# UMass Design Building

A Firsthand Account from Design through Owner Occupancy

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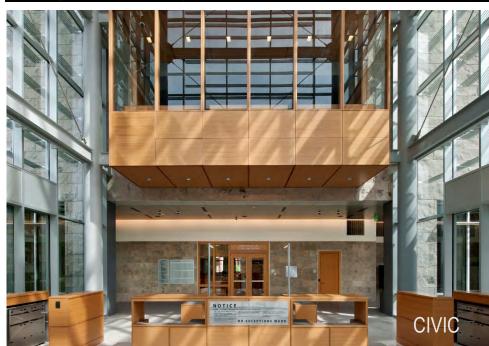
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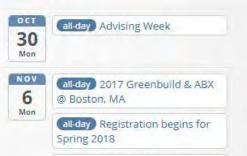


475's Oliver Klein lectures on materials for passive house construction



Design Building at UMass Amherst Named

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## THE FUTURE OF HEAVY TIMBER

Advanced uses of a traditional material and our own research are at the core of the Design Building.

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# **UMass Design Building**

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#### AGENDA/ OUTLINE

#### Introduction

Background, Context, & Design Concept

#### **Design Process**

- Structure & Architecture
- Central Commons
- Assuring the Client: Budget, Procurement & Code

#### Construction

- Mass Timber compared to Steel Construction
- Post&Beam Construction, Composite Floors, Shaft Walls, & Bracing
- Zipper Truss Mid-air Assembly

#### Occupancy Phase and Benefits of Mass Timber

- User Experience and Intangibles of Wood and Architecture
- Forestry & Sustainability Benefits

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### **Regional Context**

View of campus at upper left, from Connecticut River

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# Aerial View of Campus

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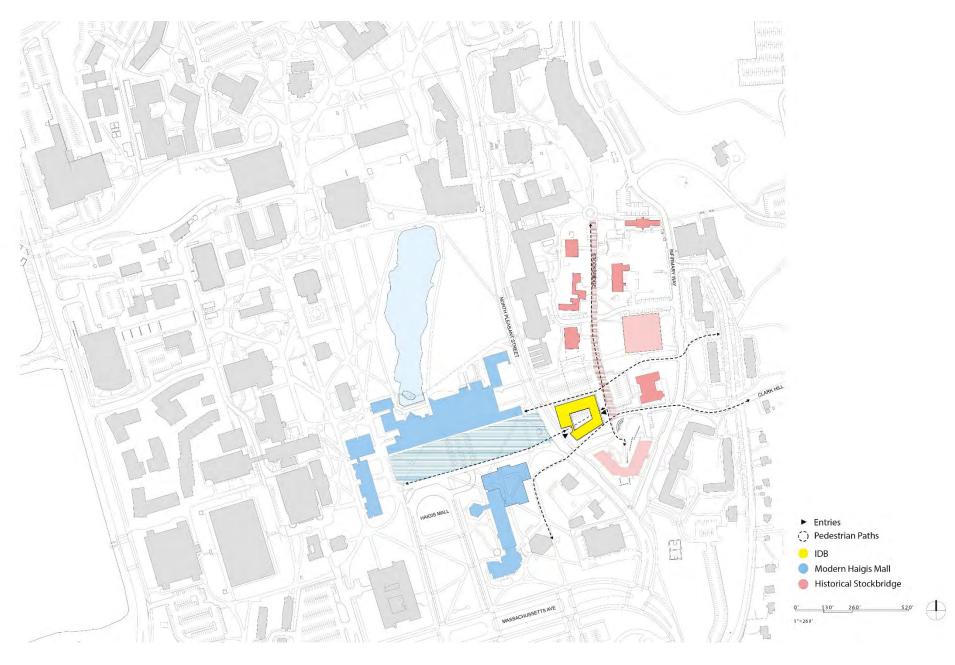
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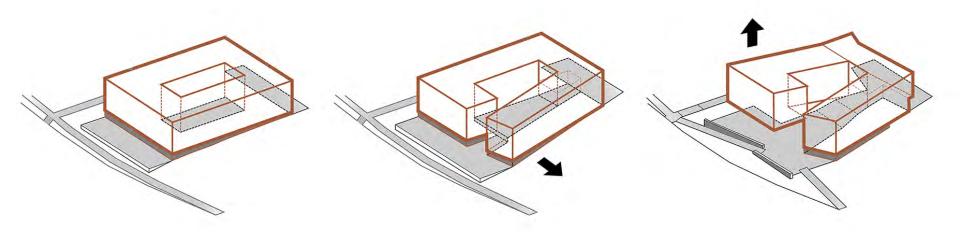
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#### **Campus Circulation**



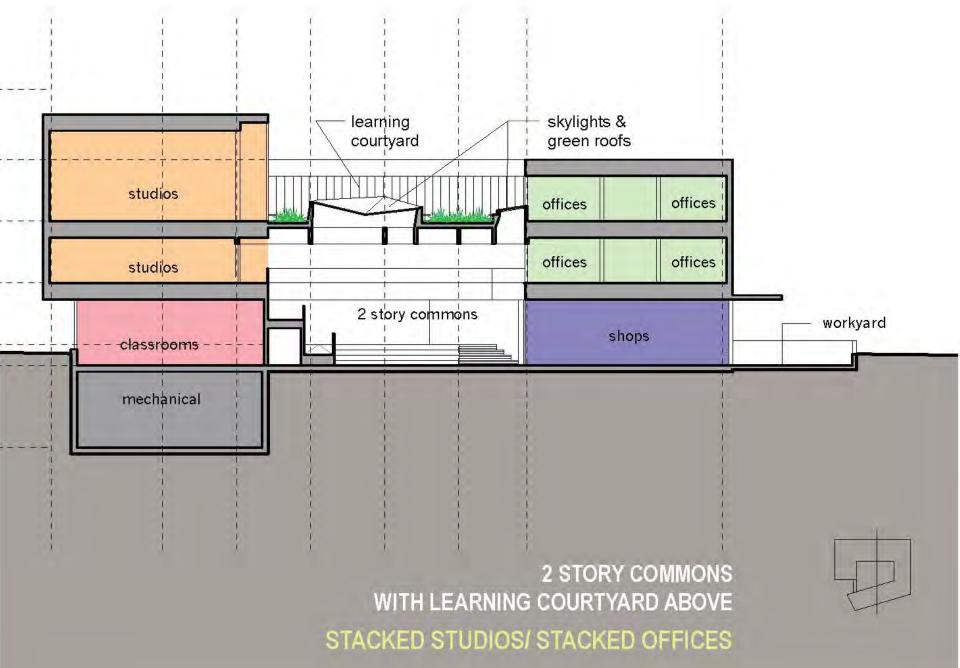


### **Building Concept Diagram**





#### **Program Organization**

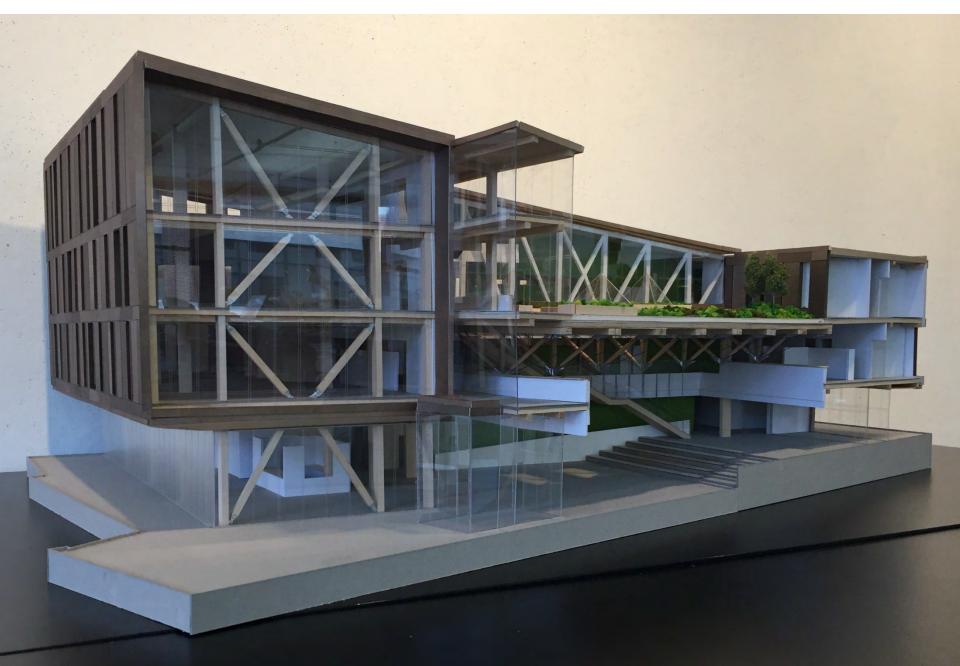


### Section Through Commons and Learning Courtyard



Section Perspective

### **Cutaway Model**



### **Central Commons**



### Learning Courtyard



### **Regional Context**



### View from Campus Core



### View from Historic Stockbridge Way



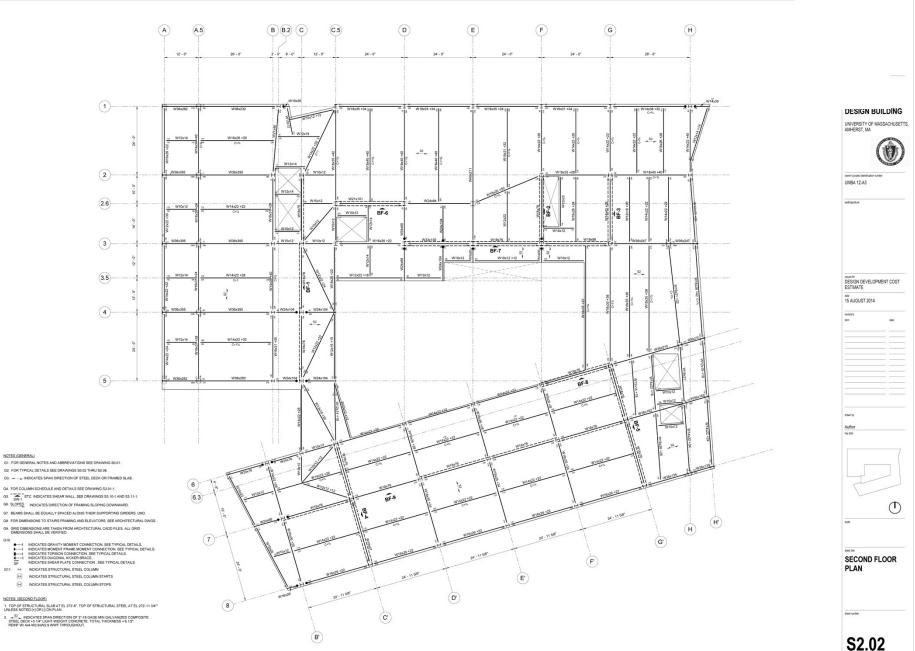
View from North Approach

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**Design Process** 

#### **Typical Floor Plan**





**Steel Column Grid** 

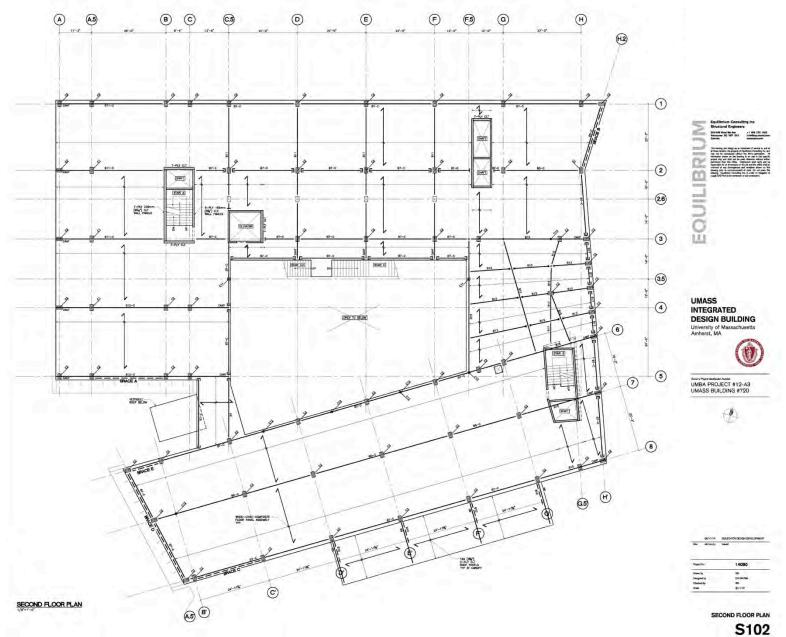
NOTES (GENERAL)

