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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1

How Prefabrication is defined and applied to a variety of project types in today's built industries

2

Cost Benefits / Schedule Benefits

3

Are there any types of markets where each of these systems are best suited or can they be used for any project type?

4

How would an Owner go about contracting for each of their systems and are they restrained by any of the various Project Delivery Methods available for today's projects?

5

Case studies for how these systems have been implemented

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EDUCATION WEBINAR

PREFABRICATION: ELEMENTS, PANELIZATION, & VOLUMETRIC MODULAR





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MassFrame Solutions Presentation



MASS Timber + Metal FRAME

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CALIFORNIA'S HOUSING SHORTAGE

- Total Existing CA Housing Units = 14.8M
- California Housing Unit Deficit = 3-4 Million
- 300,000 new units are needed per year to keep pace with population growth
- ~100,000 units are built per year
- 20-30% Short of Current Housing Demand
- We only produce 33% of what is needed yearly to maintain current deficits

WE HAVE A SOLUTION...

FRAMING THE FUTURE OF HOUSING

OUR MISSION

MassFrame's mission is to drive innovation and efficiency that ensures the delivery of high-quality, affordable housing.

We are redefining the housing industry through manufacturing practices that seamlessly blend mass timber with non-combustible metal framing into hybrid building structures. By championing innovation and efficiency, we create exceptional experiences for our clients and stakeholders by eliminating waste and ushering in a more sustainable future for the housing industry.



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HOUSING CONSTRUCTION METHODS IBC & CBC BUILDING DEFINITION

- Housing has been primarily Building Type II, III, & V
- Type IV A, B & C were added in the 2019 code update
- Type IV (2016) – Building Elements are made of Heavy Timber
- Type IV (2019 & 2022) – Building Elements are made of:

Mass Timber or Non-Combustible Materials

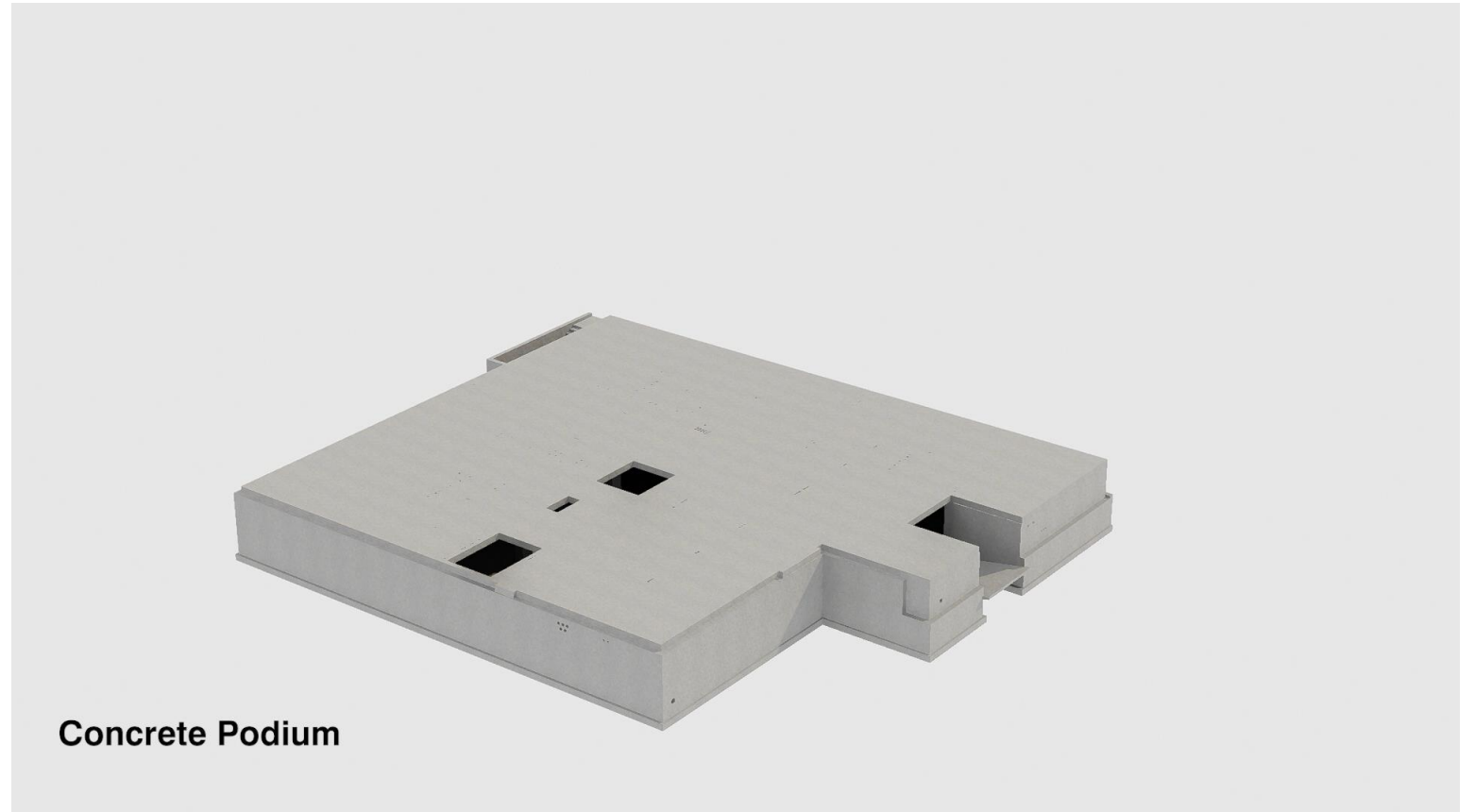
| R-2 Occ. | Type II | | Type III | | Type IV | |
|----------------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| | Metal Frame | | Wood Frame | | MassFrame | |
| | A | B | A | B | B | C |
| Stories | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 8 |
| Height | 85 | 75 | 85 | 75 | 180 | 85 |
| Area | 24,000 | 16,000 | 24,000 | 16,000 | 123,000 | 76,875 |



TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION

MassFrame Components

- Cold Formed Steel Wall Framing (CFS)
Non-Combustible Building Element
- Cross-Laminated Timber Floors (CLT)
Mass Timber Building Element





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GOOD

Traditional Multi-Family Construction

2 Levels of Type I Concrete

5 Levels of Type III Wood Frame

Below 75' High-Rise Limit

BETTER

Enhanced Multi-Family Construction

1 Level of Type IV Concrete

6 Levels of Type IV MassFrame

Below 75' High-Rise Limit

BEST

Optimized Multi-Family Construction

1 Level of Type IV Concrete

7 Levels of Type IV MassFrame

Below 75' High-Rise Limit



Eliminate 3 Hour Occupancy Separations

Reduced Concrete & Carbon Footprint

Non-Combustible Construction

100% Prefabricated Solution

Reduced Project Cost & Schedule

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20% More Units per Project

Optimized Cost per Unit

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COST

Hard Cost Benefits

On Par with Wood Frame

\$20/sf Savings compared to Concrete

Reduced Foundation & Site Construction Costs

Reduced MEP Costs thru Prefab Systems

Soft Cost Benefits

Reduced Insurance Premiums

Reduced Construction Financing

Increased Sales Price for Exposed Ceilings



SCHEDULE

Parallel Off-Site Construction

1.5 – 2x Faster Install than Wood or Concrete

Accelerated Watertight Milestone

Early Start for Finish Trades

DESIGN

Increased Stories, Height & Area

Eliminate Occupancy Separations

Utilizes Existing Walls – No Design Restrictions

Extensive Exterior Skin Design Options



Design-Build Delivery Model for Prefab Systems

- Early Design Team Integration to Achieve Optimized Results
- Align project financial model with prefab cost structure
- Secure early fixed pricing to eliminate project variables
- Eliminating variables (risk) enhances 3rd party insurance and financing cost structure



