MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Setting a Precedent: Mass Timber at Michigan State University's new STEM Facility

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Course Description

Michigan State University's new 121,290-sf STEM teaching facility is breaking new ground with the first significant use of cross-laminated timber (CLT) in the state. The University and design team chose an exposed mass timber structure of CLT floors and walls supported by a glue-laminated timber frame to realize the University's goals of innovation and sustainability while functioning as a visual learning tool. The design encourages cross-pollination of ideas, by drawing students through vibrant and active common spaces, seamlessly connecting disciplines, and supporting evolving curriculum and pedagogies. In this presentation, the architect will share drivers for the use of mass timber, highlight design strategies that are code-compliant while maximizing its visual appeal, and discuss lessons learned from preconstruction coordination through field coordination and erection.

Learning Objectives

- 1. Explore the design team's approach to material and construction selection for a mass timber building in lieu of traditional steel systems.
- 2. Review the code approval and local permitting steps taken to achieve compliance for a first-of-its-kind mass timber building.
- 3. Discuss the construction process of mass timber buildings, highlighting items such as speed, inspections, and erection.
- 4. Demonstrate the benefits realized by tenants of a mass timber building, including aesthetics and occupant comfort.

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PROGRAM GOALS

Improve and enhance the undergraduate learning experience, support teaching and learning, attract more students in STEM disciplines, and better prepare them for professional careers in STEM fields Bring together outdated teaching laboratories and instructional support spaces; support changes in STEM curriculum and teaching methods.

Create a campus hub for teaching and learning across the sciences, arts and humanities.

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BUILDING PROGRAM

- Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory space of approximately 120,000 GSF
- Modular, flexible active learning teaching labs
- Student breakout spaces, project labs in support of curriculum innovation

Chemistry

• STEM Gateway courses in:



Biology





Computer Science





Materials Science

Physics

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SCHEDULE COMPLETION DATE: Spring 2021