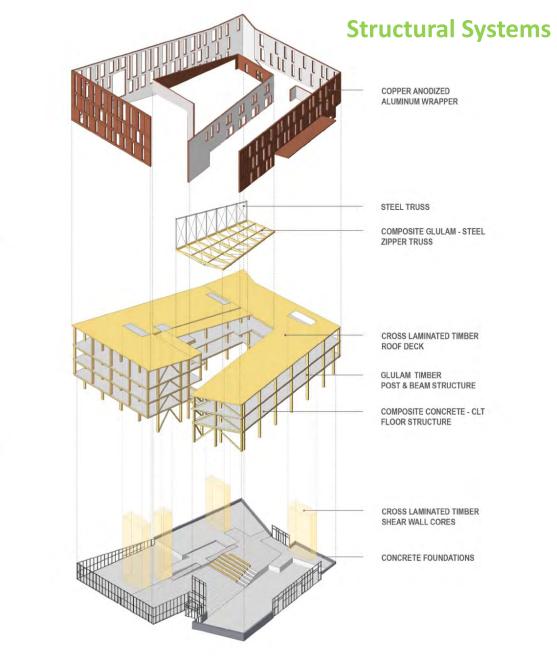
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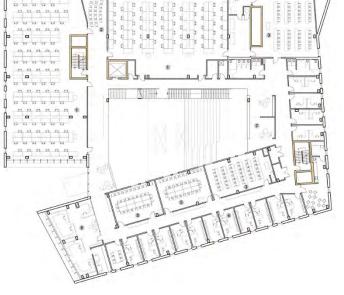
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#### NOTES: (SECOND FLOOR)

#### **Timber Column Grid**







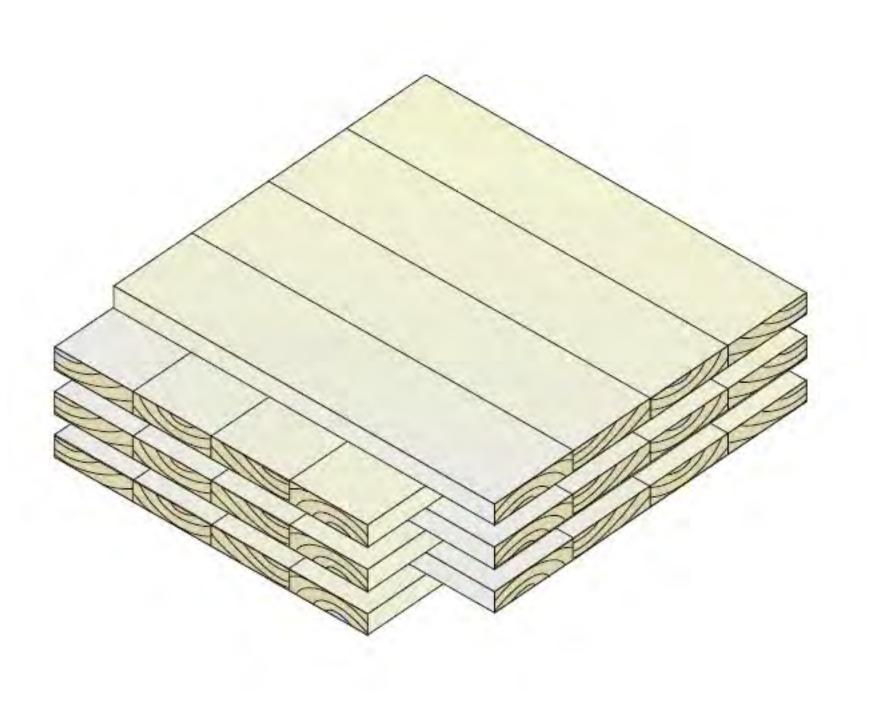


### Glue Laminated (Glu-lam) Beams, Columns, and Diagonal Bracing

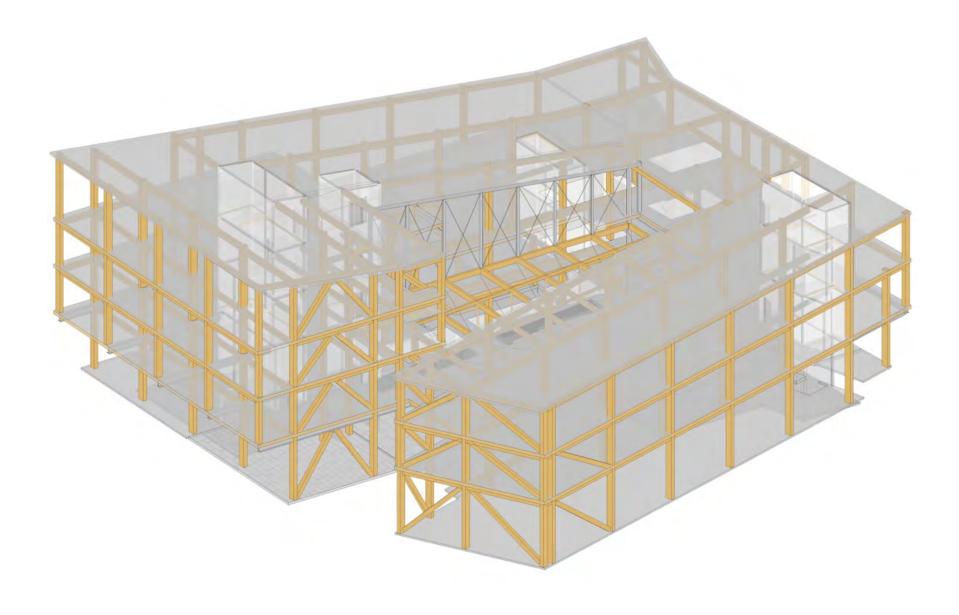


**Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)** Floor Panels and Shear Walls

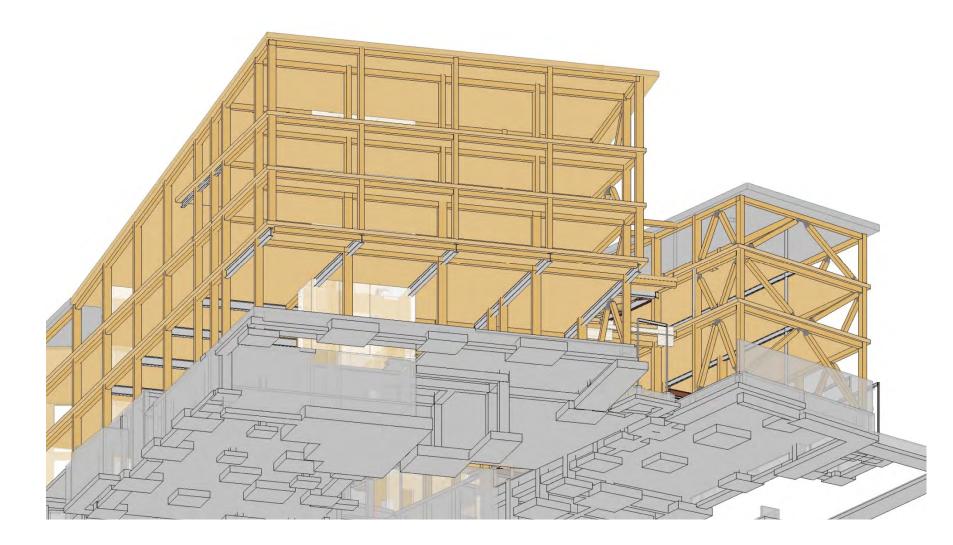




### Post and Beam Structural Framework



#### **Structural Framework**



**Revit Model** 

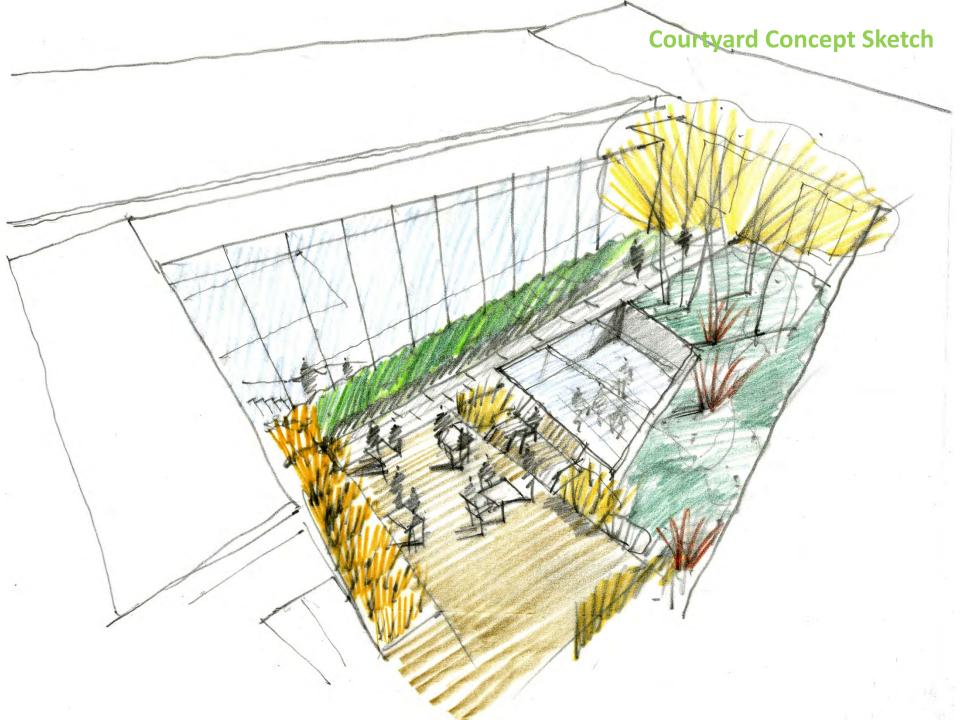


# **Central Commons and Courtyard Design**

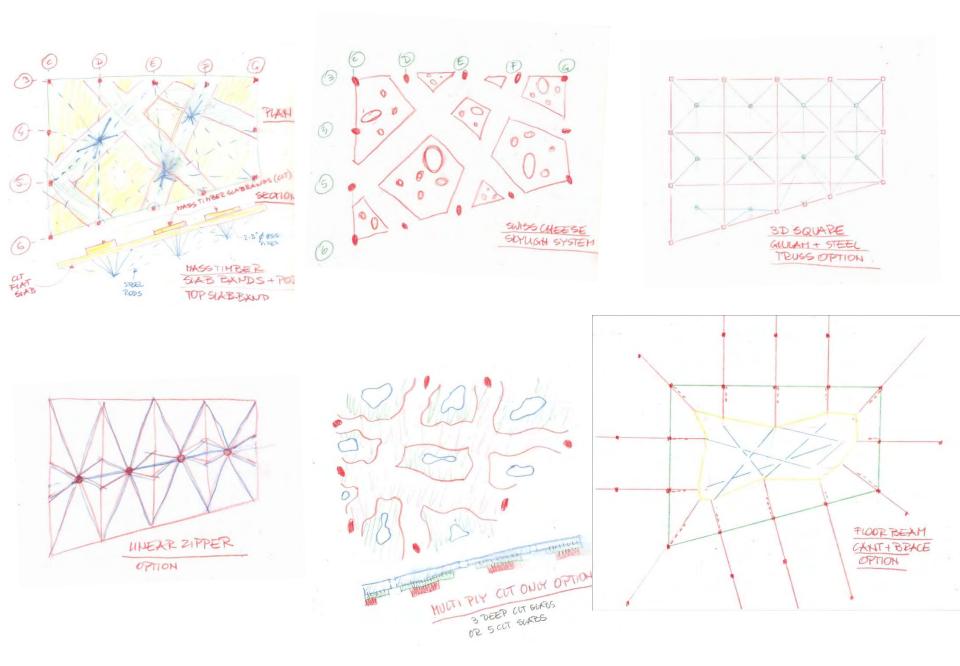
**Structural Challenges:** 

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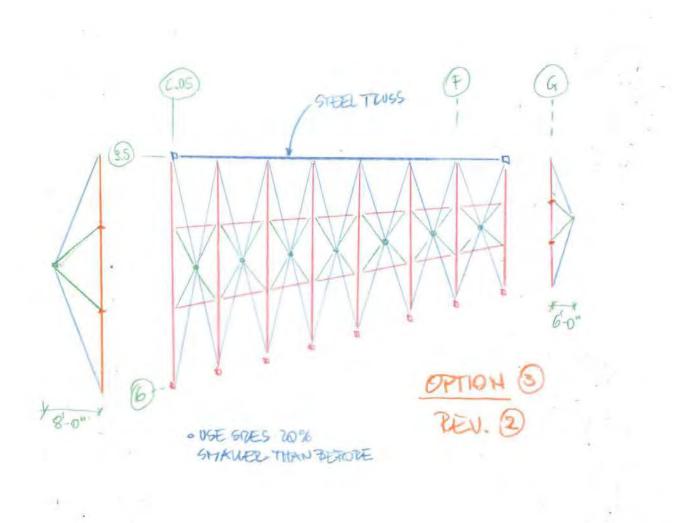
- Longest span with heavy loading above
- Minimize structural depth
- Wet garden on a wood structure



