

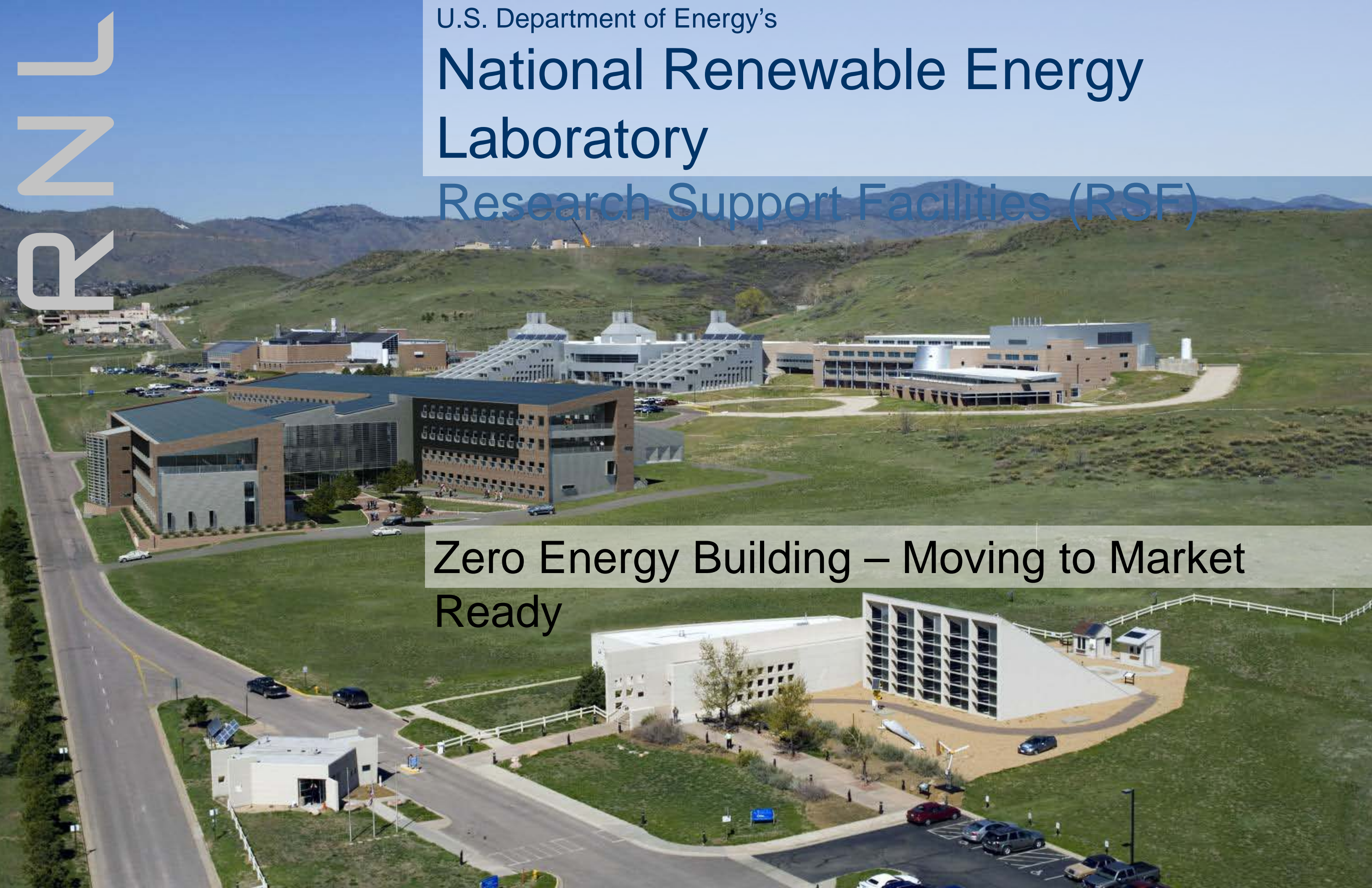


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# National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Research Support Facilities (RSF)