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MassFrame Solutions
 Alum Rock Workforce Housing
 Builder's Risk Project Insurance Cost Summary - Estimates
 8.25.2025

Insurance Comparison Type III vs. Type IV

- Builder's Risk Premium – 45% Reduction

0.85% vs 0.59%

\$119,000 or \$1.19/sf Project Value

- Property Ins. Premium – 45% Reduction

\$0.26 vs \$0.18

\$38k/yr Savings @ 5.0% CAP Rate

\$760,000 or \$7.60/sf Project Value

| Builder's Risk | Traditional Frame | MassFrame |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Policy Overview | | |
| Estimated Building Values | \$45,000,000 | \$45,000,000 |
| Estimated Delay in Completion | \$4,500,000 | \$4,500,000 |
| Total Insurable Value | \$49,500,000 | \$49,500,000 |
| Project Term - Months | 18 | 17 |
| Builder's Risk Premium | | |
| Estimated Hard Cost Premium | \$320,625 | \$221,053 |
| Estimated Soft Cost Premium | \$56,109 | \$38,684 |
| Terrorism | \$6,413 | \$4,421 |
| TOTAL | \$383,147 | \$264,158 |
| <i>Estimated Total Project Duration Premium - % of CV</i> | <i>0.85%</i> | <i>0.59%</i> |

| Operational Property | Annual Cost | Annual Cost |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Estimated Building Values | \$45,000,000 | \$45,000,000 |
| Estimated Contents Values | \$0 | \$0 |
| Estimated Annual Rental Income | \$4,500,000 | \$4,500,000 |
| Total Insurable Value | \$49,500,000 | \$49,500,000 |
| Premium | | |
| Estimated Property Premium | \$123,750 | \$86,625 |
| Terrorism | \$2,475 | \$1,733 |
| Estimated Premium | \$126,225 | \$88,358 |
| <i>Rate per \$100 of Insurable Value</i> | <i>\$0.26</i> | <i>\$0.18</i> |

MassFrame Case Study

Alum Rock SD – Teacher/Workforce Housing



MASSFRAME DESIGN

3 levels of Type III B MassFrame

PROJECT BENEFITS

- 100% Prefabricated System
 - Reduce Watertight Milestone duration by 2 months
 - Prefabricate Exterior Panels with Windows, WRB & EIFS
 - Eliminate the use of scaffolding
 - Provide 20yr Tremco Material & Labor Waterproof Warranty
- Reduce Builders Risk & Property Insurance Costs by 45%
- Reduce Project Schedule by 2 Months
- Reduce Projected Property Maintenance by eliminating fire, water or pest damage
- Reduce Building Life Cycle Costs



MassFrame CASE STUDY

650 Divisadero - Affordable

CURRENT DESIGN

10 levels of Type I A Concrete

Building Weight = 5,270 tons

Carbon Footprint = +1M lbs of CO2

MASSFRAME DESIGN

7 levels of Type IV B MassFrame

3 levels of Type I A Concrete

Building Weight = 2,520 tons

Carbon Footprint = - 900k lbs of CO2

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Reduced Project Costs by ~\$2M (\$25/sf)
- Eliminate Concrete Columns & Shear Walls – 310sf/floor
 - Increase Rentable/Livable Area – 2,170sf
- Reduce Project Schedule by 2 Months
 - Prefinished Panelized Exterior Skin
- Reduce Building Weight +50% Structure Weight Reduction
 - Reduce Foundations, Shear Walls, Soil Improvements



MassFrame CASE STUDY

Fremont Apartments – Market Rate

CURRENT DESIGN

2 levels of Type I A Concrete
5 levels of Type III B Wood Frame

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7 levels of Type IV B MassFrame
Option to Add 1 Floor 20% More Units