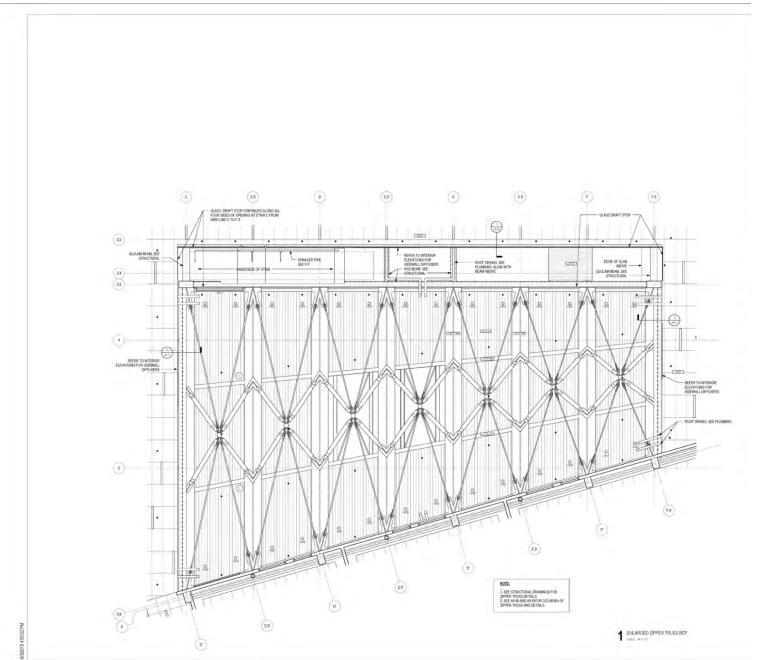
#### **Central Space Structural Concepts**



#### **Zipper Truss Final Concept**

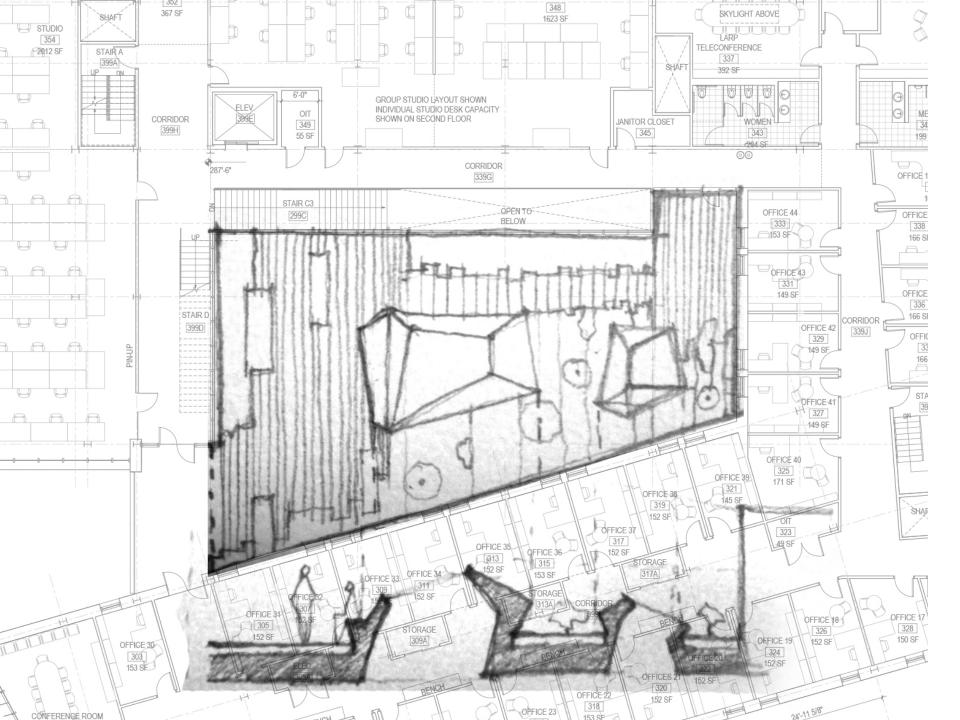


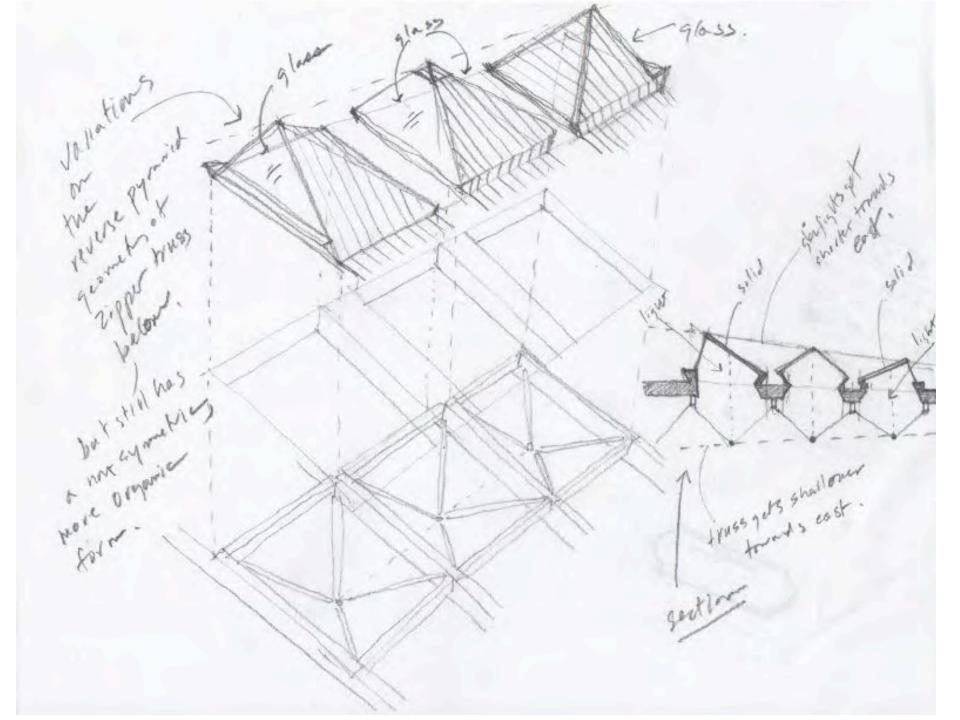
#### **Reflected Ceiling Plan**



# Zipper Truss Model



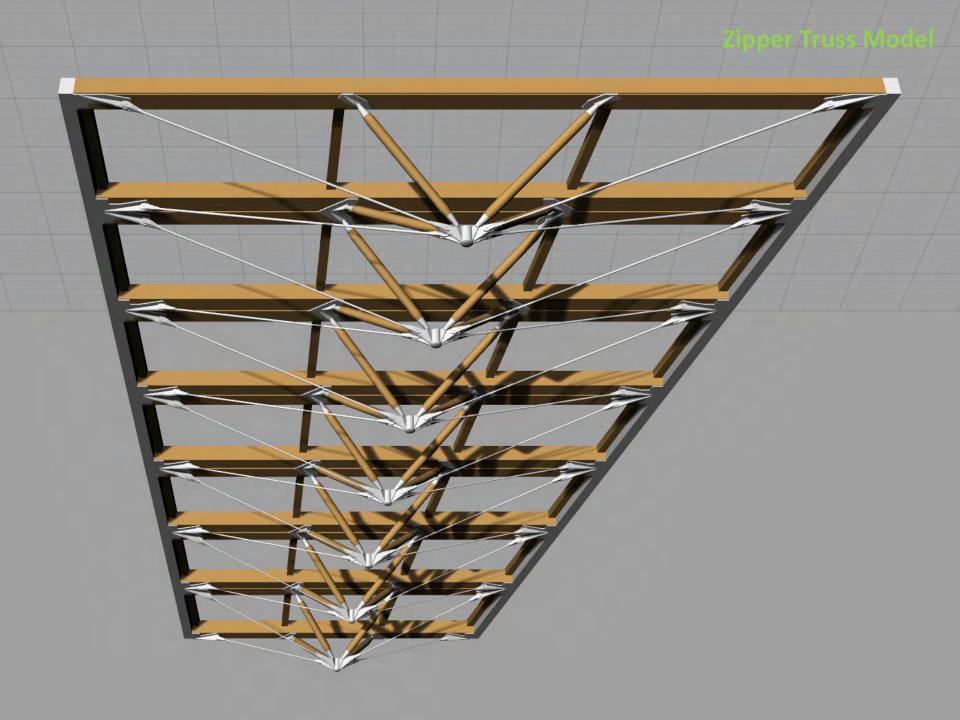




# **Courtyard Model Views**





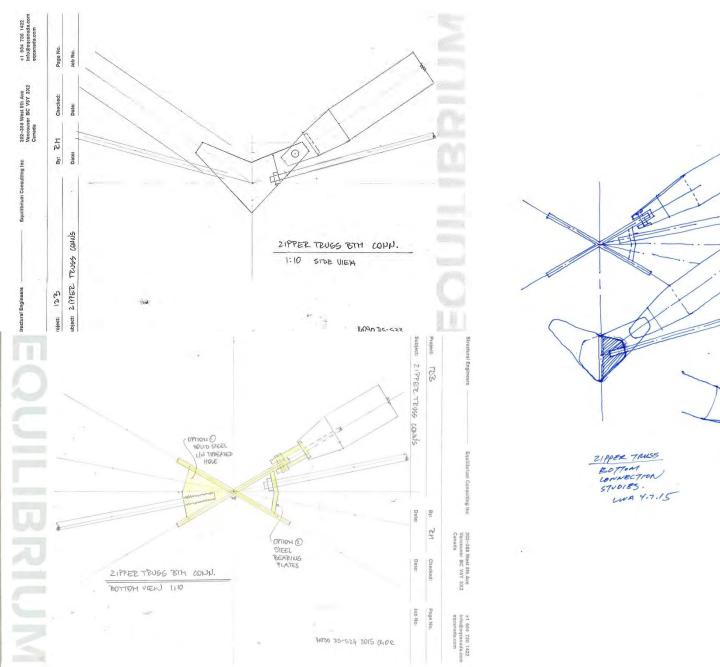


#### **Central Connector Studies**

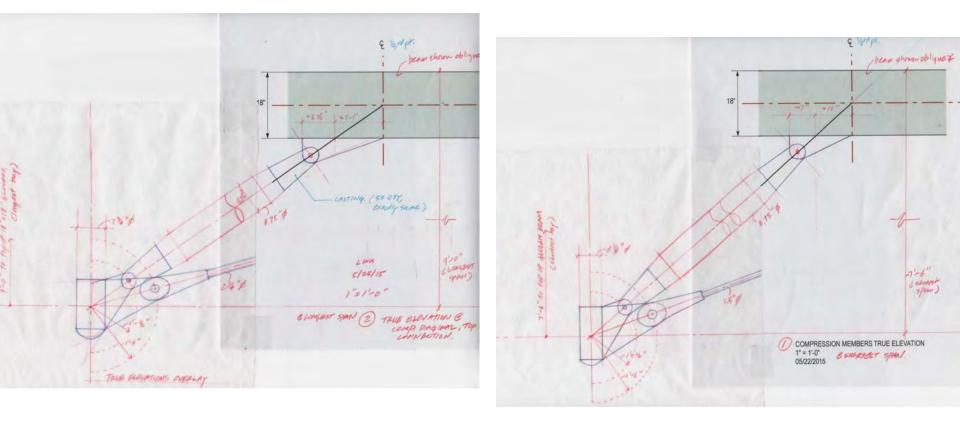
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Cast fitting. (instead of plates)



