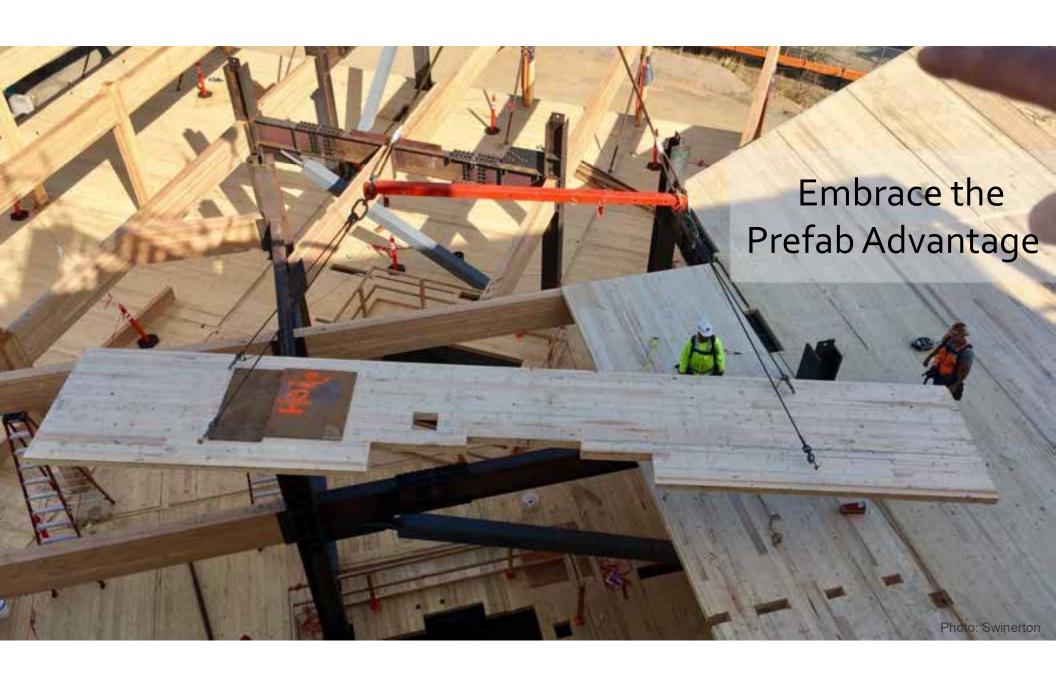


Understand Manufacturer's Capabilities



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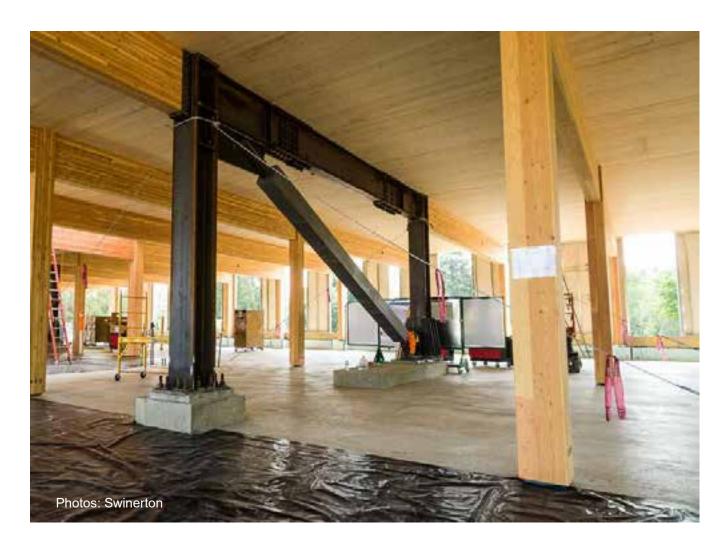