PROJECT BENEFITS

- At Least 2 Month Schedule Savings
 - 1 Month Savings for Structure Top-Out Milestone
 - 1 Additional Month for Building Watertight Milestone
- Eliminate 3 Hour Building Separations – Treat Building as 1 structure not 3
- Convert Building to Non-Combustible Construction
 - Reduce Builder's Risk & Long-Term Insurance Premiums
- Option to Add 1 Floor, Increase Unit Count by 20% & Optimize Cost per Unit





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Buildings Evolved with Folia

Prefabrication for TK-12 schools done right



 **FOLIA**

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Topics for Today

- What is Prefab?
- When does Prefab make sense?
- Prefab done right
- Prefab + Pre-engineered: The Folia Solution
- Benefits of Folia
- Case Studies



What is Prefab?



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Let's Understand

- Difference between prefab and modular
- Goals are the same, tactics are different
- Components vs rooms fabricated offsite
- Customization vs standardization



Prefab Done Right



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When does Prefab make sense?

- Significant schedule demands
- Cost is a major factor
- Logistical constraints (noise + space)
- Large spans or customized spaces required





Preplanning is Key!

- Early design-build integration is a MUST
- Significant preconstruction effort
- Shift in construction lifecycle
- VD&C plays a critical role
- Proactive coordination with AHJs & inspections



Prefab + Pre-Engineered = Folia!



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Considerations for Success

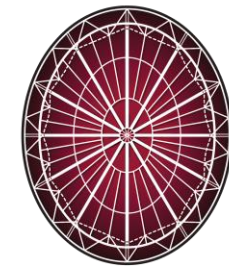
- 24 buildings delivered
- A long-term design-build partnership
- Lessons learned across projects
- Design-Build or Lease-Leaseback
- DSA Pre-Check Approval
- 10–25% cost savings vs traditional
- Folia ecosystem across building types



Design-build Partnership with Option for Program AOR



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ARCHITECTS



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Structural Engineers
and Builders

Benefits of Folia



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24 built, 1 in construction, 6 in precon



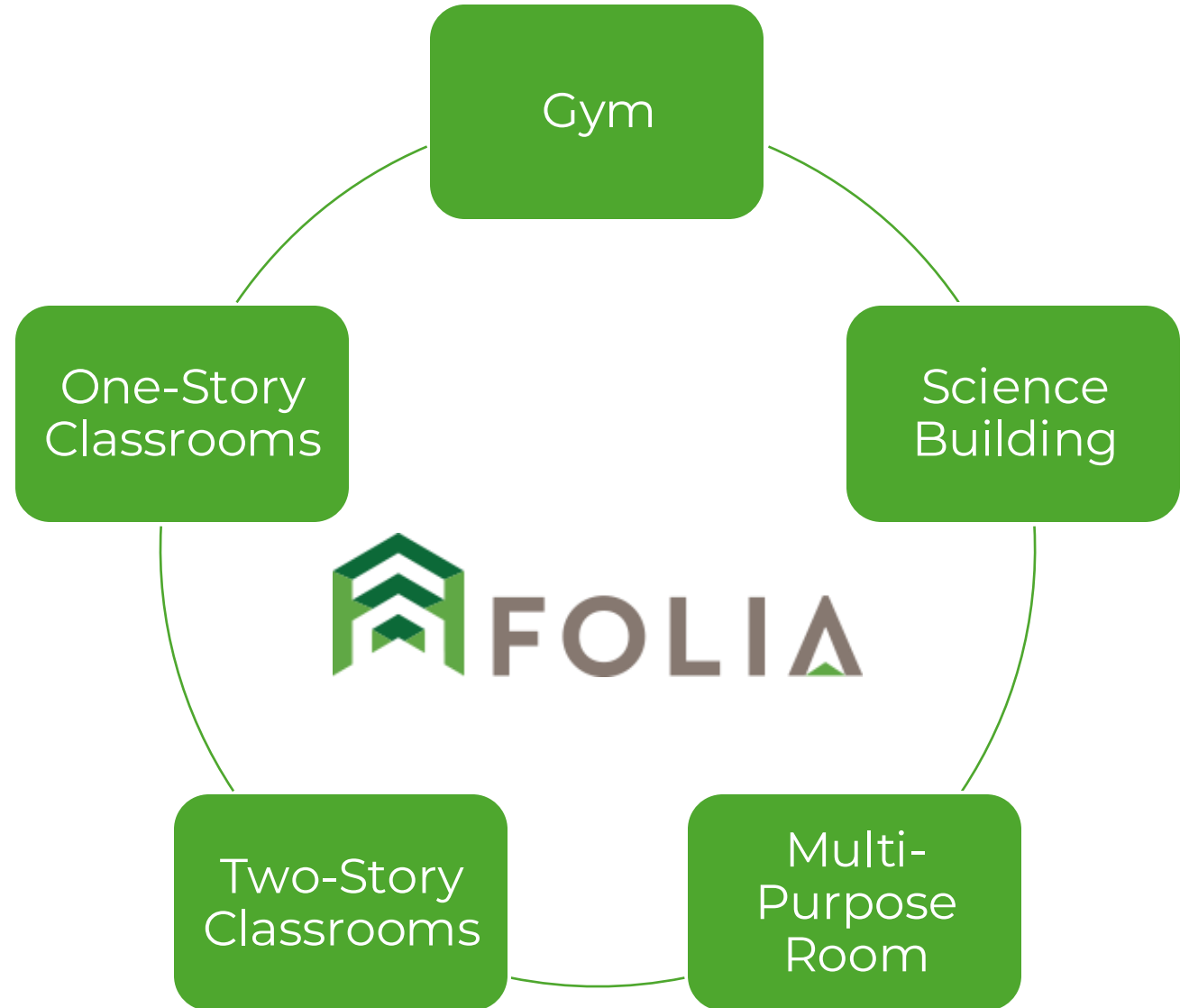
Cost. Schedule. Quality. Pick 3.