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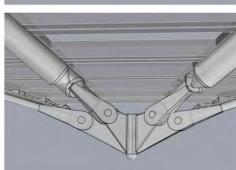


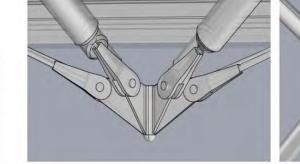


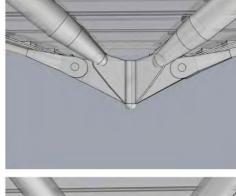


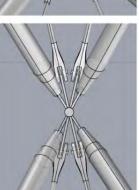
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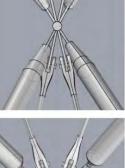
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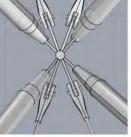




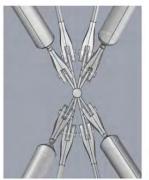


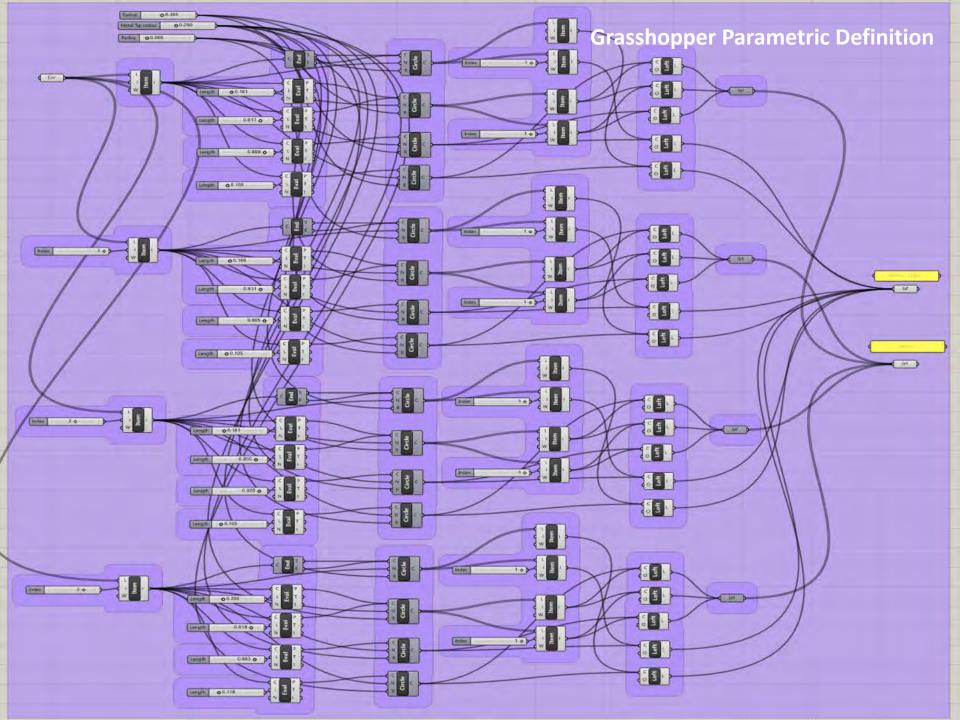




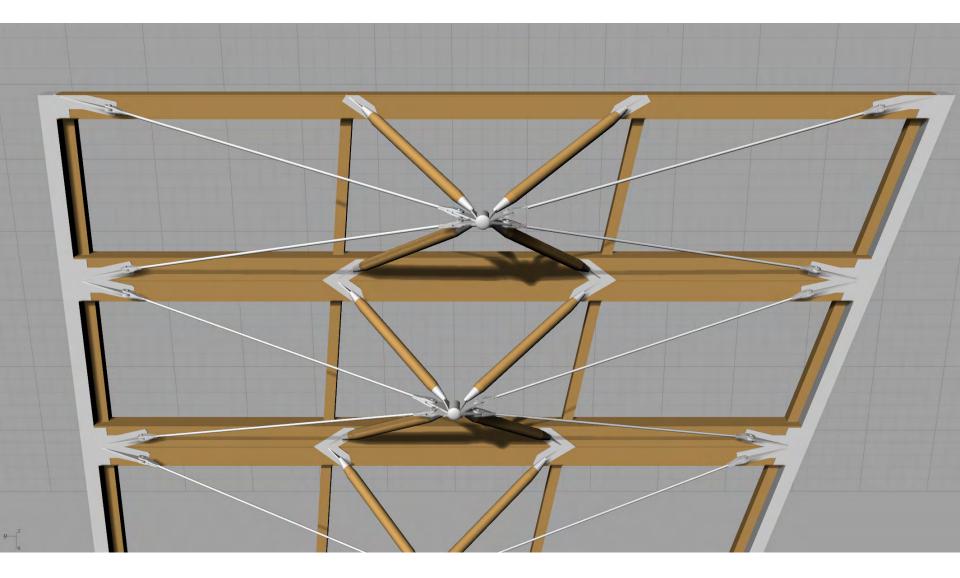


Central Connector Design Assist

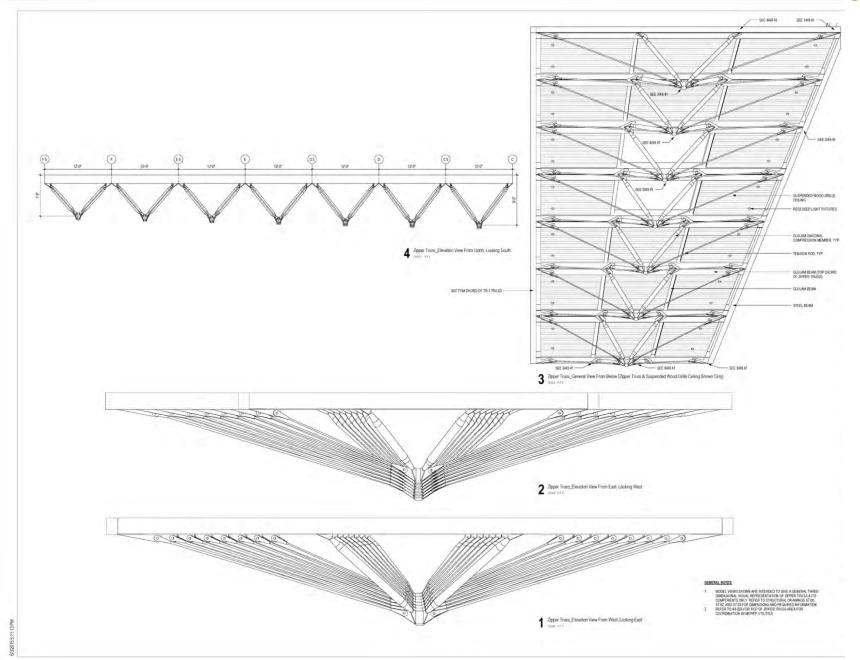


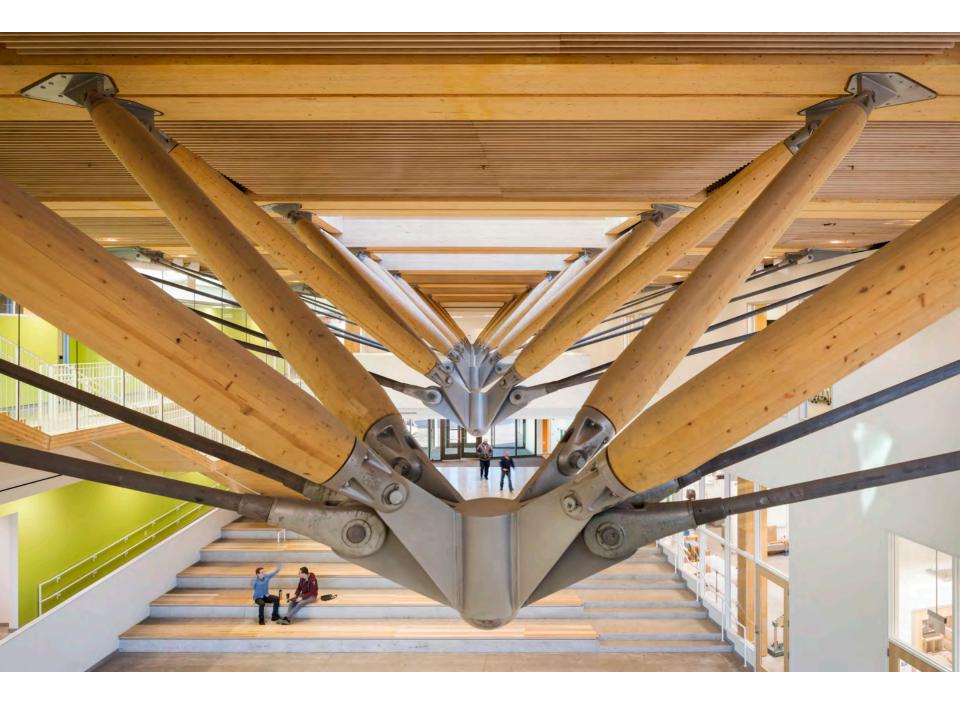


### **Rhino Model Detail**

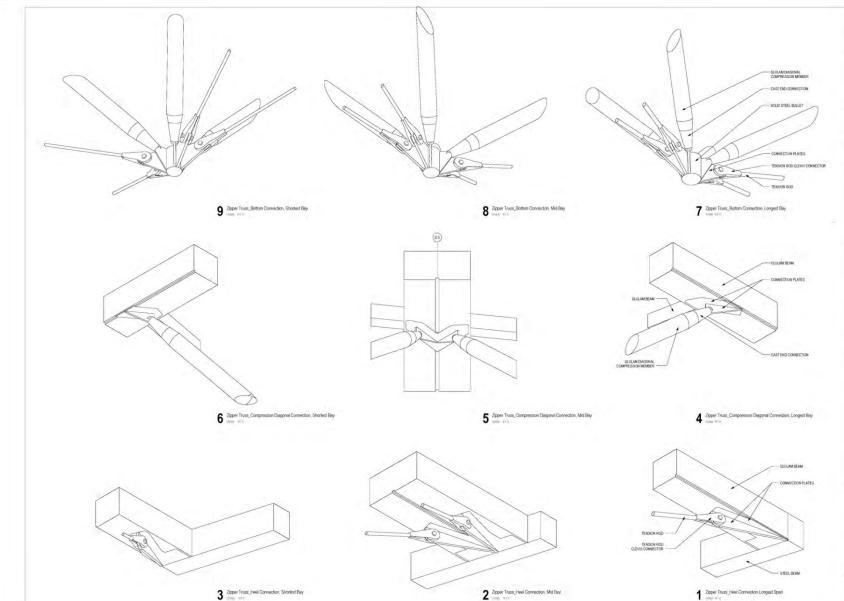


### **Profile and Layout**

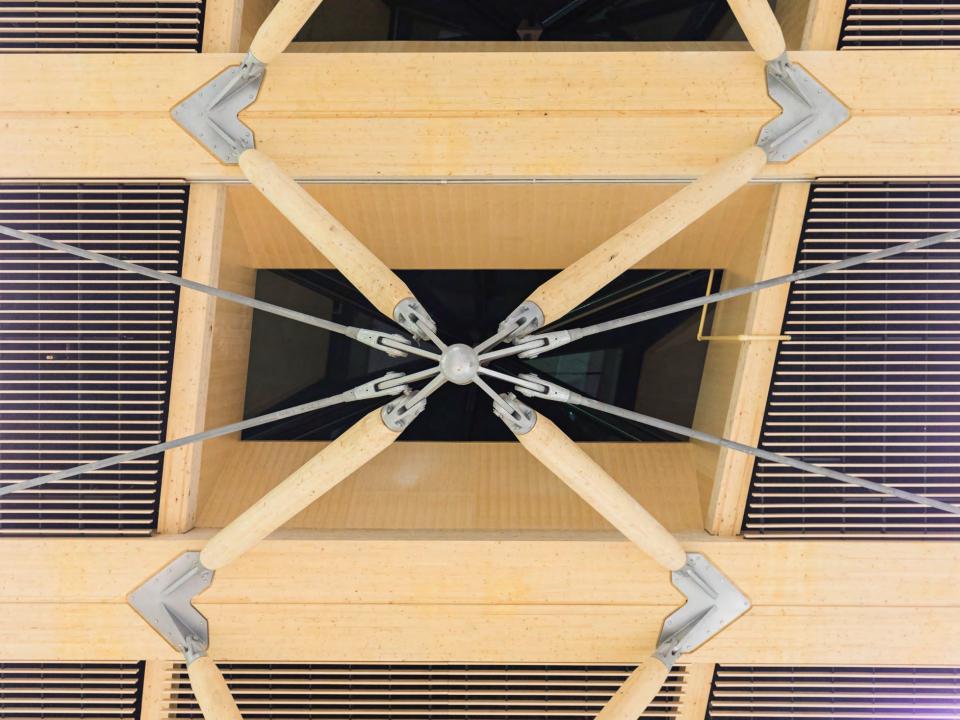


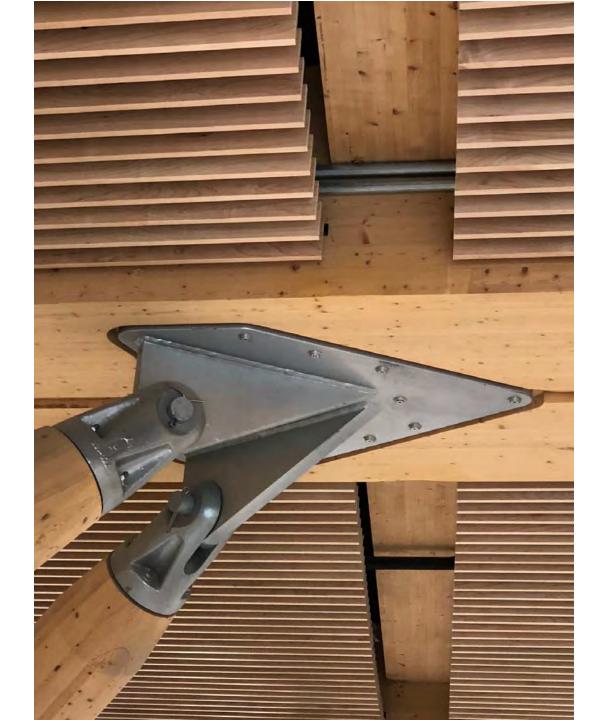


#### **Construction Documents**



GENERAL NOTES











**Project Team** 

- Client: University of Massachusetts Building Authority
- User: University of Massachusetts, Amherst Architecture & Design, LARP, Building Construction & Technology
- Architectural / Structural Design Team: Architect: Leers Weinzapfel Associates Structural Design Engineer: Equilibrium Consulting SER: SGH
- AHJ: MA State Building Inspector MA Board of Appeals
- Construction Team: Construction Manager Timber Fabricator and Installer

# **Key Issues**

• Danger of "Over Estimating Contingency" by Construction Managers or Cost Estimators due to the "Unknown"

Importance of multiple Bidders

Coordination of Fabricator and Installer Team