120,000 Sq. Ft. new construction

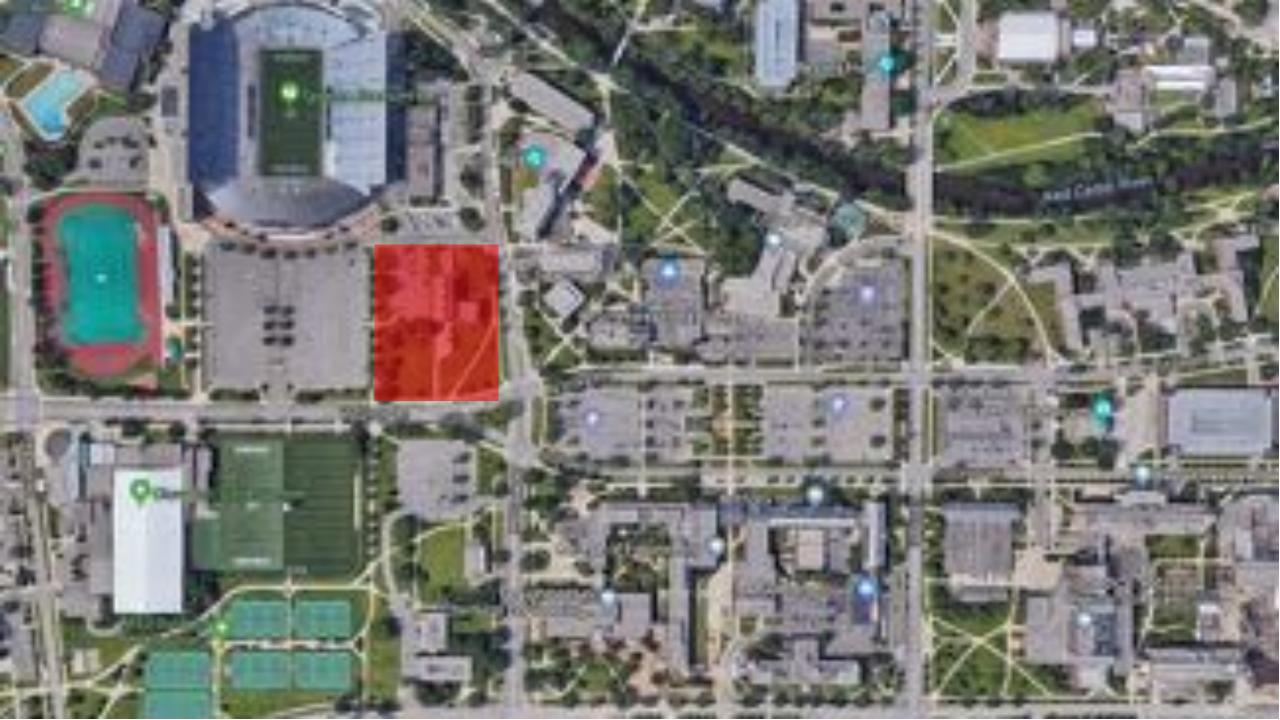


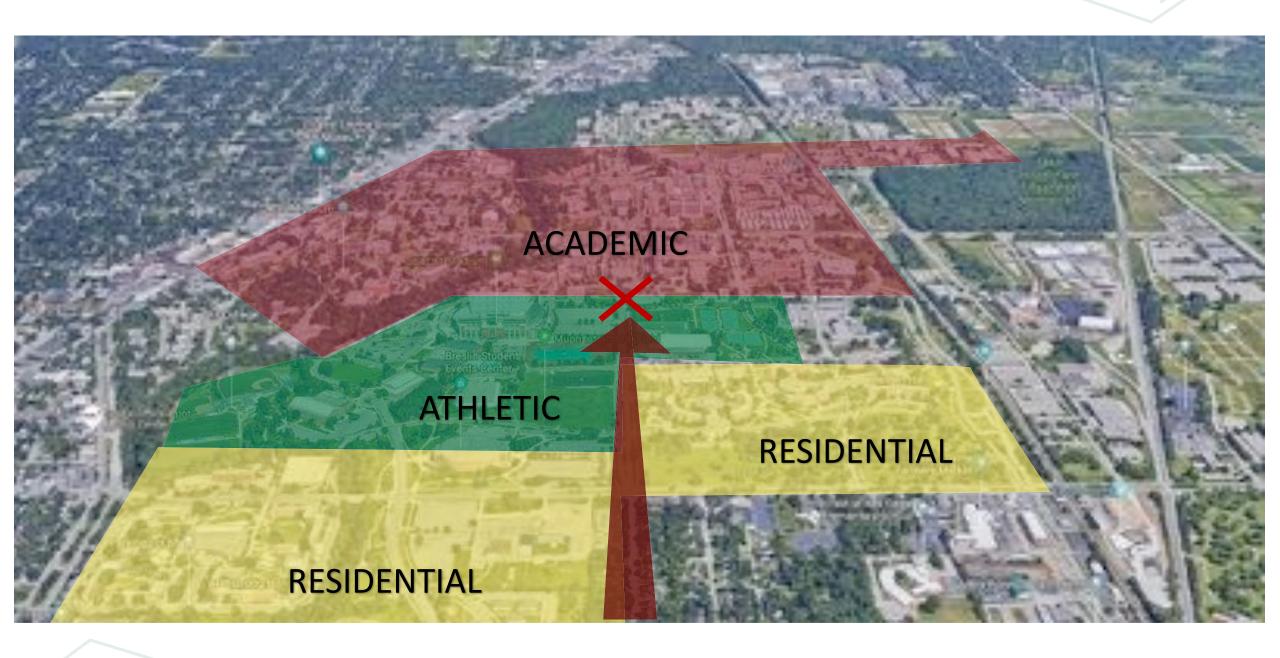
40,000 Sq. Ft. renovation space



16,000 Sq. Ft. new classroom space















- Existing Steel Building Frame

- Existing concrete Floors
- New Floors constructed of CLT to connect with STEM wings

Classroom Addition

Steel frame and composite concrete floor to increase spans while maintaining ceiling heights

STEM Wings

- Exposed Glu-Lam columns and beams to highlight wood construction and yet be less industrial than Power Plant
- Floors constructed of CLT with polished concrete topping as walking surface



Why Timber?