Zero Energy Building – Moving to Market Ready





# The RFP and Selection Process

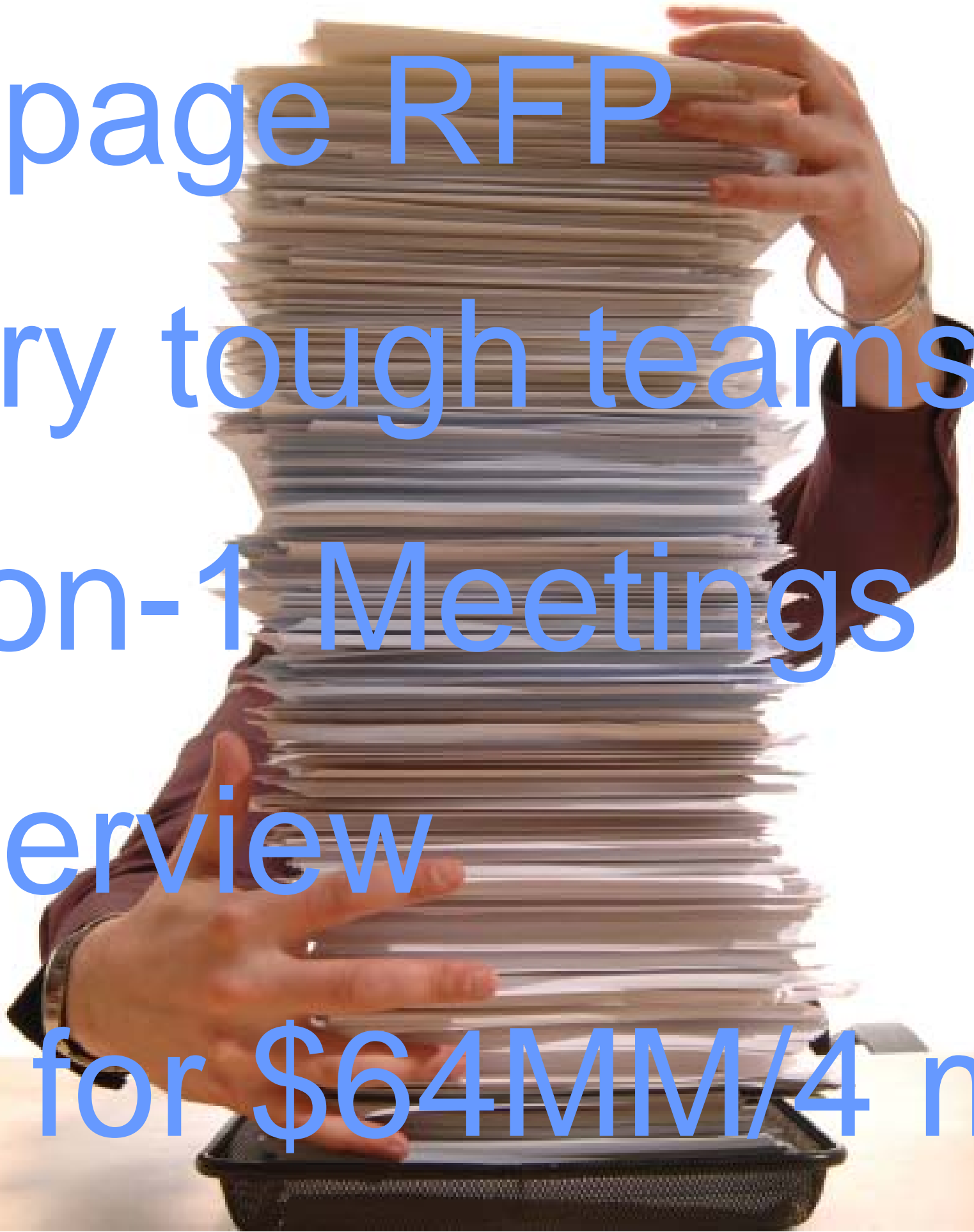
506 page RFP

3 very tough teams/2+ months

2 1-on-1 Meetings

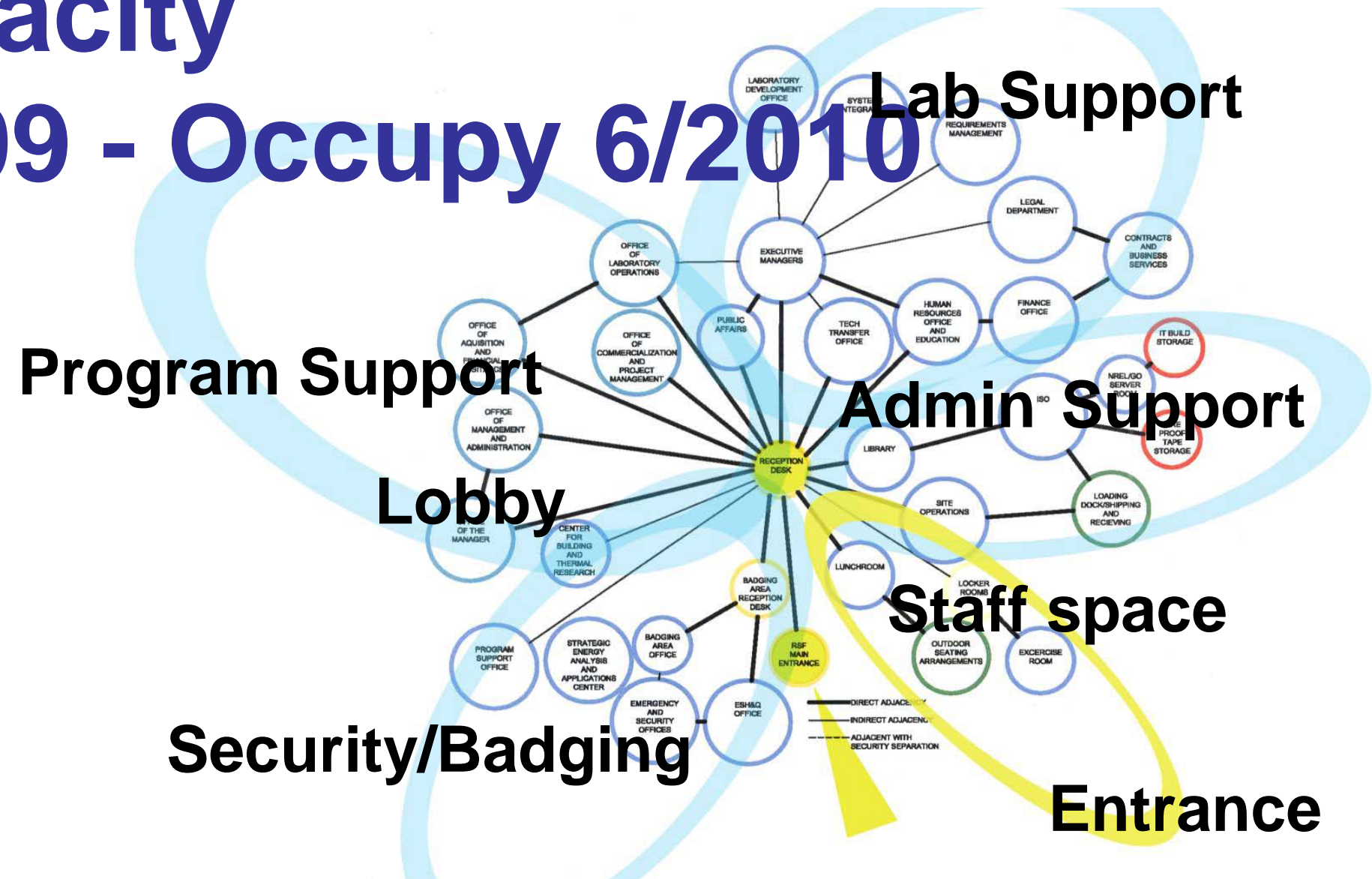
1 Interview

FFP for \$64MM/4 months



# The Problem Statement – The Program

- 218,000 GSF
- \$64,000,000 FFP
- 800 Staff Capacity
- Start July 2009 - Occupy 6/2010



# The Problem Statement – Performance

- **LEED Platinum required**
- **Natural Ventilation required**
- **LEED Daylight Credit required**
- **50% better than LEED Platinum energy use - required**