# CLT roof/floor panels and shear walls

CLT floor panels and glulam beams with composite concrete











#### **Proposed Alternate Structural Systems**

Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) roof and floor decks and shear walls

- 20 + years in Europe, recent projects in Canada similar to IDB
- Recognized in 2015 International Building Code and 2015 National Design Specification for Wood
- ANSI/APA PRG -320: current material fabrication requirements and stress grades
- CLT Handbook US Edition : Guidelines for CLT design and construction published by FPI, FPL and APA
- Connections between CLT panels similar to traditional wood frame construction
- Employing high strength, ductile HSK connections as shear wall anchors

#### CLT floor decks and glued laminated timber beams with composite concrete deck

- 20 + years in Europe, extensive research and testing in Germany with HBV connector system
- CLT units provide required strength, concrete decks only counted on for stiffness

### **Alternative Structural Systems**





# **Concealed Ceiling Areas**

**CONSTRUCTION** 



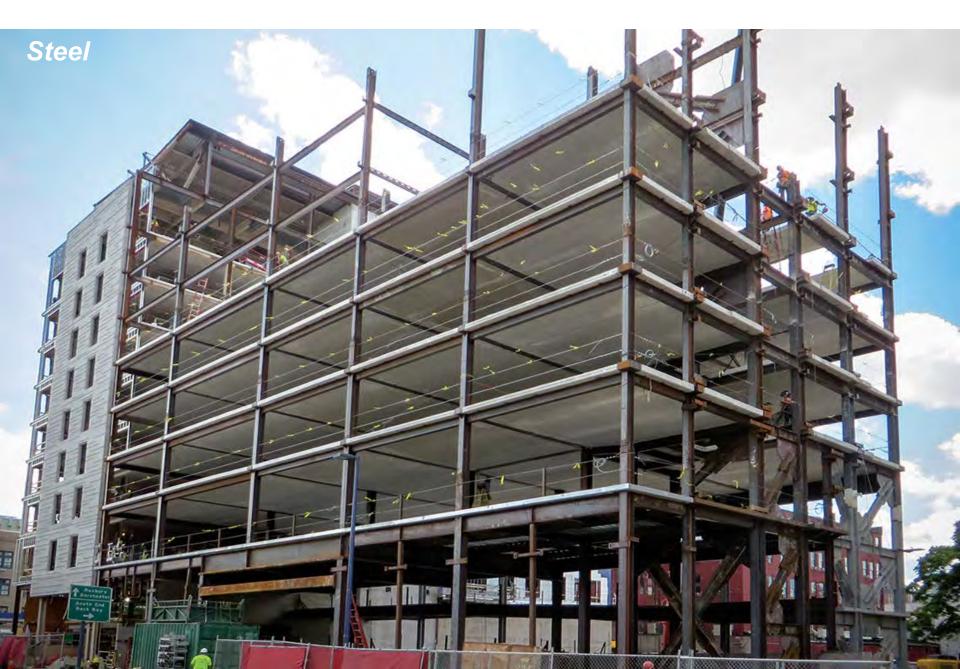
# How is it Constructed?

# **Very Much like a Steel Building**

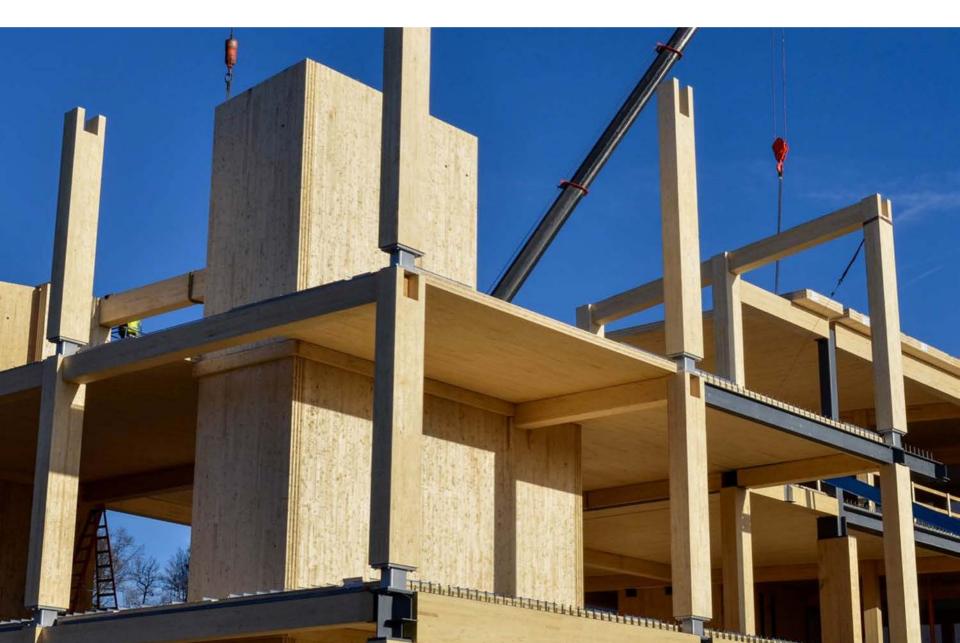
Steel Deck Roof CLT Roof

**Concrete Shafts CLT Shafts** 

#### **Post and Beam Structural Framework**



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## **Glulam Beam to Column Connection**



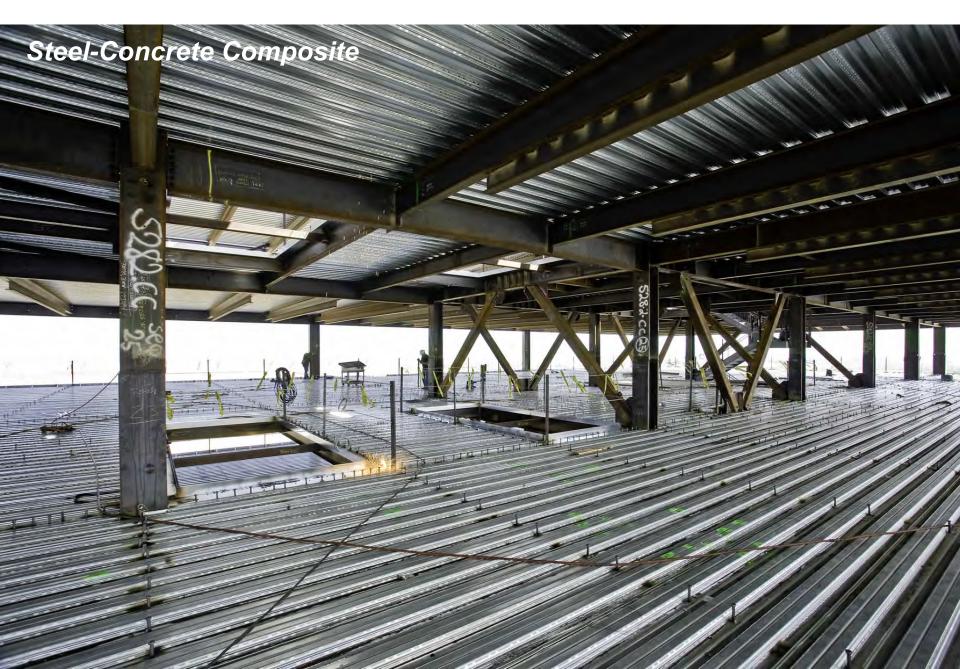
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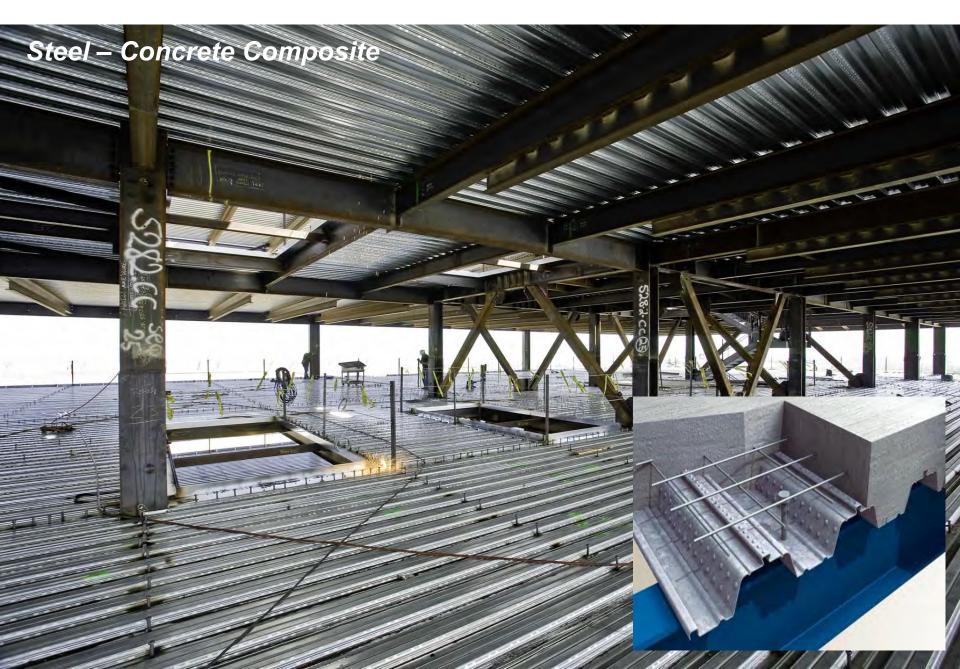