- Integration with MSU School of Planning, Design & Construction and Department of Forestry
- Building as a teaching tool
- Stimulates MI timber industry
- Embraces sustainability
- Demonstrates innovation
- Creates a showcase "WOW" facility



Mass Timber Challenges



- Longer Preconstruction Process
- Potential Cost Concerns
- Non-Traditional Procurement
- Regional Availability
- Qualified Erectors
- Protecting Finished Installed work

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How the Code Authority sees it....

- Type III or Type IV Construction?
- Concealed Spaces.
- Fire Rating of CLT.

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- Structural wood floor deck?
- CLT, NLT, DLT?
- What about walls and shafts?
- Combustibles in the exterior wall?
- Heavy mechanical loads?

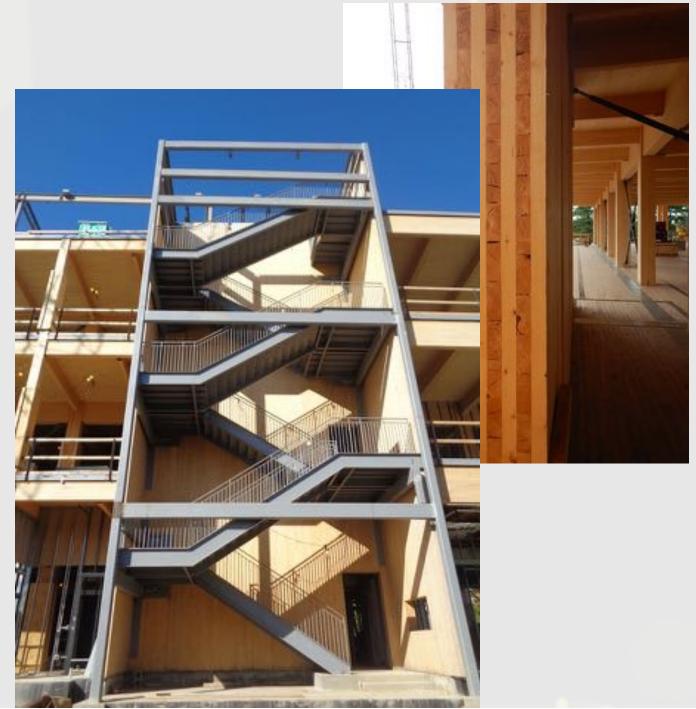


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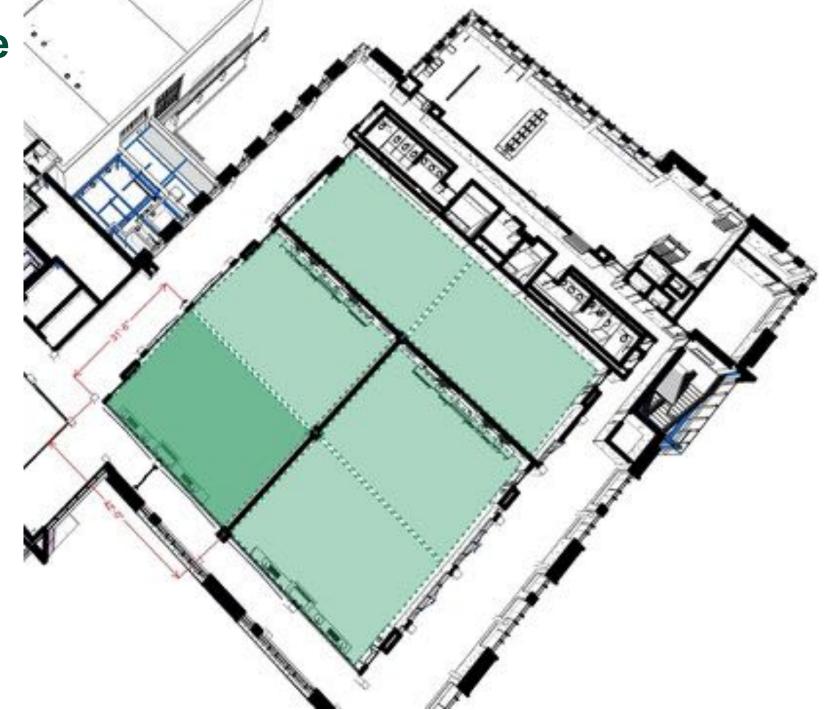
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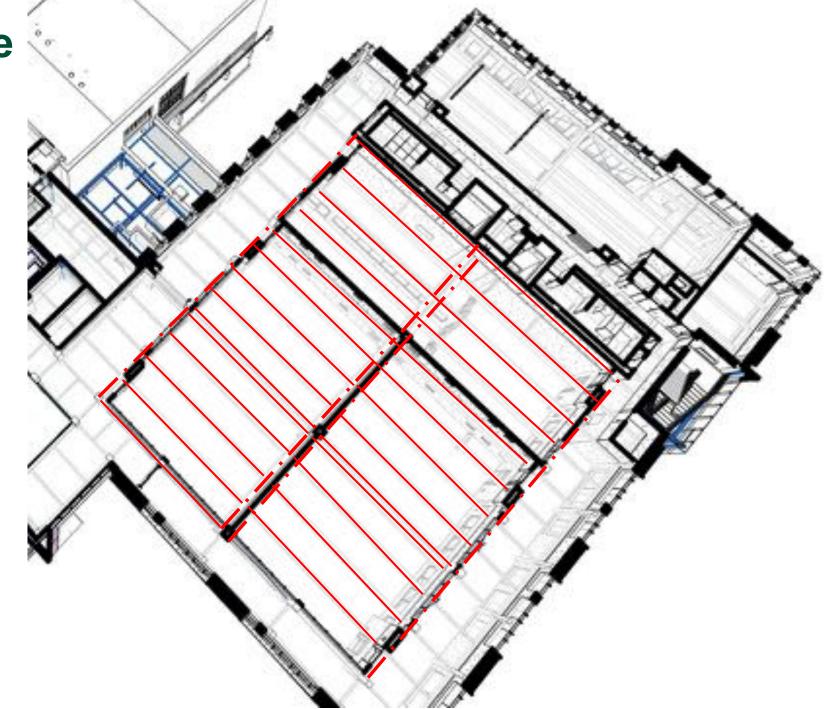
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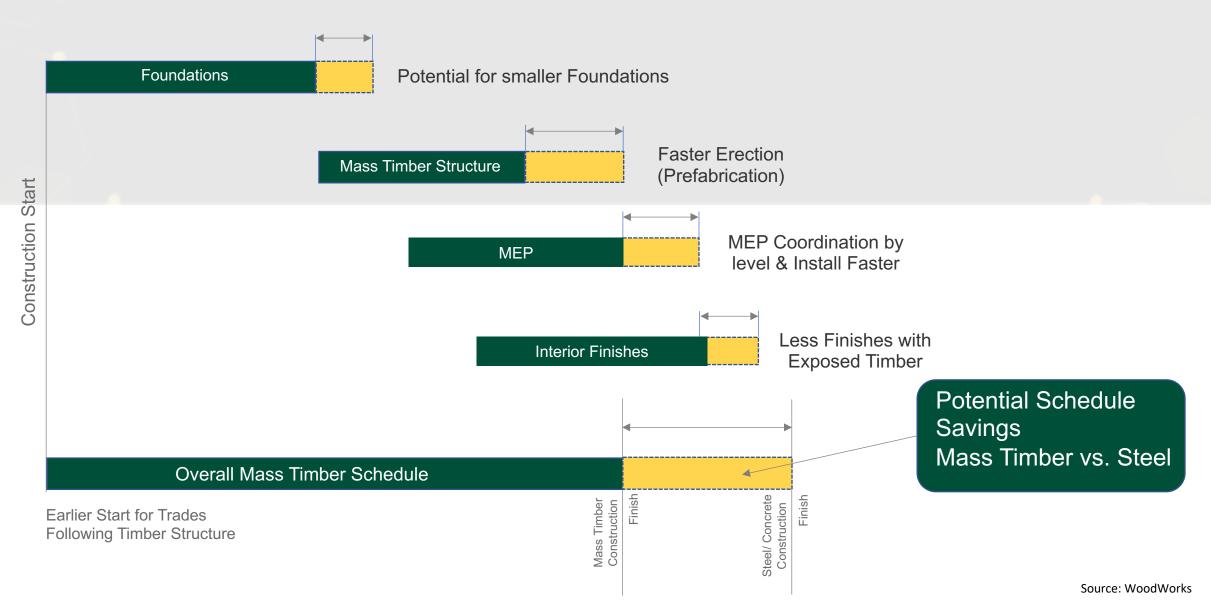
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Mass Timber Schedule