- Cost predictability and savings
- Onsite schedule compression
- Less disruption to occupied sites
- High-quality learning environments
- Long-term flexibility





Learn.
Experiment.
Gather. Play.
**All with
the Folia
Ecosystem.**



Case Studies



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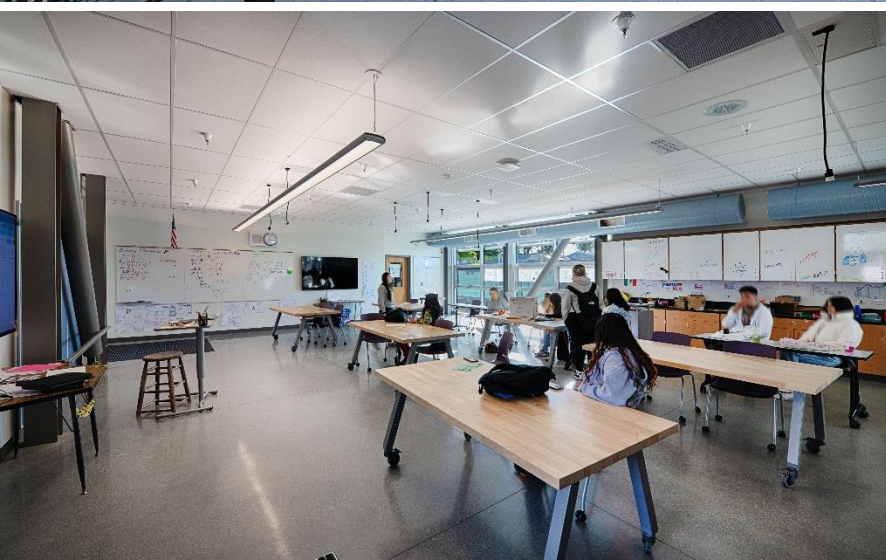


Milpitas Innovation Campus

Milpitas Unified School District

Key Features:

- (6) Two-Story Folia Buildings
- Returned unused funds back to Owner
- Building construction in 9 months
- PC Structures with interior customization
- Diverse Programming
- Admin, STEAM, Art, Recording Studio, E-Sports Lab



Piner High School 2-story Classroom

Santa Rosa City Schools

Key Features:

- Two-Story Folia Building
- Occupied campus with tight logistics
- Schedule the main driver
- 15 Months from award to completion, including design, permitting, and construction





THANK YOU!