#### Fab lab, wood shop, and BCT lab: framed in one day



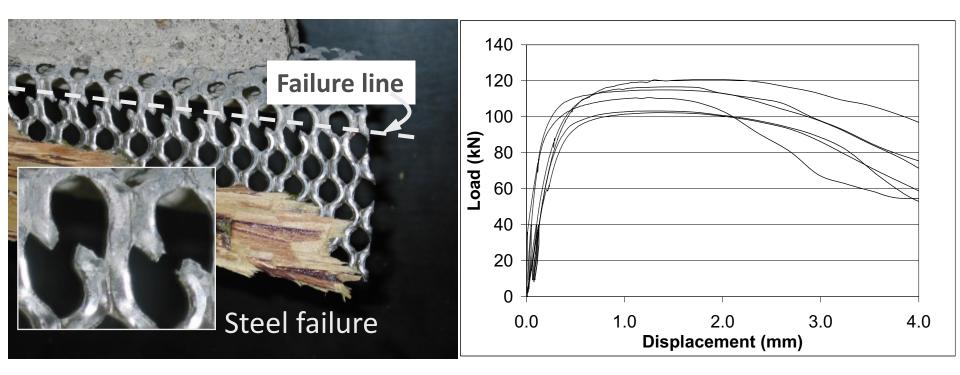






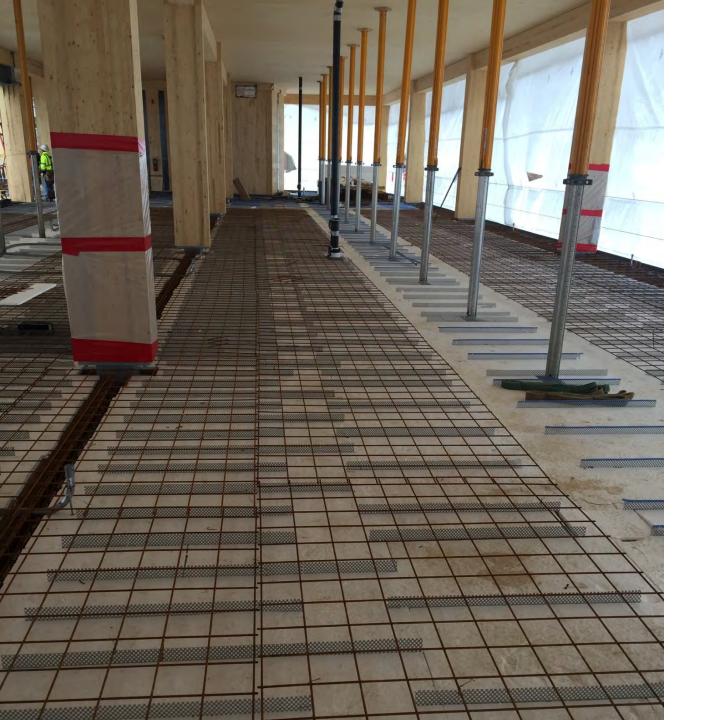


## **UMass research on HBV Shear Connector**

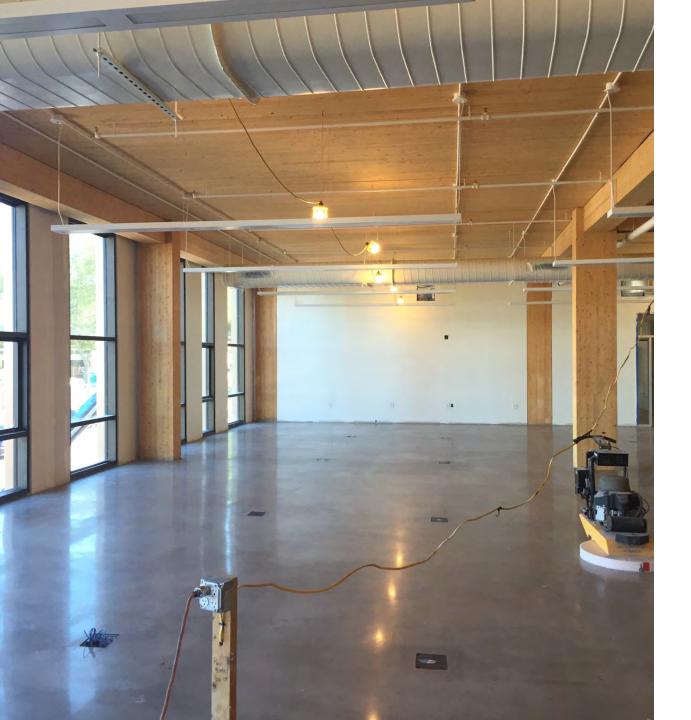


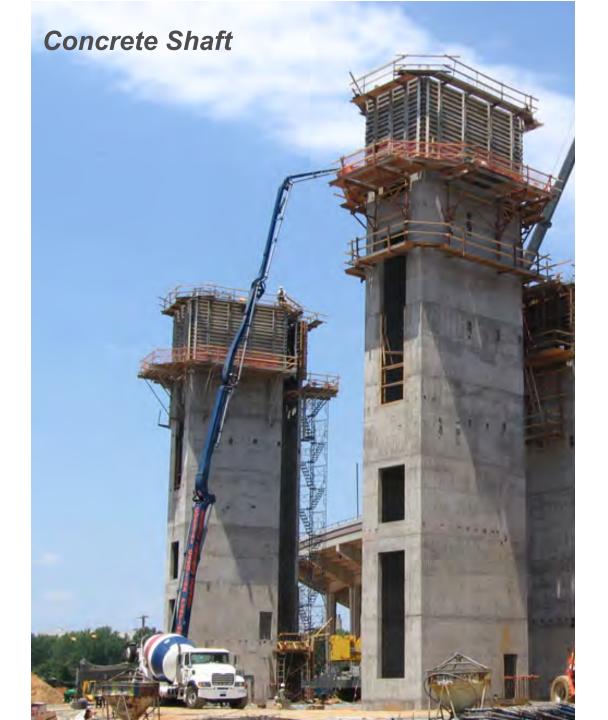
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#### **Shear Walls**

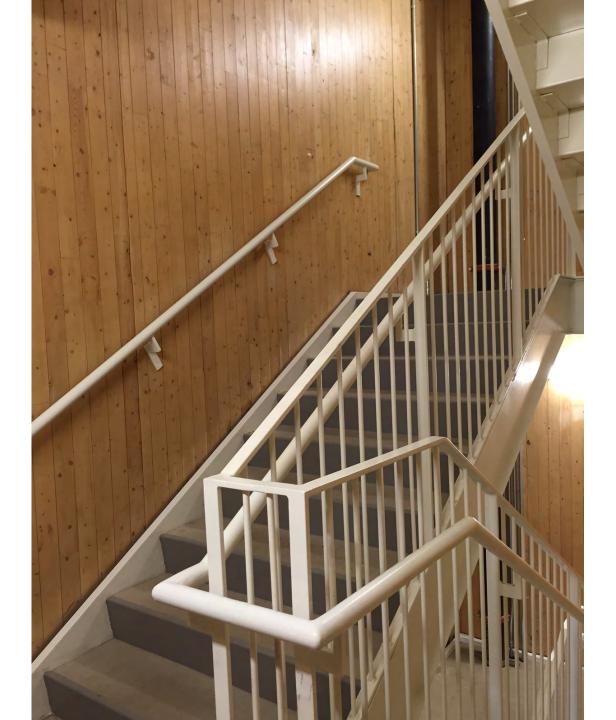


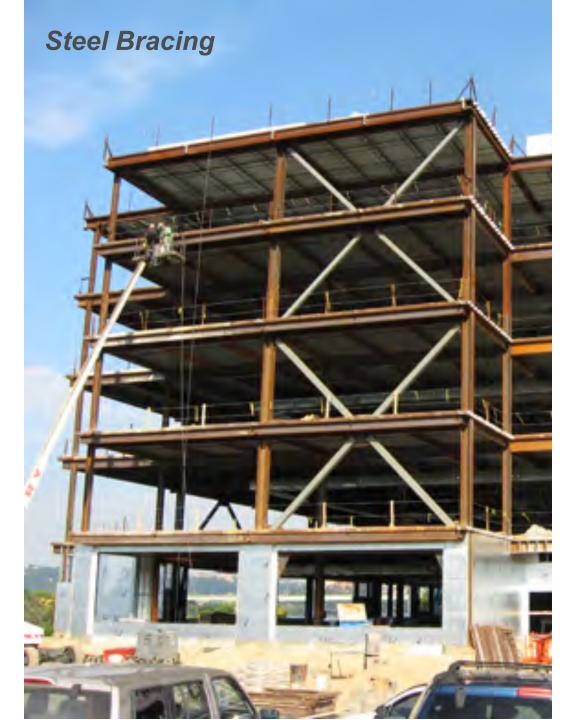
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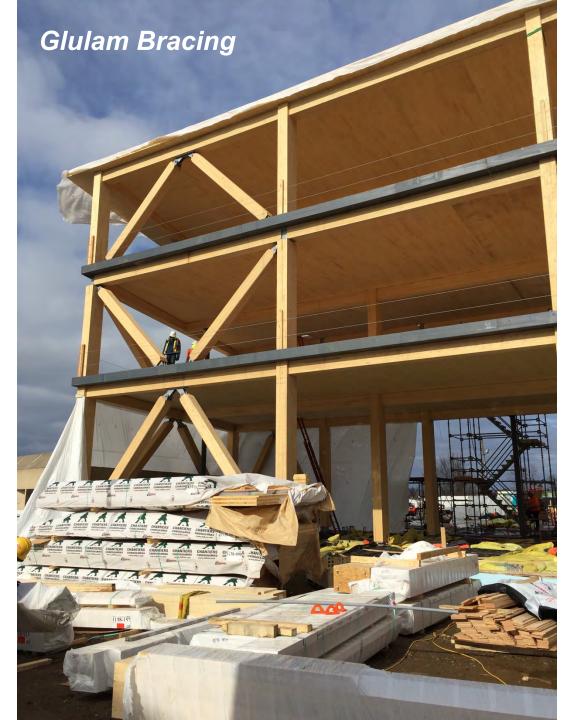