# NREL Campus

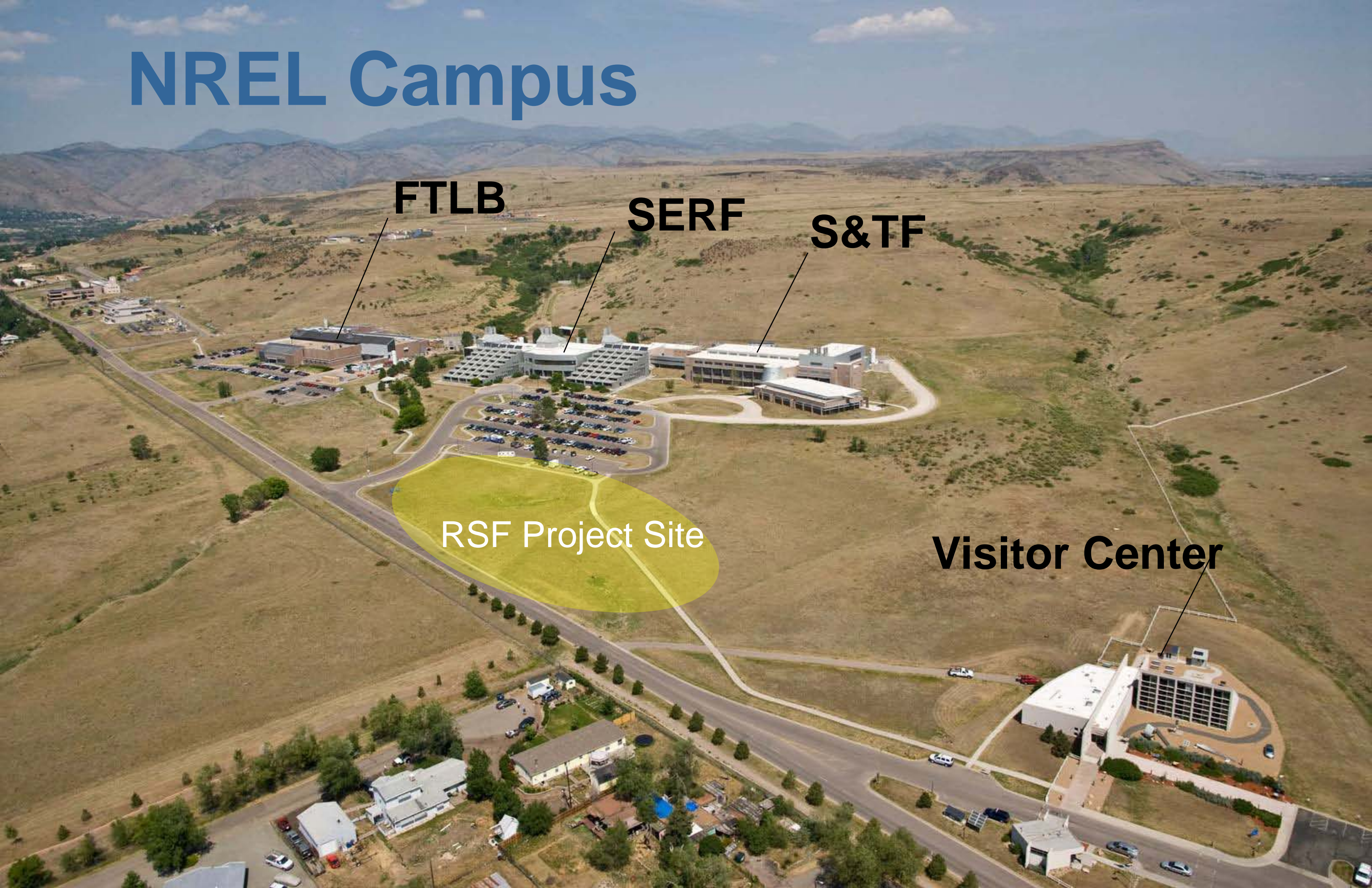
**FTLB**

**SERF**

**S&TF**

**RSF Project Site**

**Visitor Center**





# SERF



S&TF



# Today's Office Building

## Range View I

### Program

- 55,000 GSF, 4 floors
- \$4.7 MM core/shell (2002)
- Design/const +/-18





# Today's Office Building

## Range View I

### Performance

- LEED Silver Equivalent
- Rooftop Package Units
- Daylight Credit



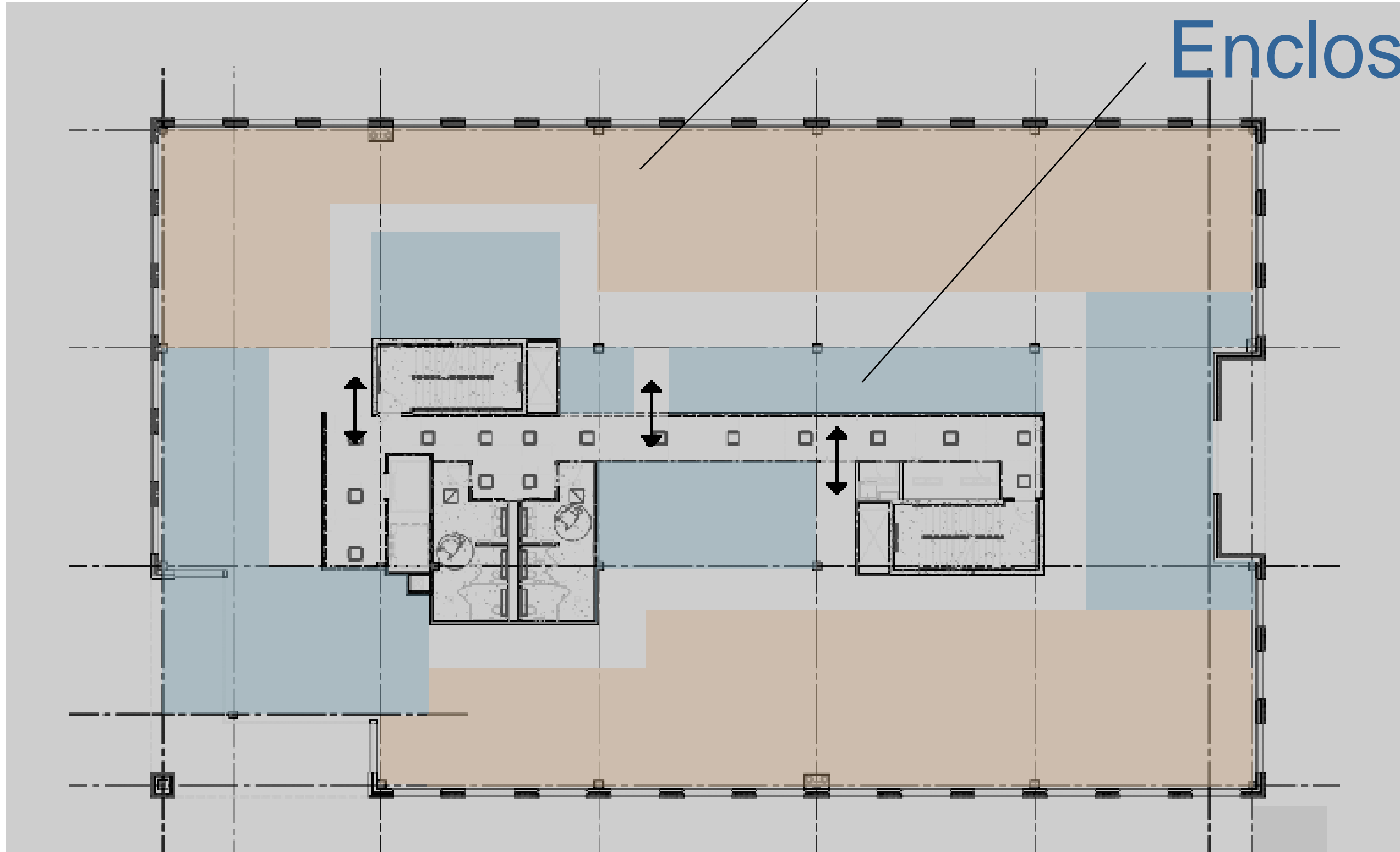


# Today's Office Building

## Range View I

Open Office

Enclosed Office



North  
→





ZERO ENERGY BUILD