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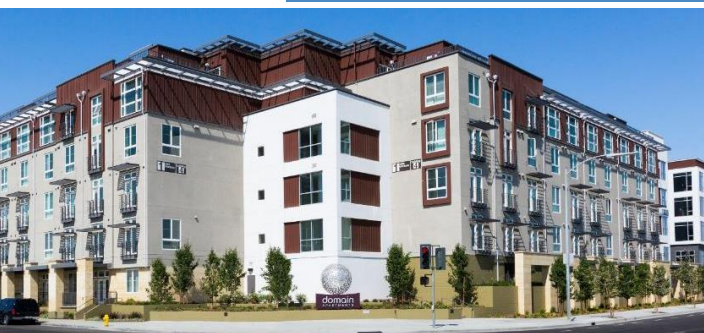




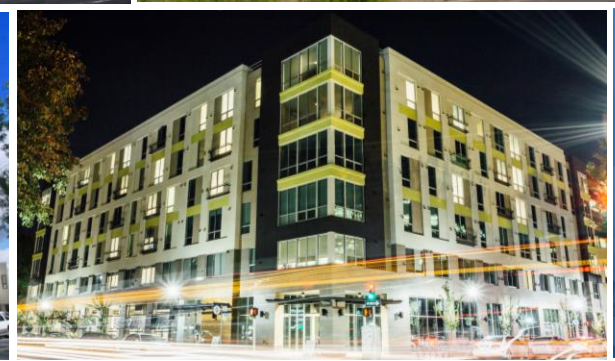
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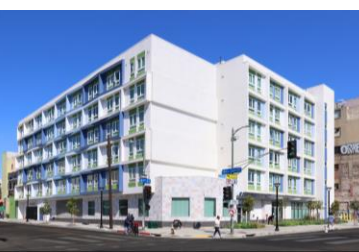
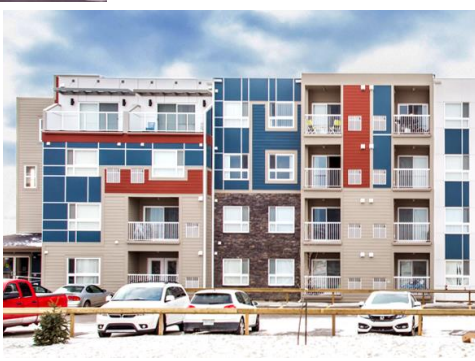
25 YEARS



225+ SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS



70+ BONDED PROJECTS



0 BOND CLAIMS

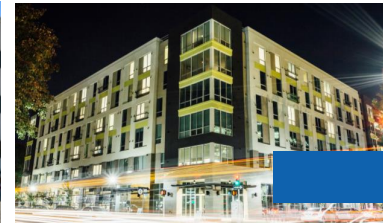
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DONE RIGHT

DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE:

How Developers Capture The True Benefits Of Modular



FASTER SCHEDULES

Modular is the KEY to Affordable Housing for high-cost sites, prevailing wages & tight schedules.