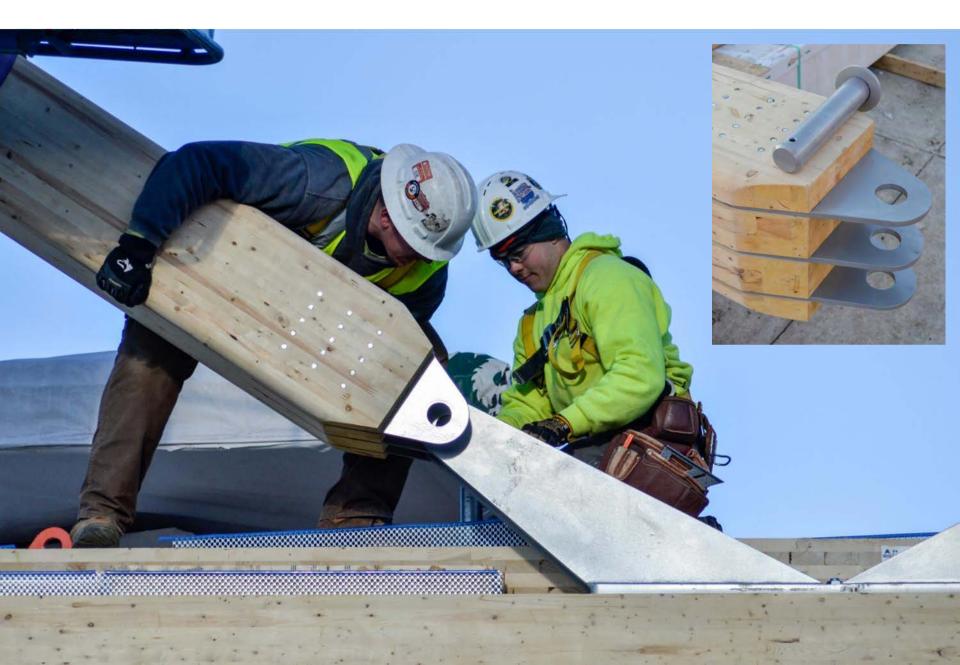














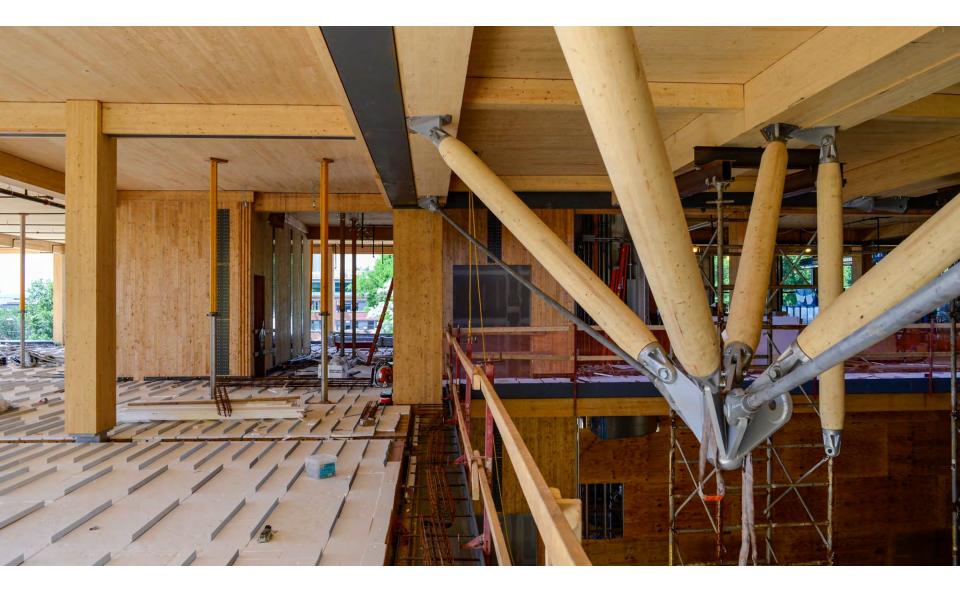
## Slotted-in plates with tight fitting dowels

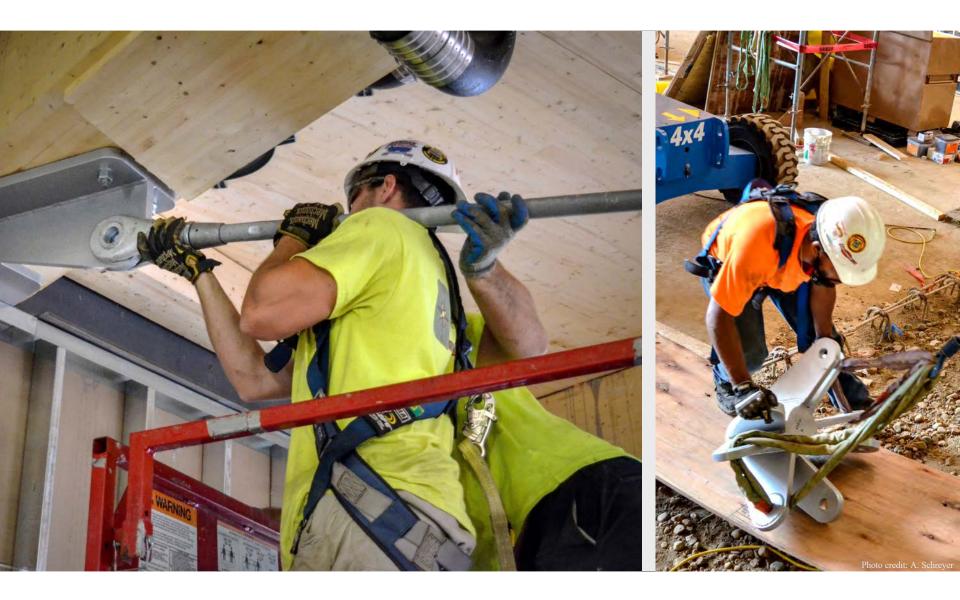




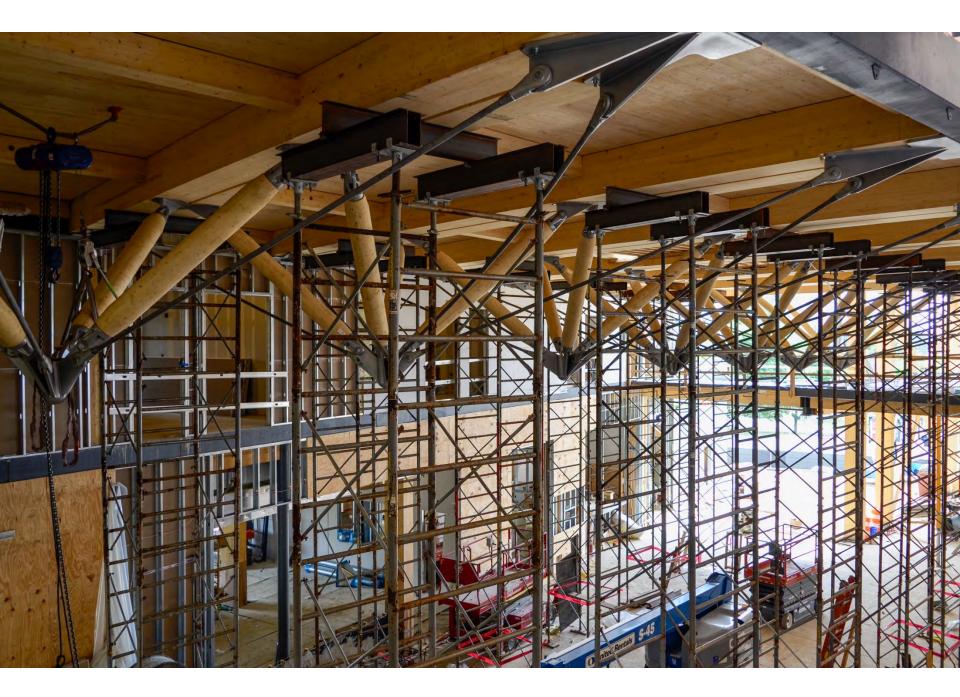
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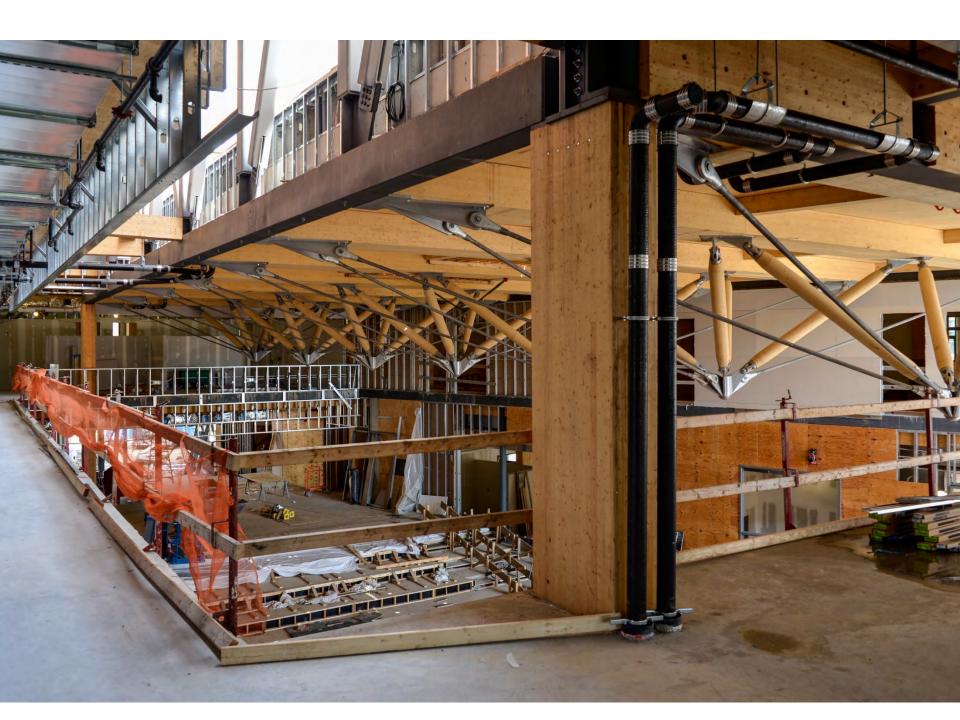