# ZEB Goal

Passive design

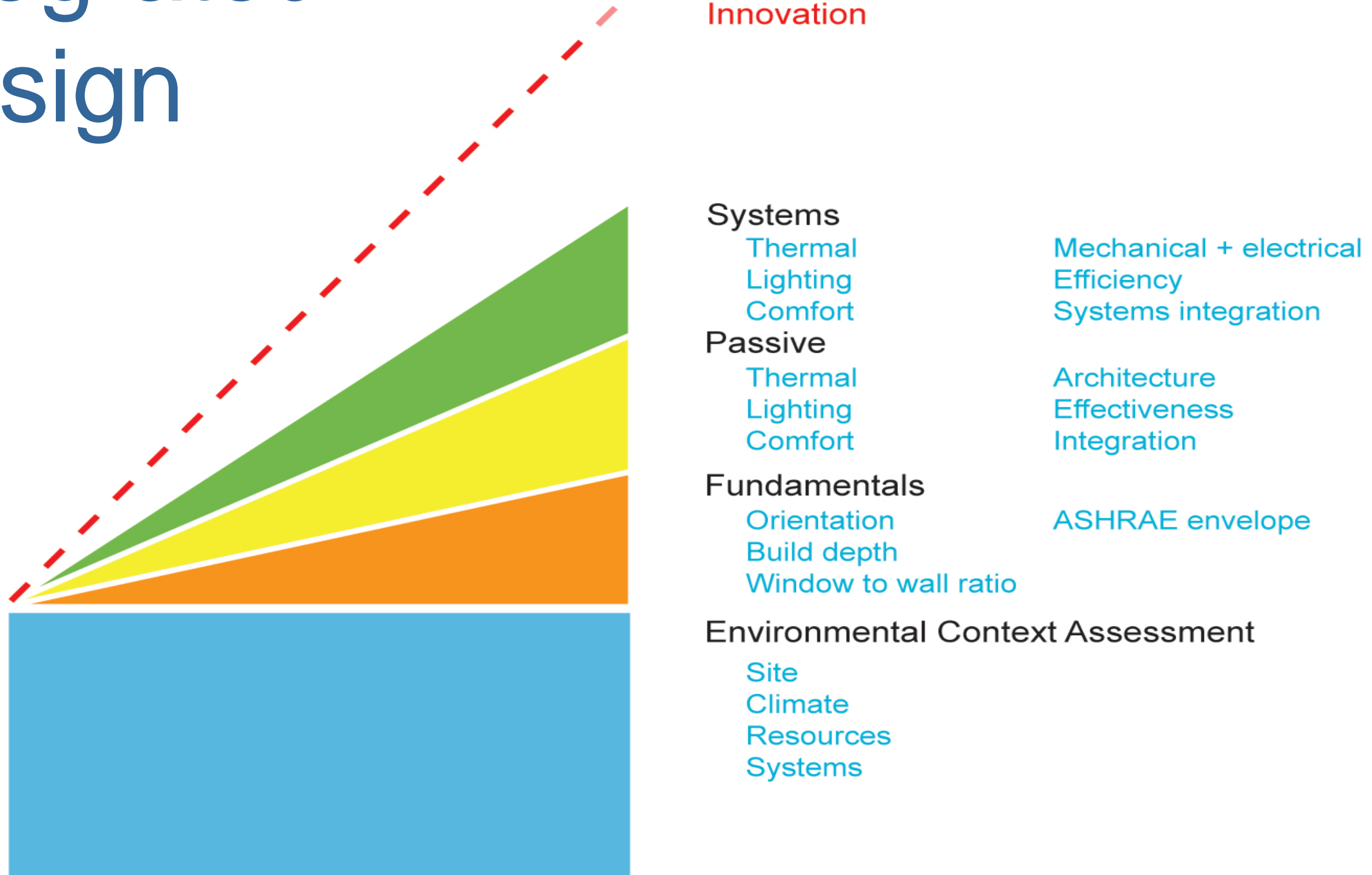
Massing, orientation and  
roof area

Very Efficient MEP and IT

Integrated Workplace  
Design



# Integrated Design

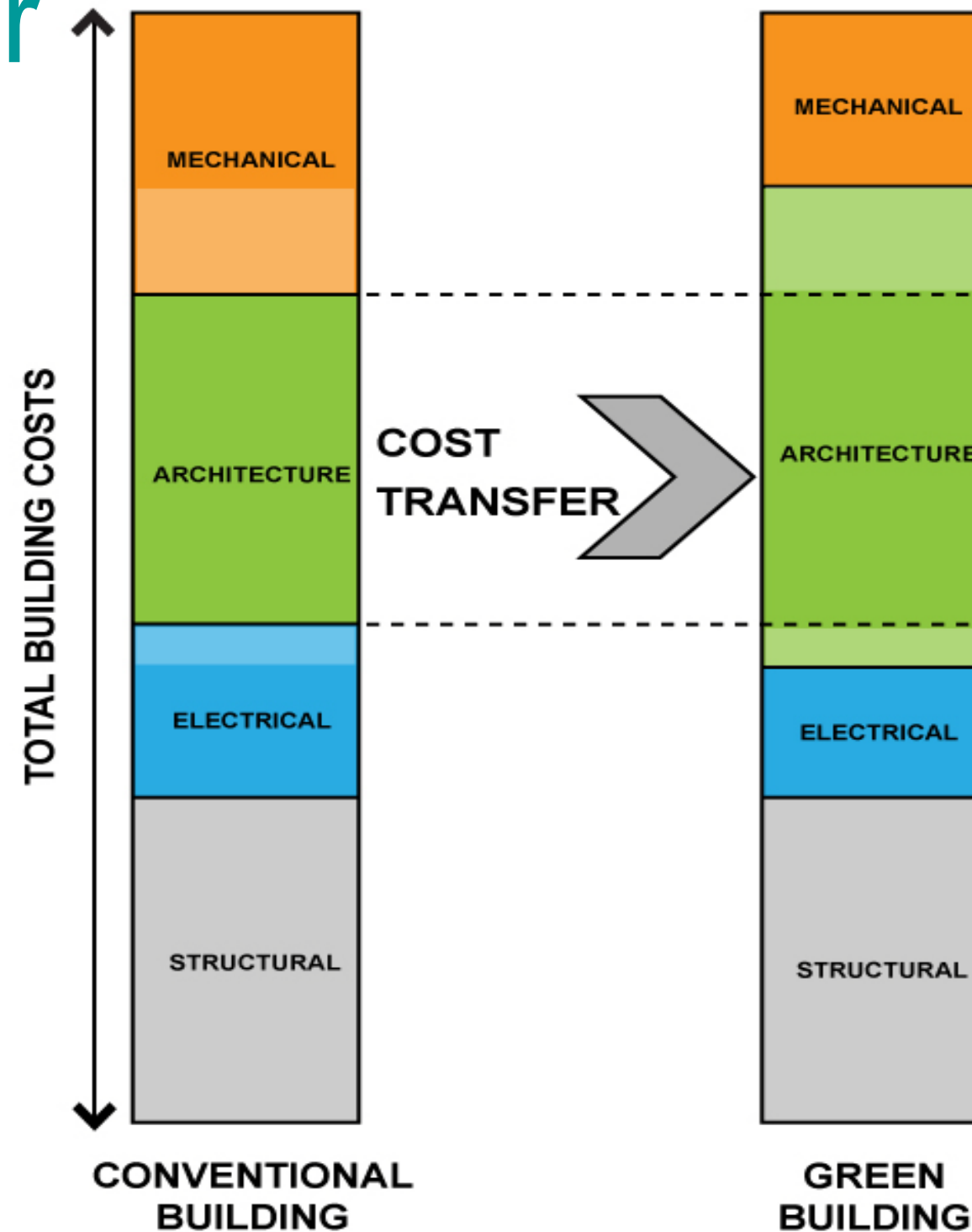


**Optimize Energy Performance**  
(Optimization Wedges)



# Integrated Design

## Cost Transfer



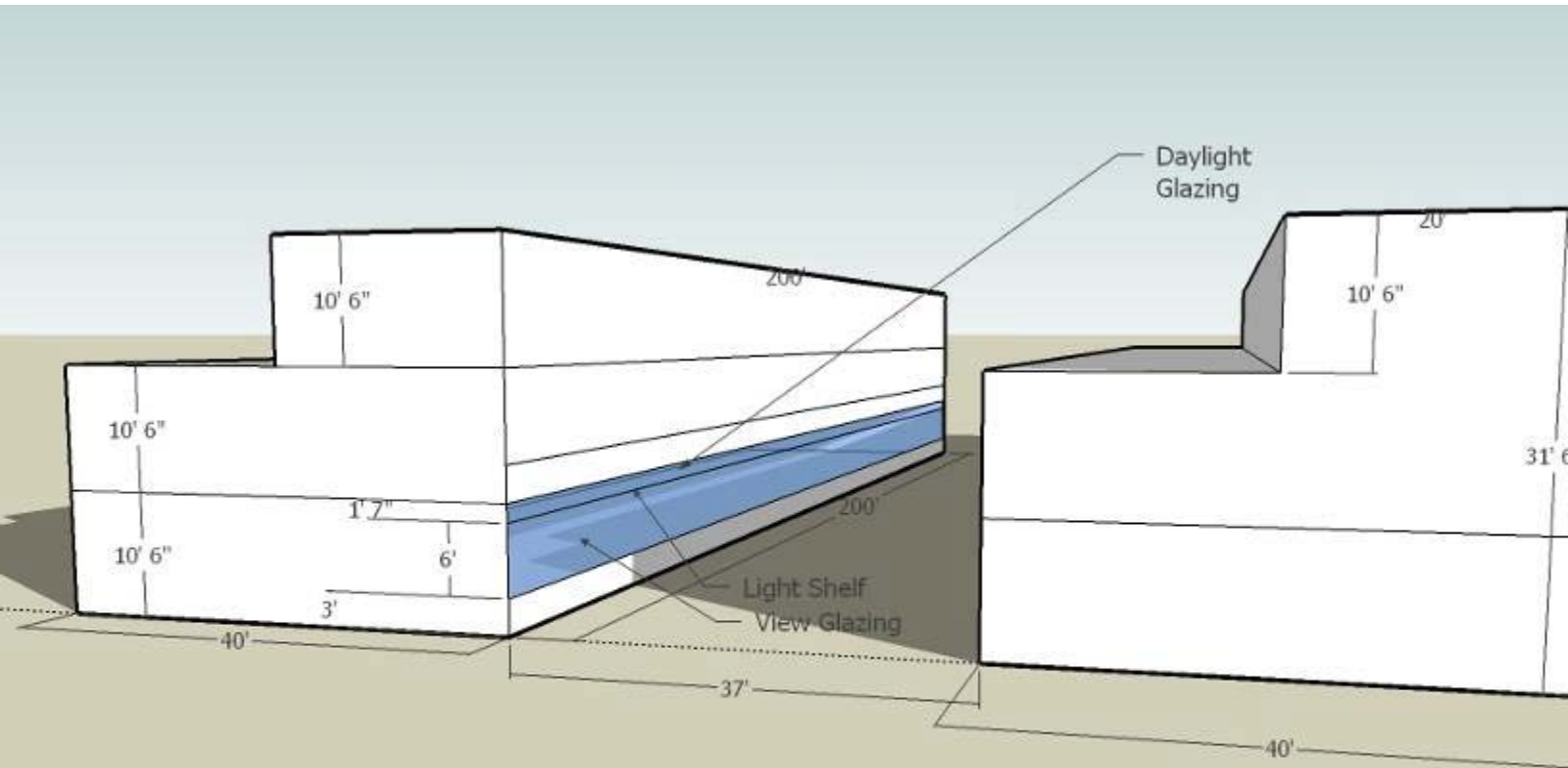
# Integrated Design

## Design Simulations

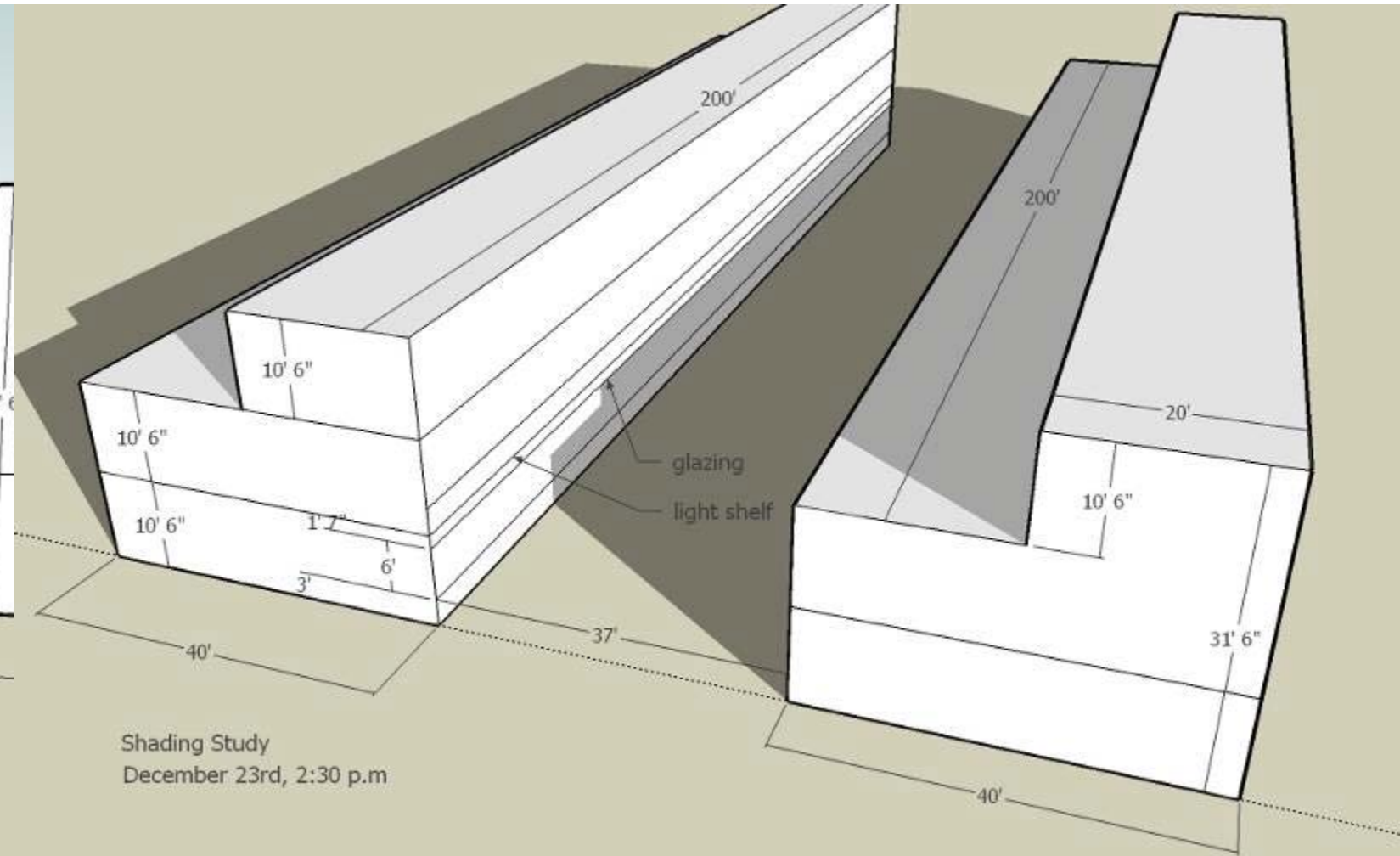
- Energy modeling
- Daylight modeling
- Natural ventilation modeling
- Thermal mass modeling
- And all must meet the Cost Model