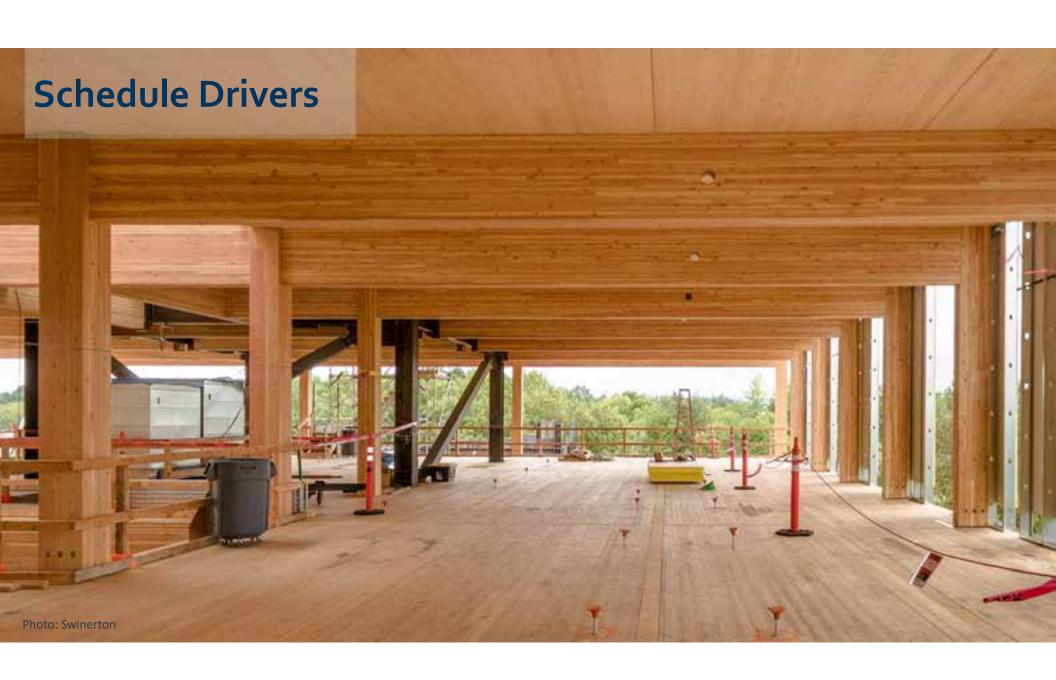


Tolerances: Interface with Other Structural Materials

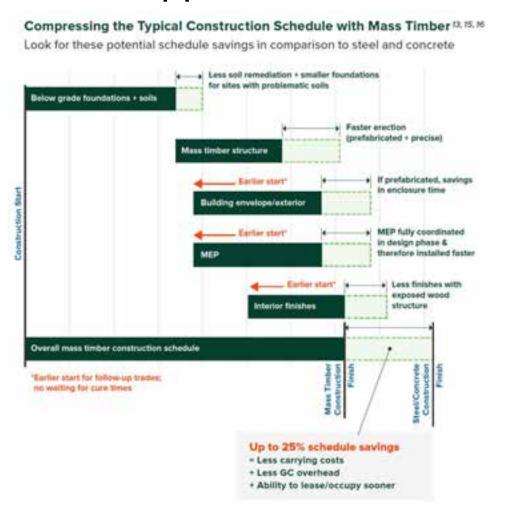








Procurement Approach Determines Schedule



Source: WoodWorks

Procurement Logic for Scheduling



Example 6 Story Type IIIA Project

Procurement Approach Determines Schedule



Schedule Comparison





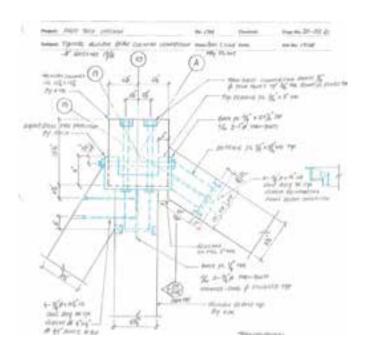
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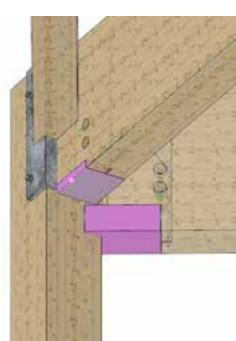
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Schedule Drivers