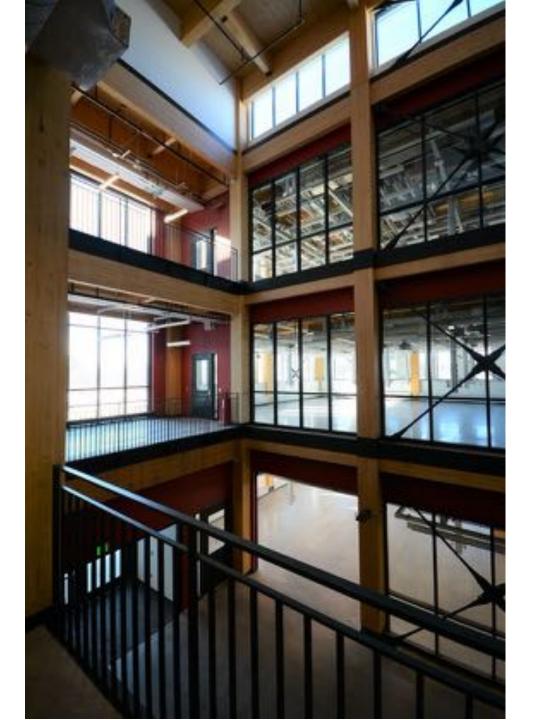


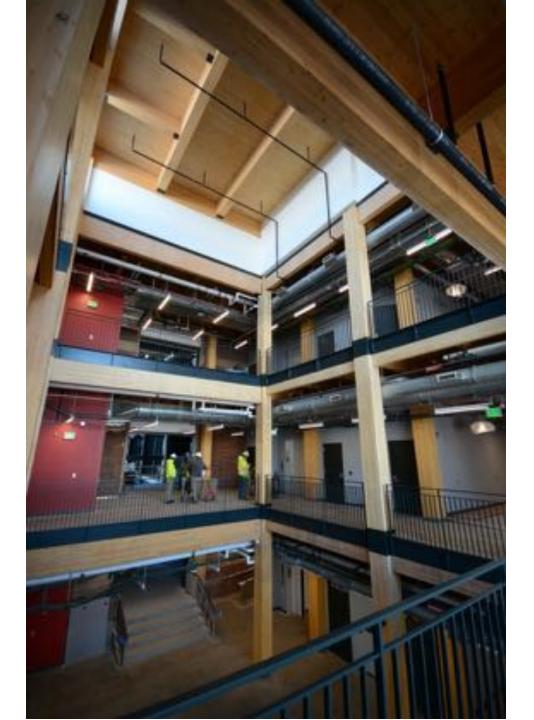


Entering STEM from Southwest



South STEM 2nd floor Commons





Active Learning Chemistry Lab



















WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Mass Timber Considerations

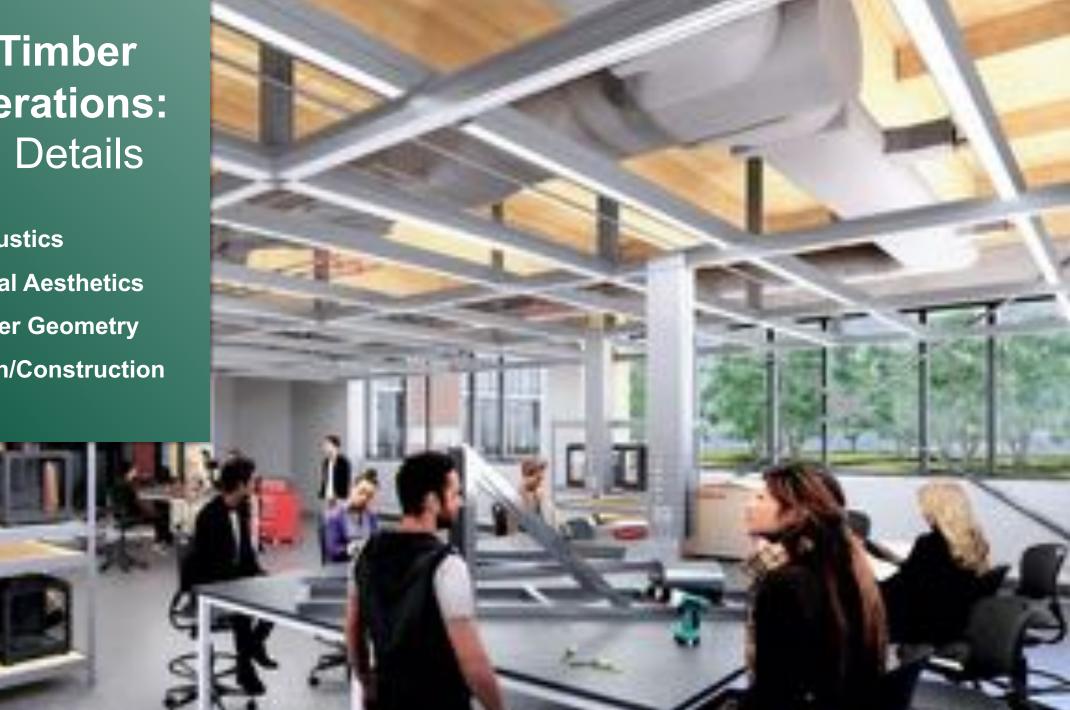


Mass Timber Considerations: Structural Design

University Standards vs. Building Code Vibration Analysis Right Sizing Timber Fire Resistance/Panel Thickness