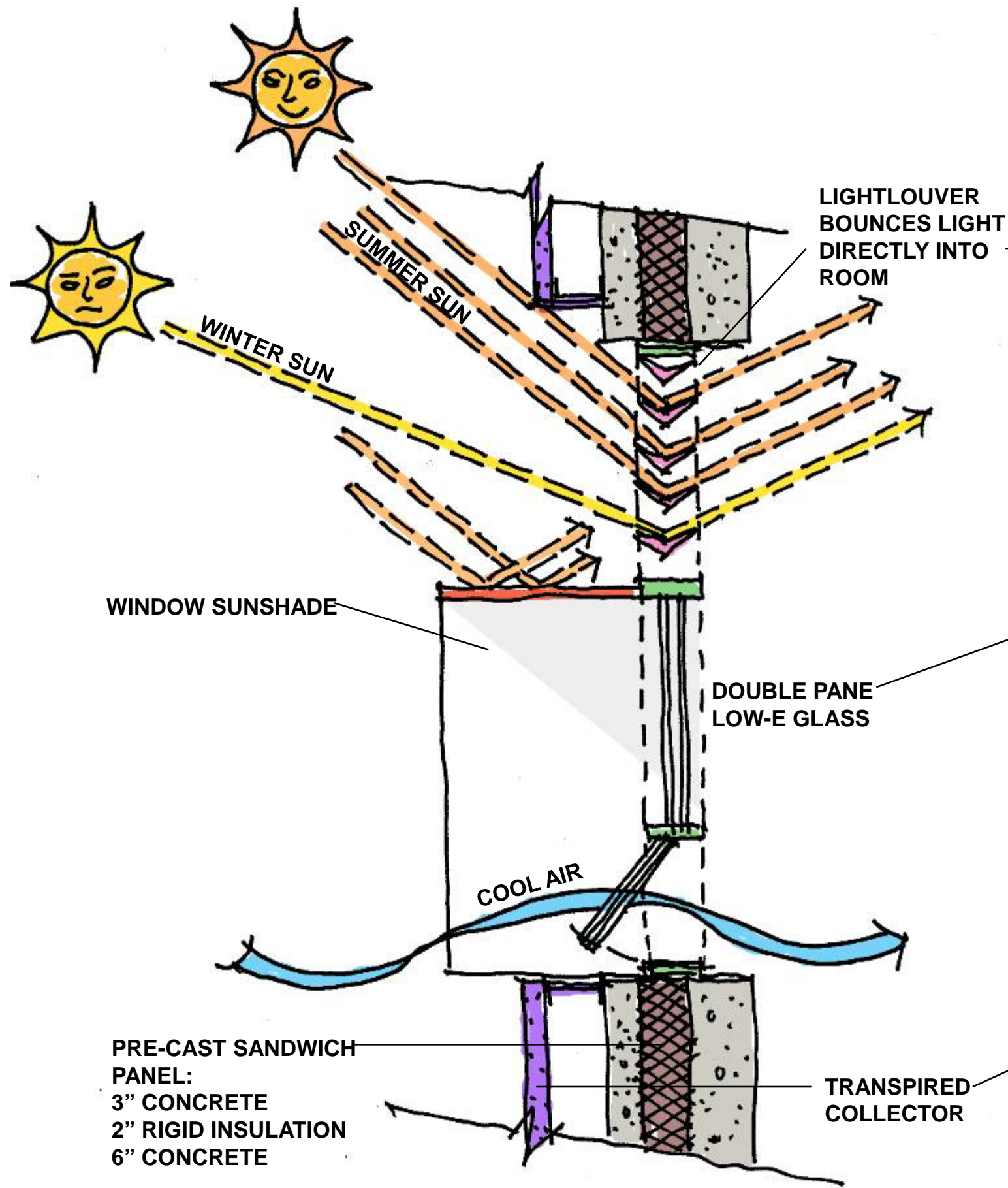
# Energy and Architecture



Shading Study  
December 23rd, 2:30 p.m



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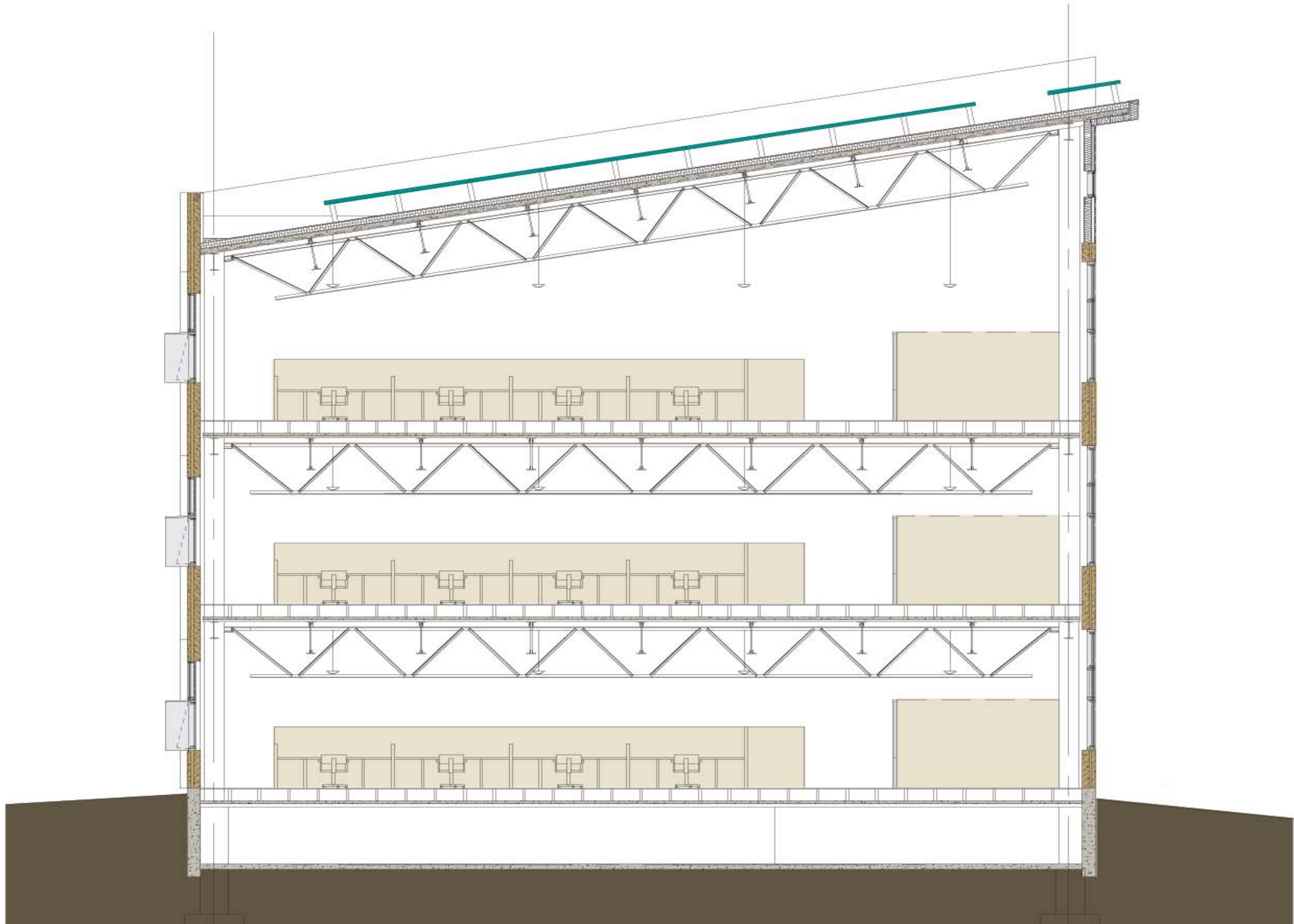