BIM/Digital Twins







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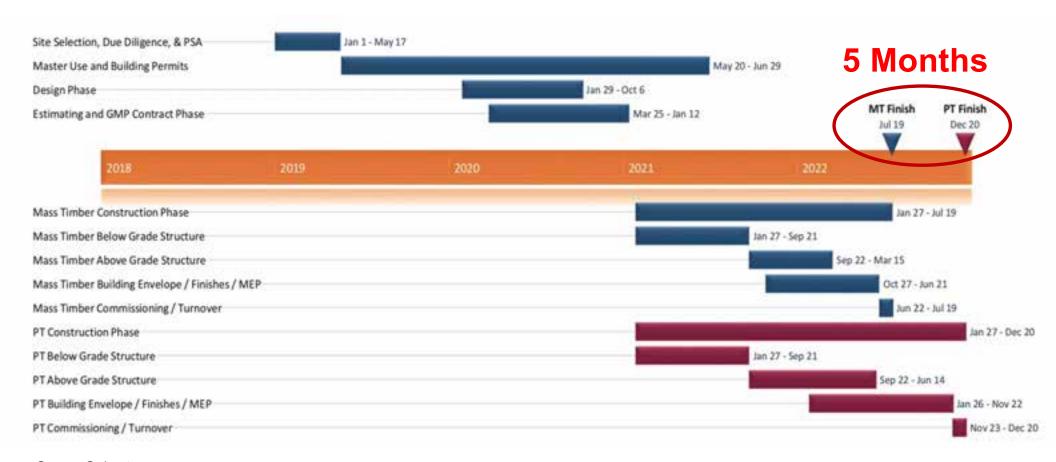
Schedule Impacts: Hybrid Structures







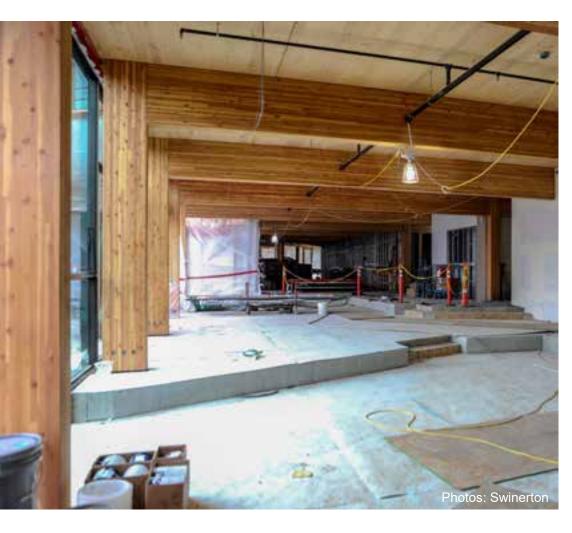
Overall Project Schedule Analysis: 12 Story Type IV-B



Schedule Impact on Cost | Value of Time

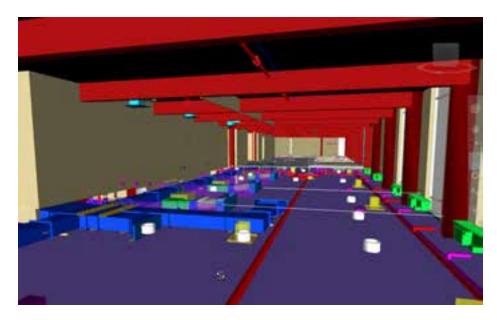


Early Move-In for Rough-In Trades.