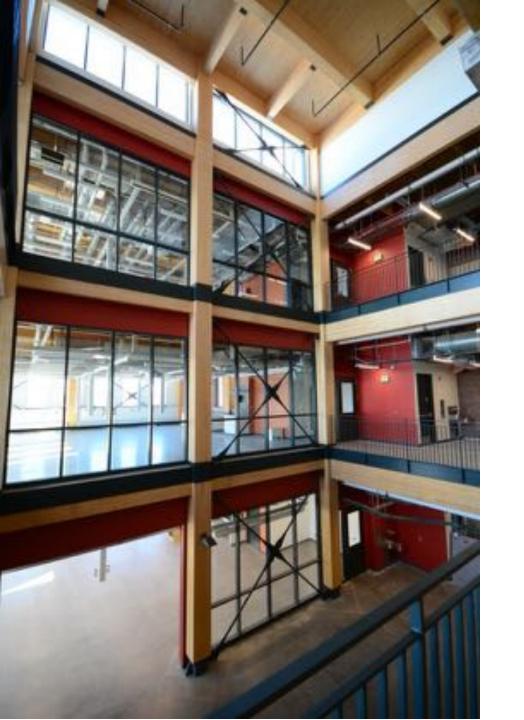
Mass Timber **Considerations:** Design Details

Acoustics **Architectural Aesthetics** Mass Timber Geometry **Virtual Design/Construction**



Mass Timber Considerations: Installation

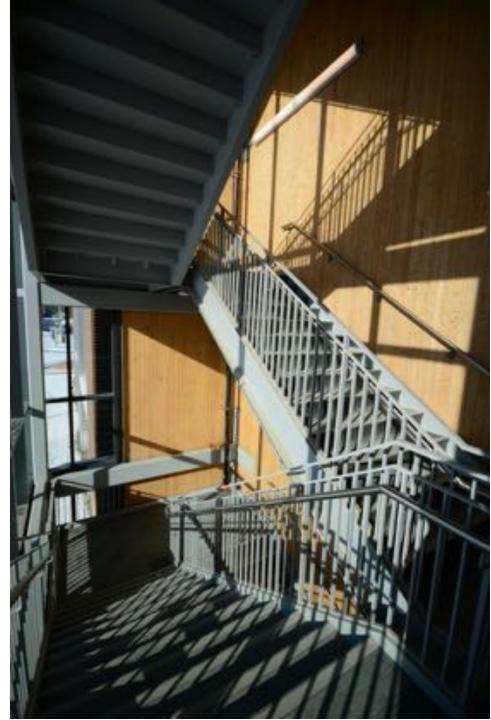
Hoisting/Sequencing Moisture Management Protection of Material

















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QUESTIONS?

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