**FIGURE #1**  
NREL

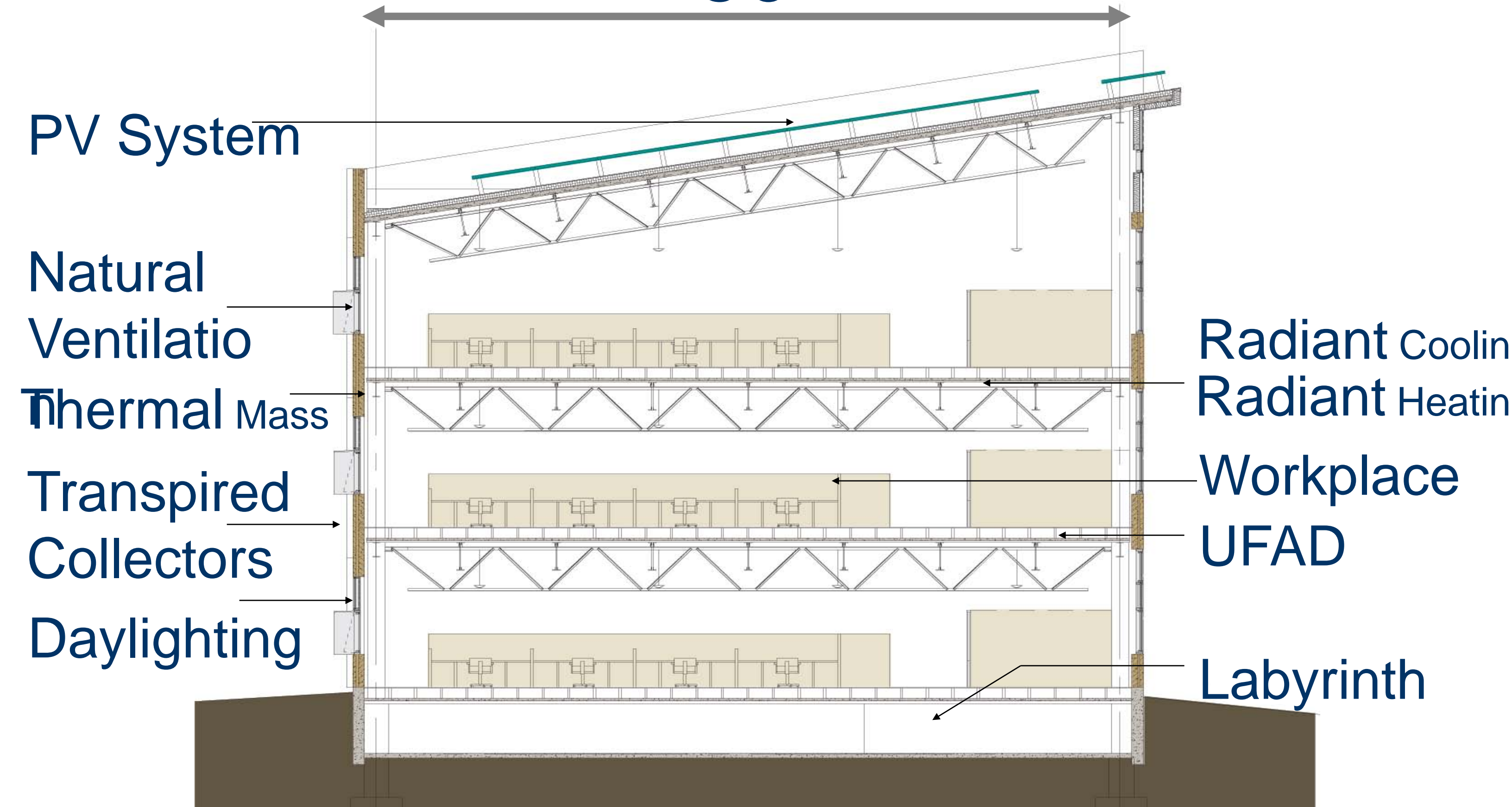




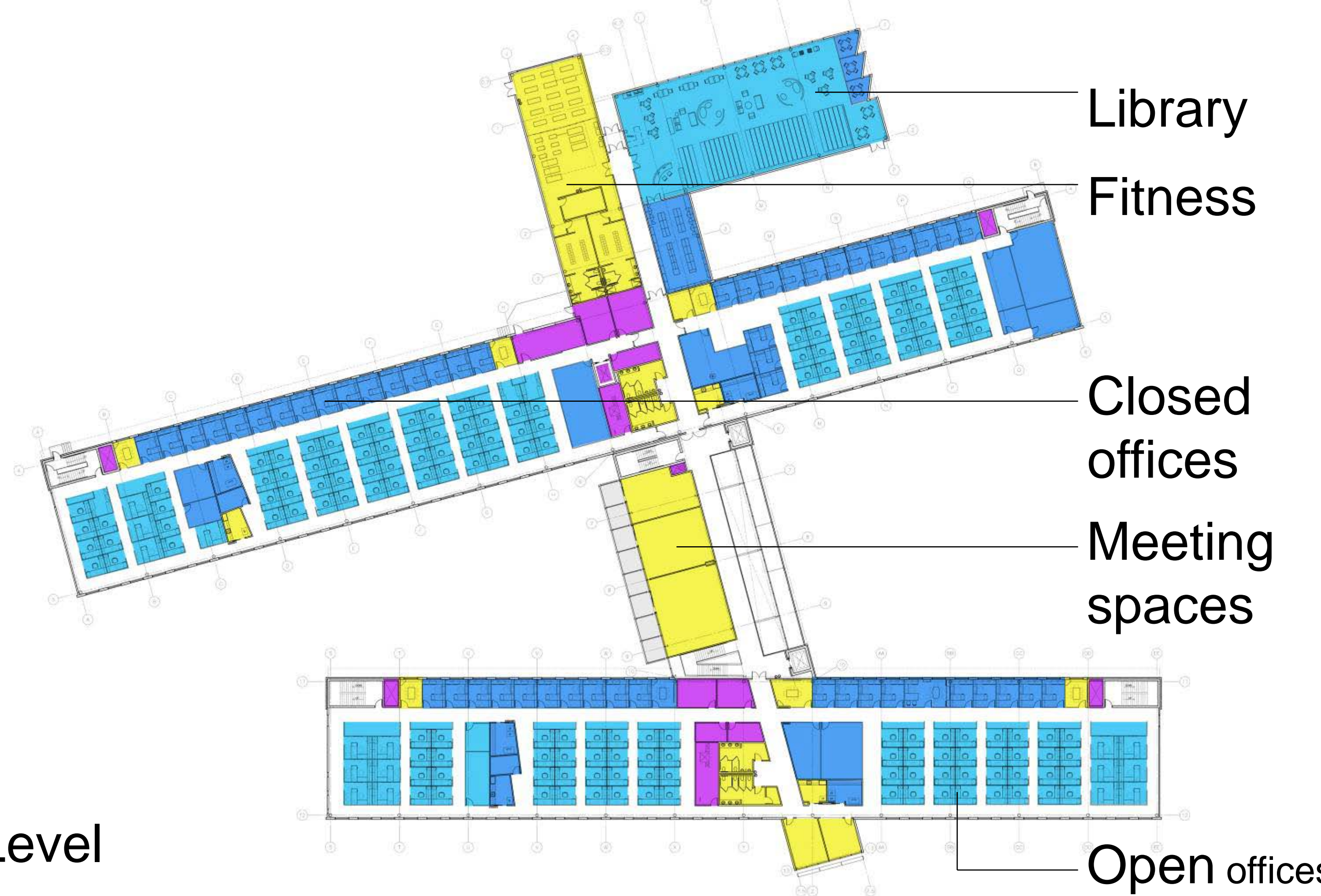
# The Section



# The Section 60'





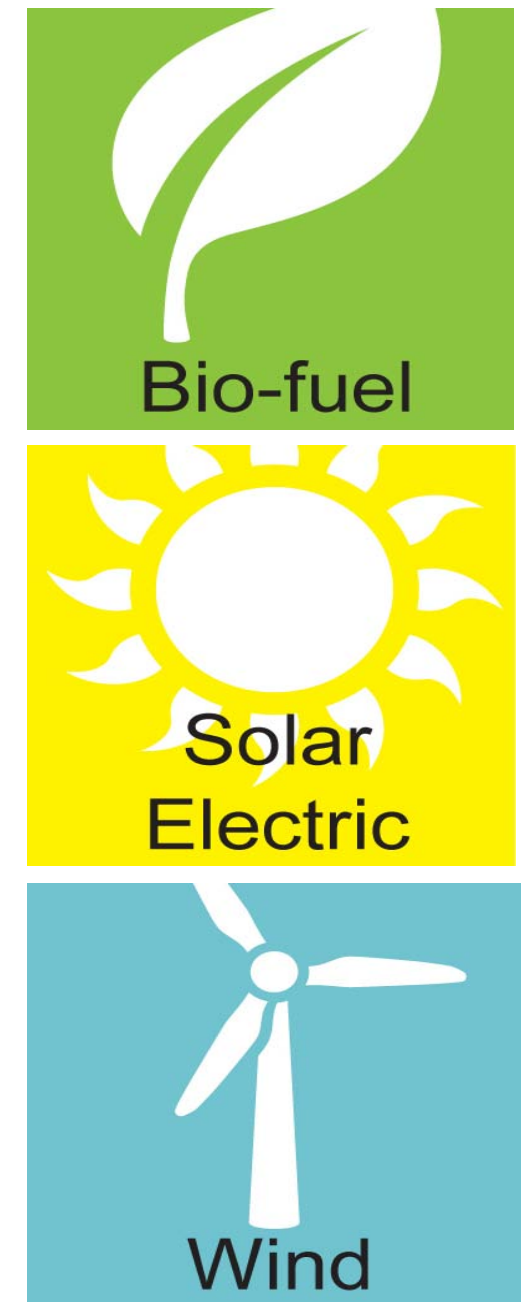


2<sup>nd</sup> Level



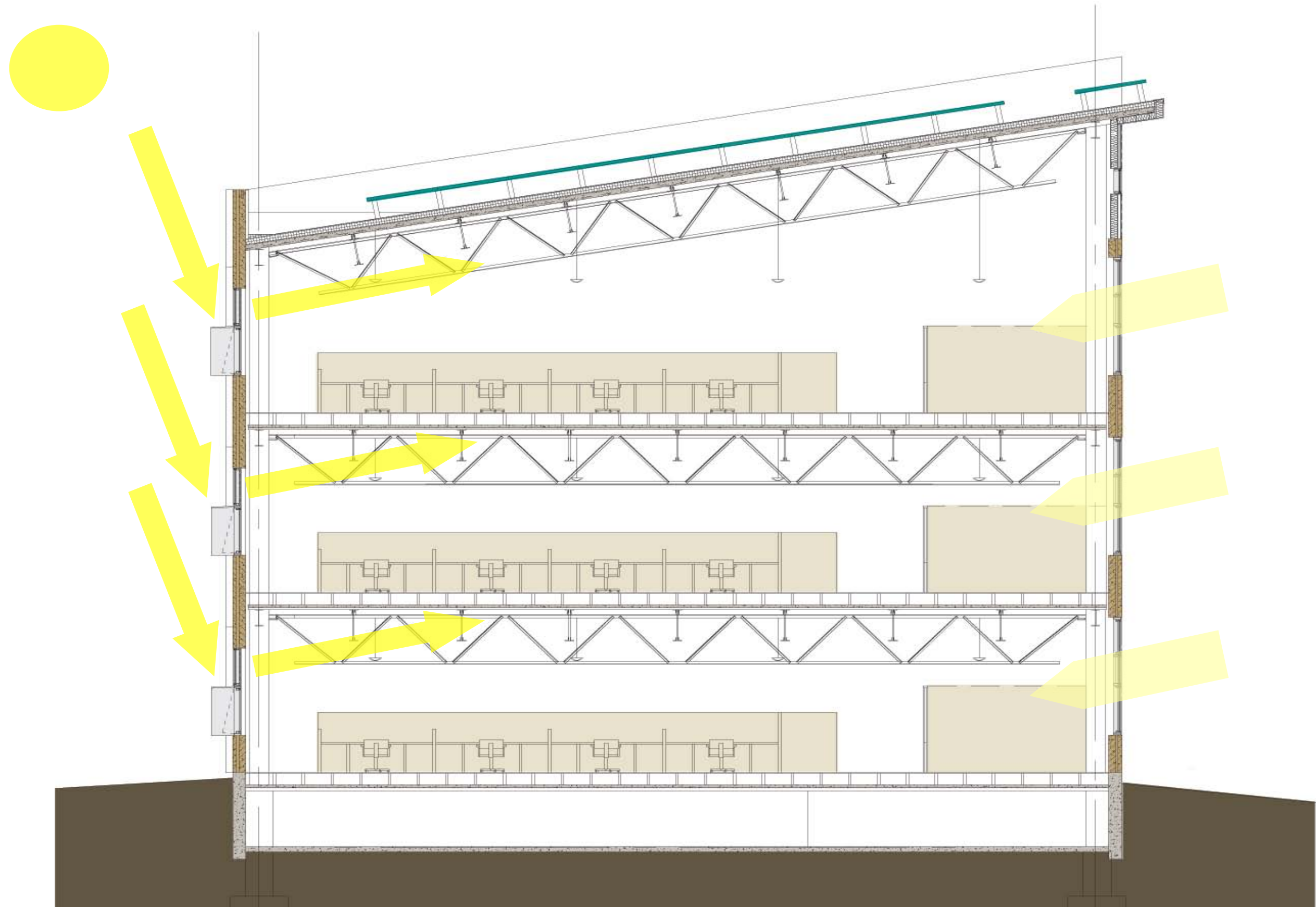
# Zero Energy Strategies

|                                |                                     |                                     |                                       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>DL</b><br>Daylight          | <b>SD</b><br>Shading                | <b>NV</b><br>Natural<br>Ventilation | <b>TTC</b><br>Transpired<br>Collector |
| <b>UF</b><br>Underfloor<br>Air | <b>LL</b><br>Low Energy<br>Lighting | <b>RS</b><br>Radiant<br>Slabs       | <b>EV</b><br>Evaporative<br>Cooling   |
| <b>TM</b><br>Thermal<br>Mass   | <b>NPP</b><br>Night<br>Purge        | <b>WP</b><br>Wind<br>Protection     | <b>GI</b><br>Green<br>IT              |