Embracing BIM for Fabrication





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Smaller grid bays at central core (more head height)

Main MEP trunk lines around core, smaller branches in exterior bays





Dropped below MT framing

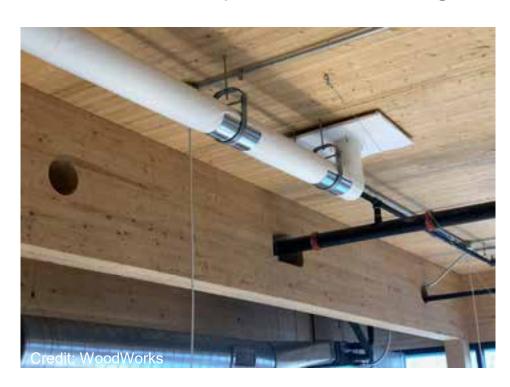
- Can simplify coordination (fewer penetrations)
- Bigger impact on head height





In penetrations through MT framing

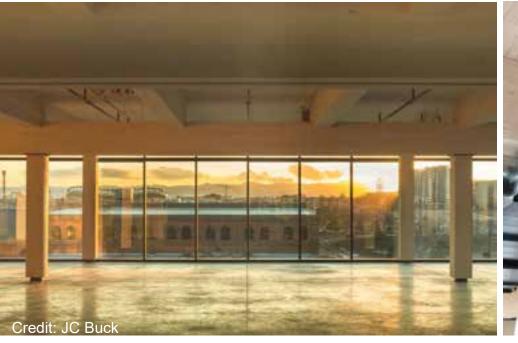
- Requires more coordination (penetrations)
- Bigger impact on structural capacity of penetrated members
- Minimal impact on head height





In chases above beams and below panels

- Fewer penetrations
- Bigger impact on head height (overall structure depth is greater)
- FRR impacts: top of beam exposure





In gaps between MT panels

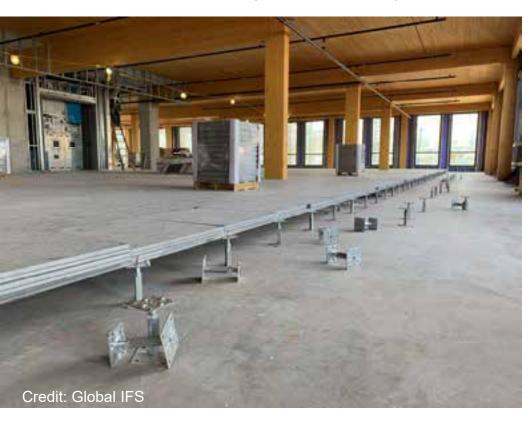
• Fewer penetrations, can allow for easier modifications later





In raised access floor (RAF) above MT

- Impact on head height
- Concealed space code provisions





In topping slab above MT

- Greater need for coordination prior to slab pour
- Limitations on what can be placed (thickness of topping slab)
- No opportunity for renovations later









Tall Mass Timber Special Inspections

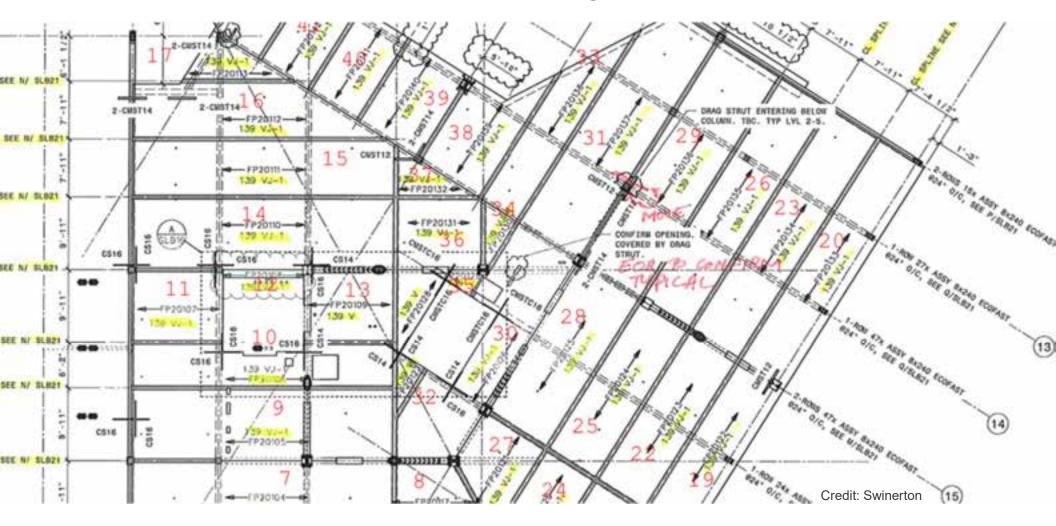
TABLE 1705.5.3 REQUIRED SPECIAL INSPECTIONS OF MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