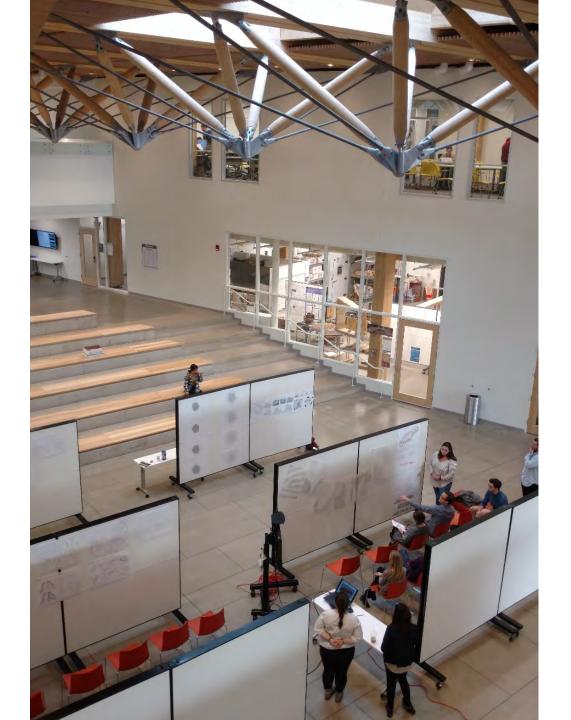


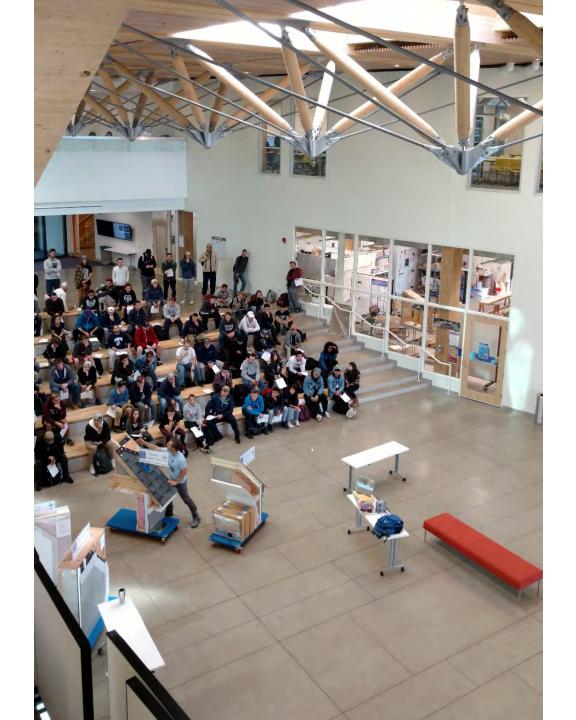


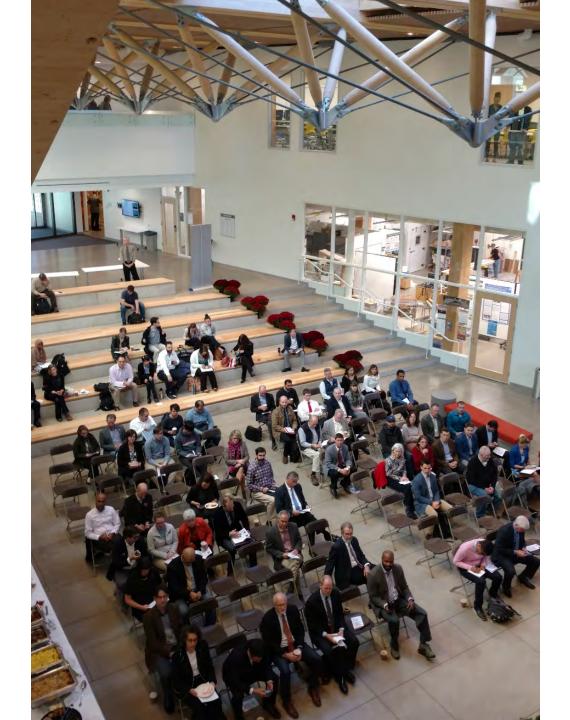


# OCCUPANCY PHASE & BENEFITS





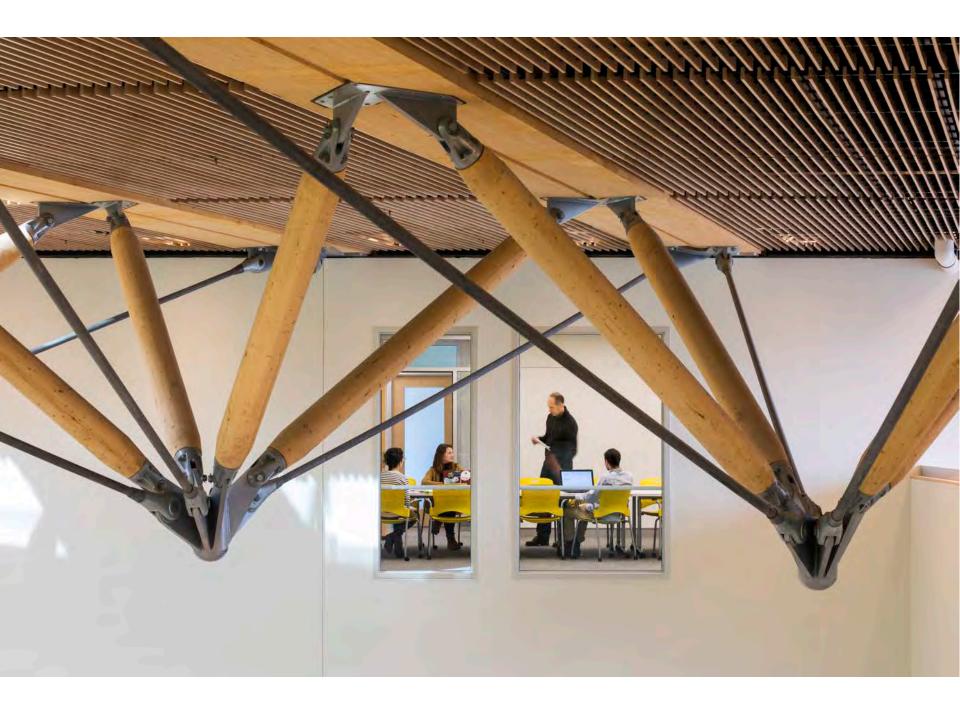






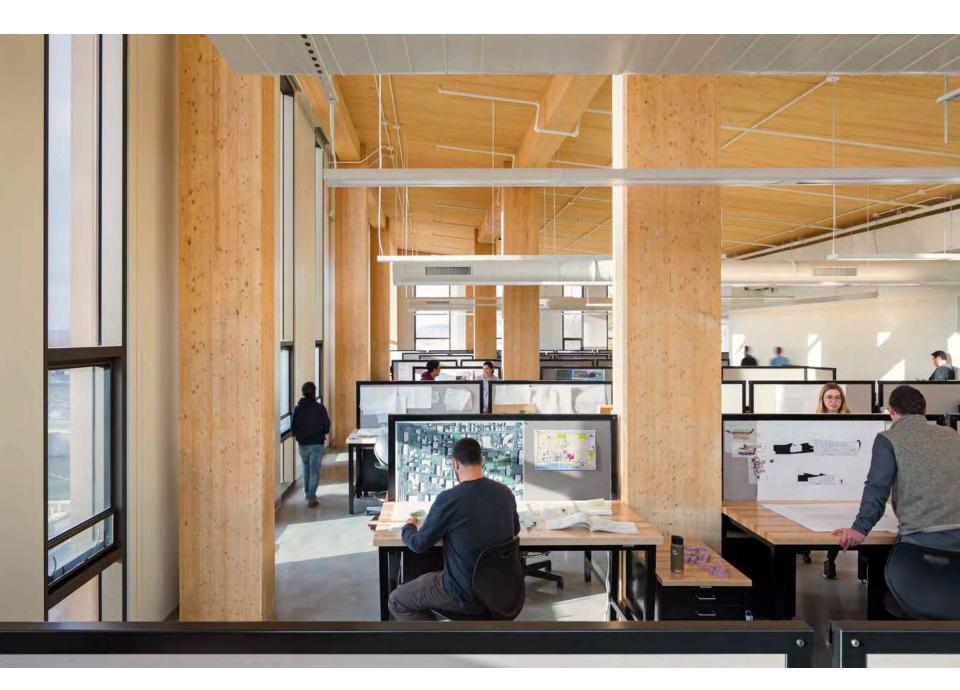






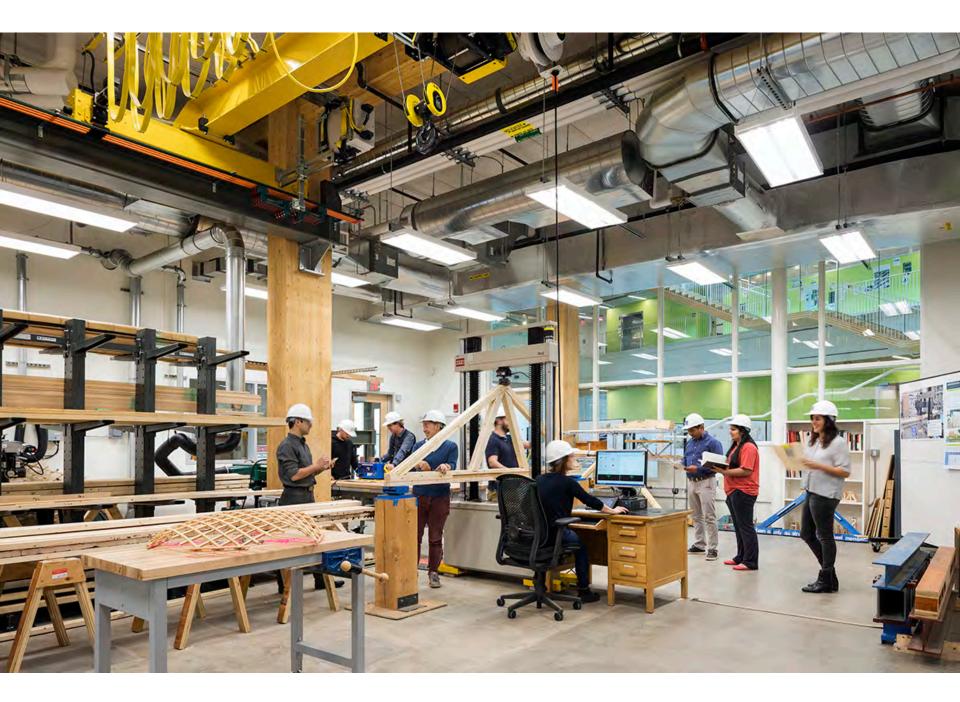
Conference rooms offer sweeping views of campus and opportunities for close-up views of the structural timber











#### **Engineering Local Species Cross Laminated Timber**



### **Carbon Summary**

CASE STUDY

#### Inspiration through Innovation

At UMass Amherst, an Exposed Mass Timber Structure is a Teaching Tool







Volume of wood products used (m<sup>3</sup>): 2081 m<sup>3</sup> (73482 ft<sup>3</sup>) of lumber and sheathing



U.S. and Canadians forests grow this much wood in: 6 minutes



Carbon stored in the wood: **1463** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:

1218 metric tons of CO2



Total potential carbon benefit: 2681 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

#### Equivalent to:



512 cars off the road for a year 🕕



Energy to operate a home for 228 years





#### Awards

- 2018 Wood Design Awards Jury's Choice for Wood Innovation, WoodWorks
- 2017 Building of the Year, world-architects
- 2017 Most Innovative Project Award (less than \$100 million), Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 Excellence in Structural Engineering Award (New Buildings \$20 to \$100 Million), National Council of Structural Engineering Associations
- 2017 Awards of Merit for Structural Systems Design and Architectural Engineering Integration, Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 Award of Merit, Higher Education/Research Category, ENR New England
- + 6 more!

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DESIGN BUILDING PRESS REVIEW

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The UMass Design Building has received quite a bit of media attention. The following is a listing of what has been written and posted about it.

(newest on top)

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- <u>Teaching Tool</u> Design New England (December 2017)
   UMass-Amherst design building named for former
- Congressman John Olver MassLive / Republican (10/30/2017) A New Teacher on Campus – Learning by Design (Fall
- 2017)

  Leers Weinzapfel Associates Completes America's
- First Cross-Laminated Timber Academic Building Timber Design & Technology (June 2017)
- Raising the roof with CLT World Architecture News (6/16/2017)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst Design Building / Leers Weinzapfel Associates ArchDaily (5/25/2017)
- Design Building at the University of Massachusetts Amherst World Architects (5/5/2017)
   Leers Weinzapfel completes America's first cross-laminated timber academic building -
- dezen (4/28/2017)
  UMass Amherst completes cross-laminated timber Design Building for architecture, other programs – Architects, Newspaper (4/27/2017)
- This Week in Tech: New England Gets Its Largest Modern Wood Structure Arithmeti Magazine (4/27/2017)
- "Most advanced' engineered wood building in the U.S. opens at UMass Woodworking Network (4/27/2017)
- UMass Amherst is home to America's first CLT academic building Building Design & Construction (4/26/2017)
- UMass opens largest engineered wood building in northeast US Construction Dive (4/26/2017)
- Why UMass Amherst's newest building is made almost entirely of wood Boston Globe (4/25/2017)
- UMass celebrating opening of modern, all-wood building WWLP (4/25/2017)
- Photos: UMass Amherst opens new Design 8uilding, largest modern wood structure in the Northeastern US - MassLive/Republican (4/25/2017)
- Into the Wood Architectural Record SNAP! (March/April 2017)
- UMass Amherst Design Building Zipper Trusses Architecture Magazine (3/2/2017)
- Game Changers Building Design + Construction (January 2017)
- Not your grandfather's two-by-fours: A new exhibition showcases modern wood construction – Architects Newspaper (1/13/2017)
- Skyscrapers made of wood? NBM show argues for alternative to steel, concrete Washington Post (12/16/2016)
- Tall Wooden Buildings, Will Building Codes Allow Them? MetalMiner (12/16/2016)
- "Timber City' to Show Mass Timber's Potential for Construction, Job Creation Architect Magazine
- UMass wood construction expertise has Canadian roots Daily Commercial News
- We Can Turn Climate Change Around UMass Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE) Newsletter
- Leers Weinzapfel Associates designs timber architecture building for UMass Amherst
- Architects Newspaper (3/31/2016)
- New Integrated Design Building incorporates sustainability, resilience and aesthetic The
  Daily Collegian
- Design Building Progress UMass Amherst video
- Leers Weinzapfel Associates: On Collaboration, Sustainable Buildings, and Timber
- Structures SkeithUp Blog
- Watch: High-tech timber erected at UMass Suffolk BuildSmart Blog (watch video on YouTube)
- UMass Amherst's Design Building, A Model of Sustainable Architecture UMass On The Move
   Green Design: The Design Building gives sustainable research, education, and construction
- high visibility UMass Research/Next
- UMass celebrates groundbreaking of new \$52 million Design Building Daily Collegian
- Innovative UMass Design Building 'designed by designers for designers to teach design' MassLive
- UMass celebrates construction of Design Building using engineered timber instead of
   structural steel Hampshire Gazette
- <u>Campus Celebrates Construction of Sustainable Design Building</u> UMass Media (watch <u>wideo</u> on YouTube)
- Wood construction resurges at UMass Suffork BuildSmart Blog
- Timber's Transformation; An Old Building Material is Reborn Metropolis Magazine





STUDY IN BCT

Design Building at UMass Amhierst Named for Former U.S. Rep. John W. Diver

Alumni & Friends: Join BCT at ABX / Greenbuild on 11/9

Bring your Resumest BCT is Hasting Fail Job Fair on October 20th

BCT's False Color' Exhibit is Openi



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# **ODESTIONS**?

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