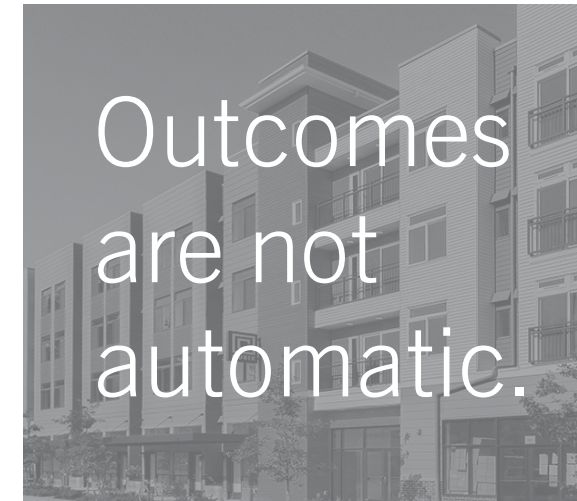
BETTER QUALITY



LOWER COSTS



REDUCED RISK



Outcomes
are not
automatic.



RETHINK THE METHOD

Modular Requires a Different Approach

ANALYZE THE: Total Value Proposition

- Move beyond cost per square foot
- Focus on total cost per living unit
- Maximize factory work scope
- Challenge high subcontractor bids
- Account for schedule & financing impact

CHOOSE: Partners, Not Prices

- Factory selection is strategic
- Modular succeeds as a system
- Experience wins
- Align GC + key trades early
- The weakest link determines the outcome



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LEADERS IN MODULAR



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Preconstruction Executive, NibbiPrefab

+20 Years Construction Management

+10 Years Volumetric Modular Design, Manufacturing &
Construction



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nibbi

Third generation, family owned and operated general contractor based in San Francisco. With 75 years of experience, Nibbi is the Bay Area's premier builder of multi-family residential, waterfront, seismic / historic retrofit and commercial construction projects.



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A division of Nibbi Brothers General Contractors, Nibbi *Prefab* works directly with clients, design teams, modular manufacturers, and Nibbi operations staff to ensure the successful design, procurement, and construction of its modular construction projects.



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GC


GUERDON
Factory


EAH HOUSING
A roof is just the beginning

ktgy
Architect

Developer

PrefabLogic™
Construction Reimagined

Design

330 DISTEL CIRCLE

LOS ALTOS, CA

90 UNITS / 113 MODULES

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| GROUND BREAK | JUNE 2025 |
| FACTORY PRODUCTION | SEPT 2025 |
| CRANE INSTALL | DEC 2025 |
| CONTRACT DELIVERY | JAN 2027 |
| TARGET COMPLETION | Q3 2026 |



EAH HOUSING

A roof is just the beginning

nlbbl *prefab*

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DELIVERING MODULAR

Early Team
Integration

Design for
Efficiencies

Lessons
Learned

Improve &
Repeat

1 2
3 4



EARLY TEAM INTEGRATION

Coordination is Key, Do it Early & Often

Factory & GC Involvement & Collaboration in Design Stage is Critical

Select a GC who embraces modular technology and commits to learning and improvement.

Choose a factory with comprehensive modular construction expertise

Both should maintain a presence from design through completion.



Quality is engineered early – not inspected late.



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN

**Weather protection
isn't optional –**

it's essential for maintaining the quality and integrity of factory-built components.

RISKS:
*Preventable &
Manageable*

RISKY



DESIGN FOR EFFICIENCIES

Factory & GC Involvement & Collaboration in Design Stage is Critical

- Value Engineering starts with design
- Standardize assemblies to improve consistency
- Designed for Modular vs Optimized for Modular
- Design for total project construction budget

Cost efficiency is a process – not a bid result.



Lessons Learned

- Clear factory + GC scope alignment
- Subcontractor coordination and planning
- Look For Critical Alignment Points
- Modular to Site Scope interface
- Shift scope to factory where it makes sense

ACCOUNTABILITY: Clearly defined responsibility at each stage; Factory, Transporter, Set Sub-contractor, GC, Roofing Contractor.



Speed comes from discipline – not acceleration.



IMPROVE & REPEAT

Benefits are gained through process, accountability, and lessons learned.

- Have a multi project team outlook
- Speed & cost efficiencies are enhanced with project team repetition
- Capture Lessons Learned
- Implement Continuous improvement, Refine project after project
- Don't quit after the learning curve



Risk is reduced through structure – not optimism.

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