Туре	Continuous Special Inspection	Periodic Special Inspection
Inspection of anchorage and connections of mass timber construction to timber deep foundation systems.		×
2. Inspect erection of mass timber construction		X
3. Inspection of connections where installation methods are required to meet design loads		
3.1. Threaded fasteners		
3.1.1. Verify use of proper installation equipment.		X
3.1.2. Verify use of pre-drilled holes where required.		X
3.1.3. Inspect screws, including diameter, length, head type, spacing, installation angle, and depth.		x
3.2. Adhesive anchors installed in horizontal or upwardly inclined orientation to resist sustained tension loads	x	
3.3. Adhesive anchors not defined in 3.2.		X
3.4. Bolted connections		X
3.5. Concealed connections		X

Table is only required for Type IV-A, IV-B, and IV-C

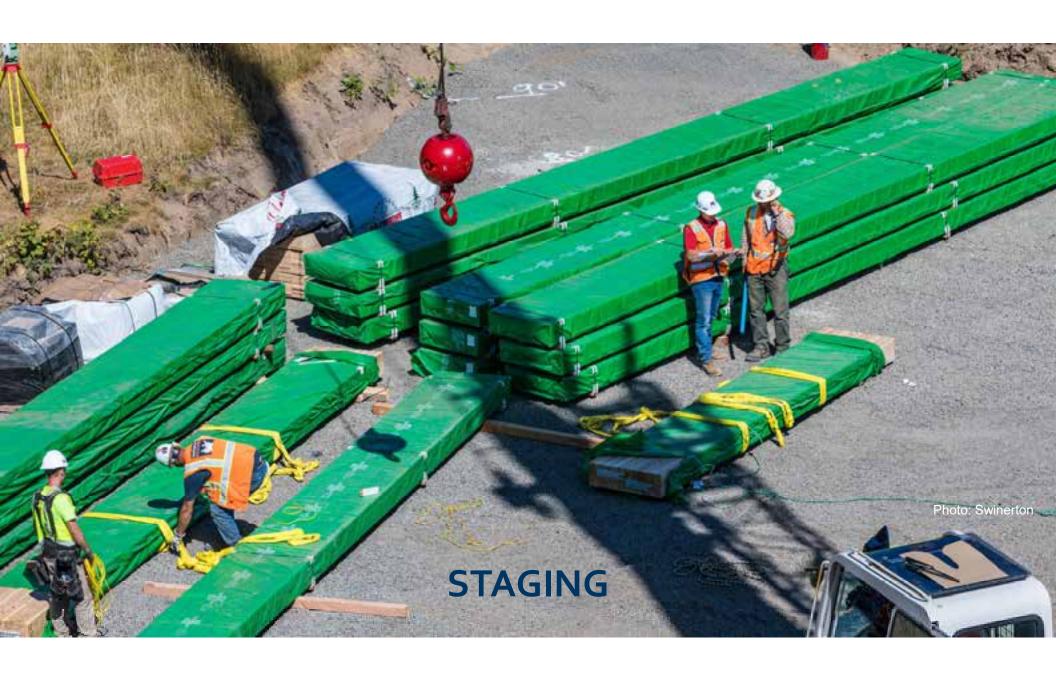
Source: International Building Code

Sequencing

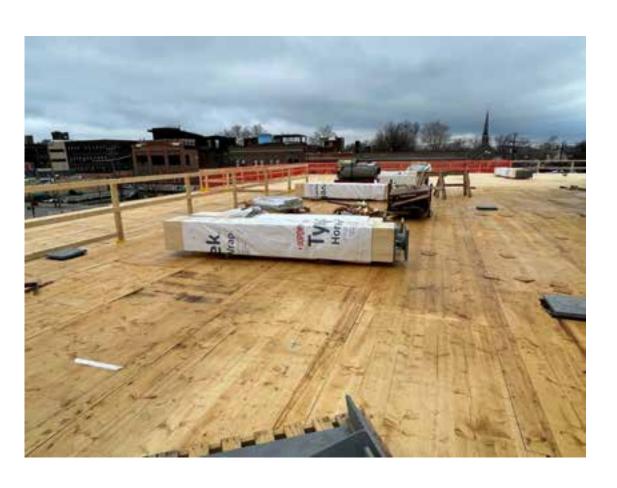






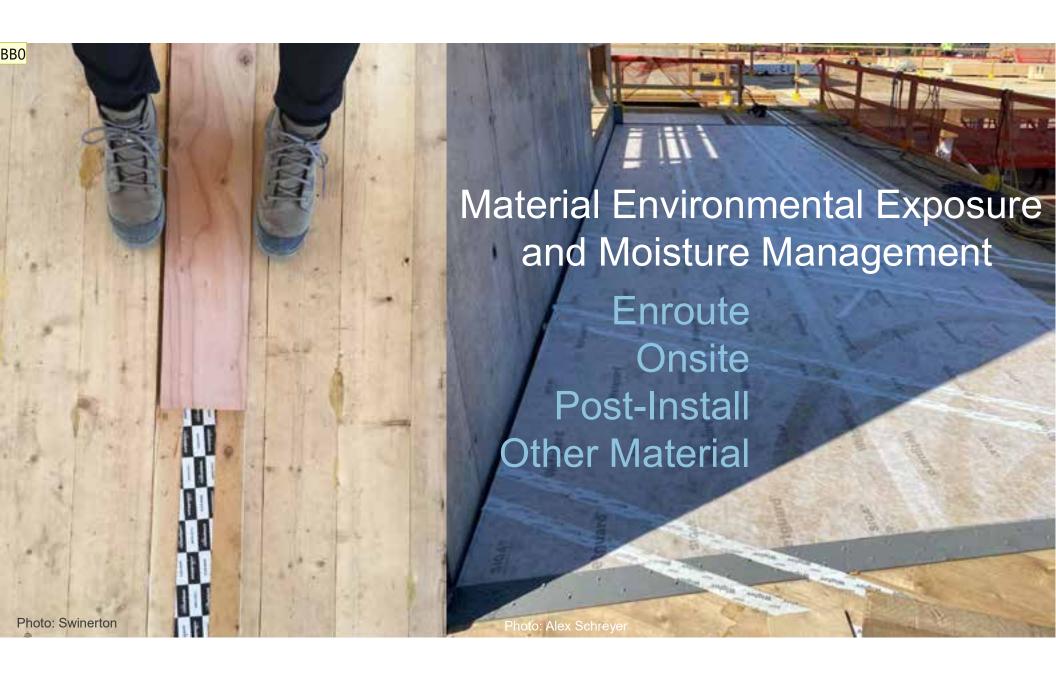


Planning for Environmental Exposures



- Plan Early
- Risk Evaluation
- Develop Construction
- Phase Plan
- Execute the Design and Moisture Management Plan
- Monitor