# The Section - Daylighting





# Workplace - Interiors





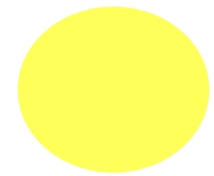
# Top Floor



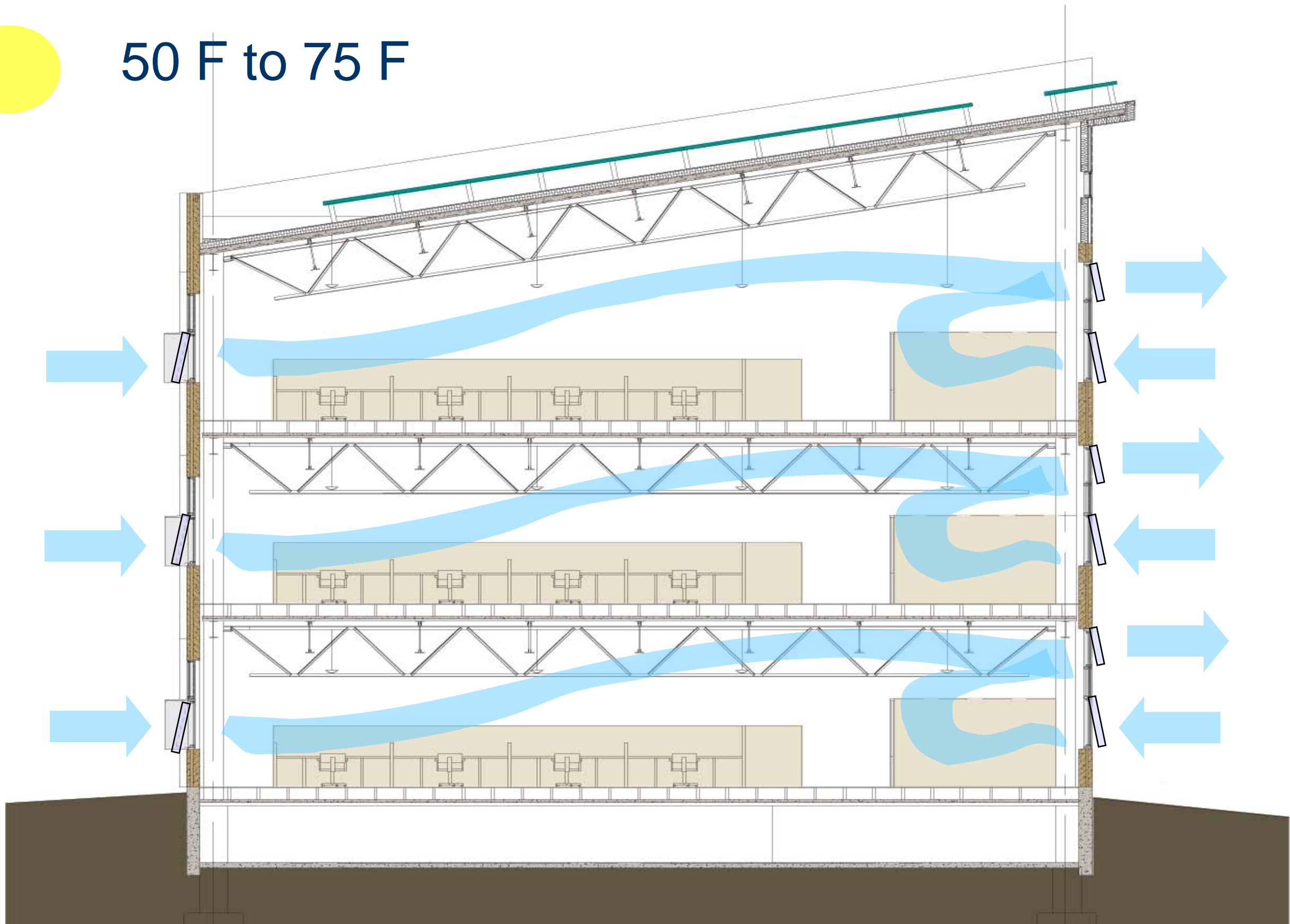
# Typical Floor



# Natural Ventilation - Summer Day

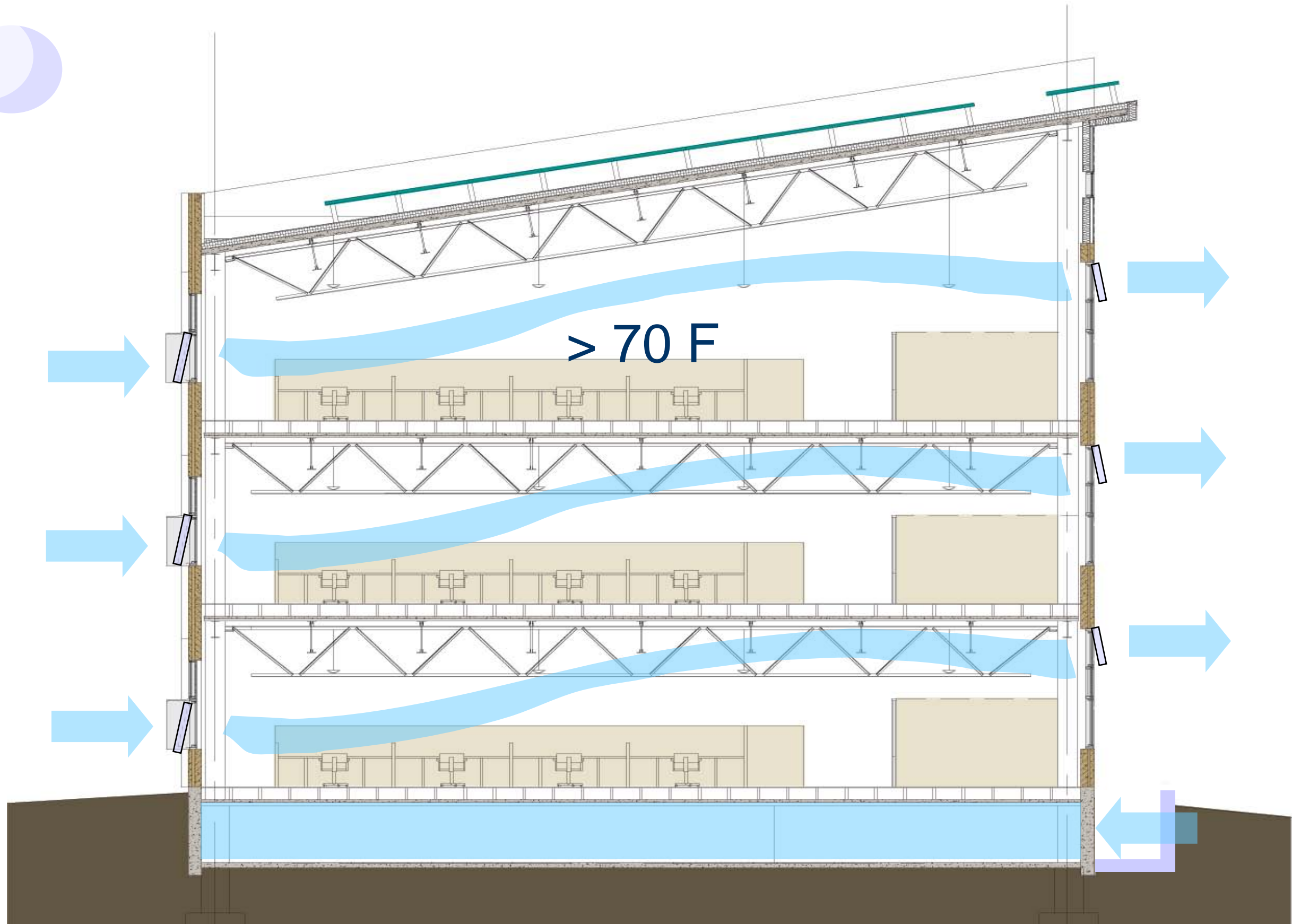