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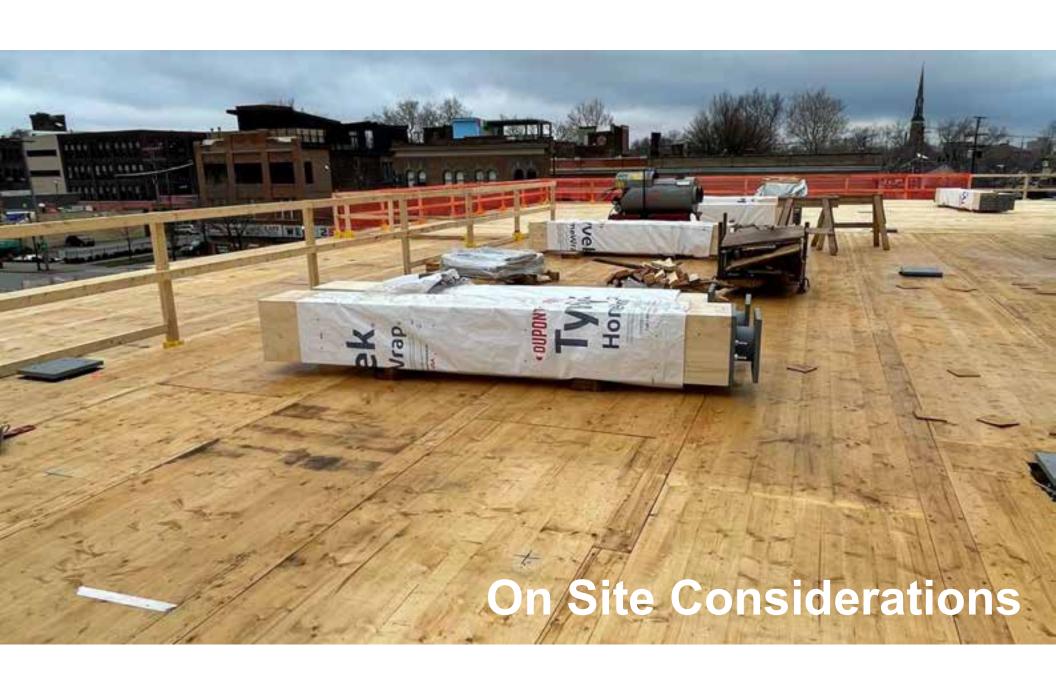


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On Site Considerations









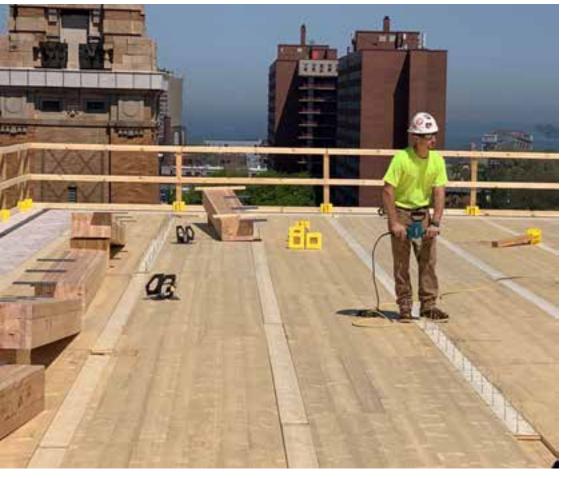
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Other Materials



Workforce Development

Training is the key to efficiency Training takes time and money

Training versus Education

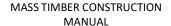
Resources available to all

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Installer Curriculum
Other WW Resources
CM Workshops
Previous recorded versions
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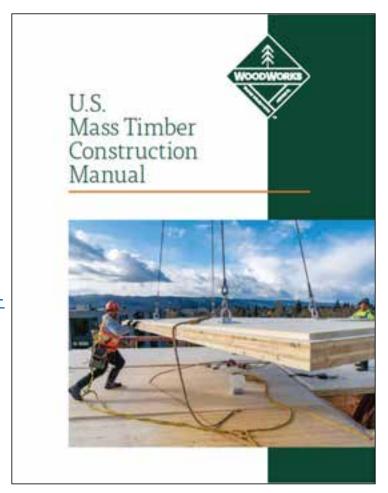


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