50 F to 75 F

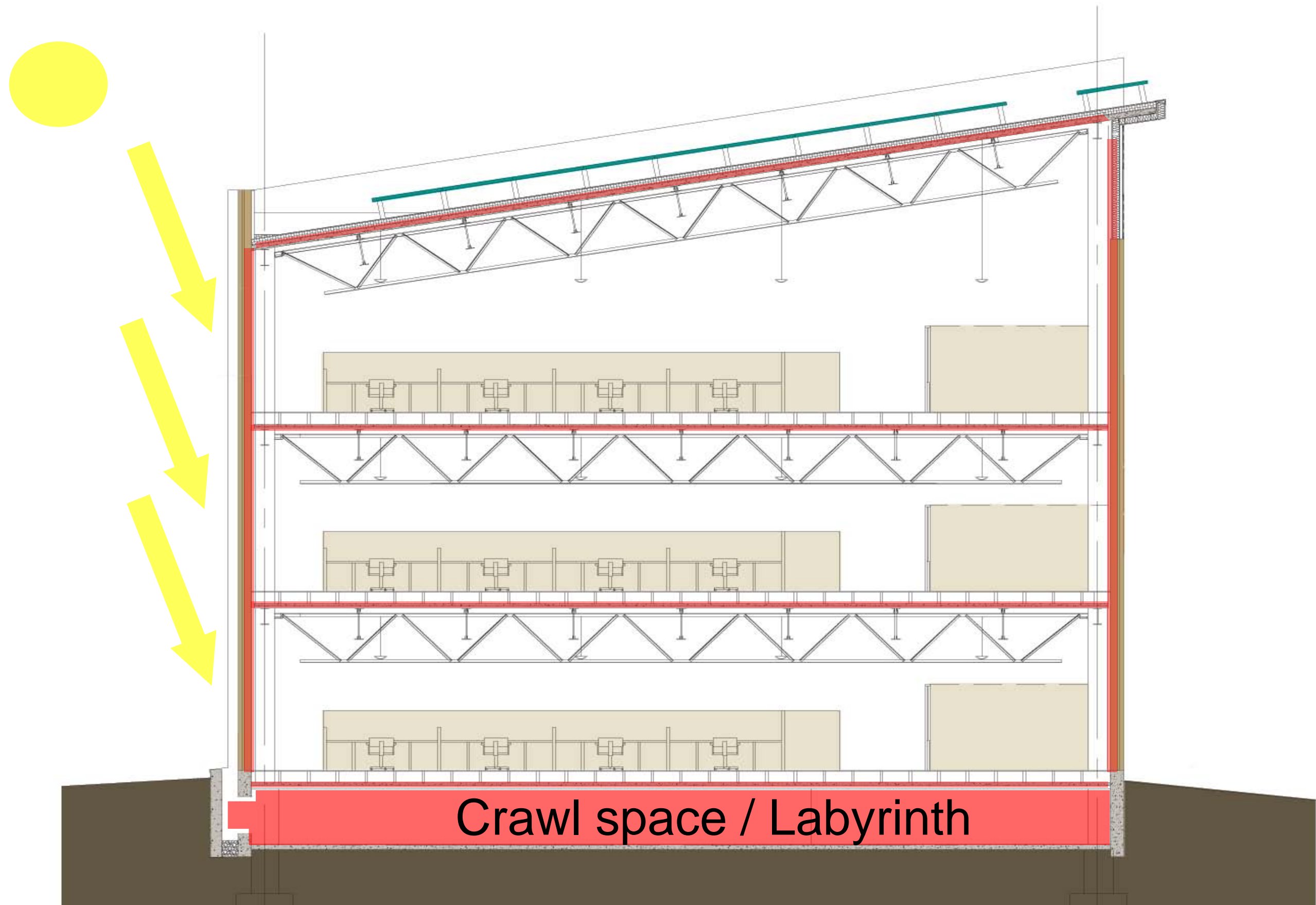




# Natural Ventilation - Summer Night



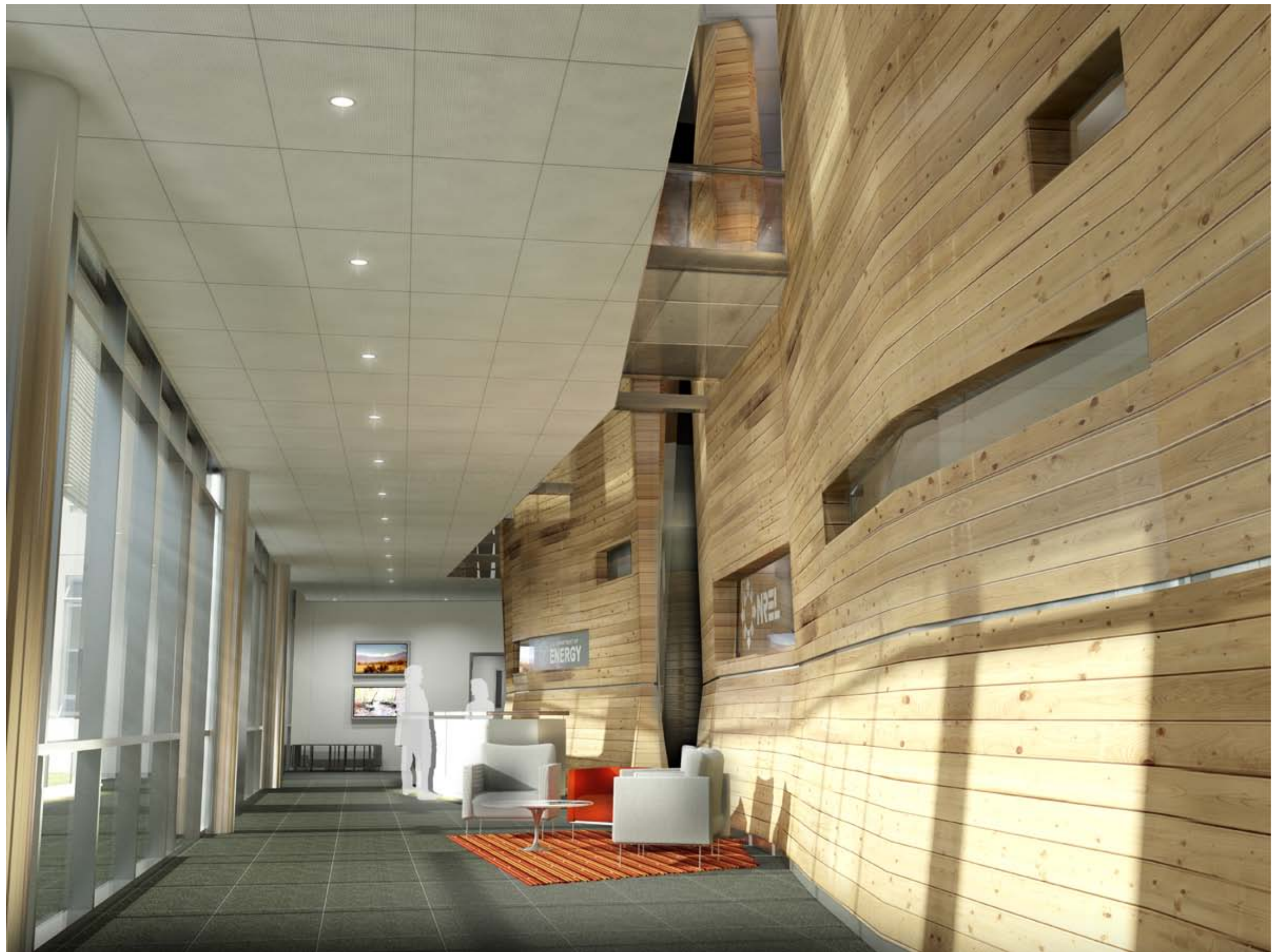
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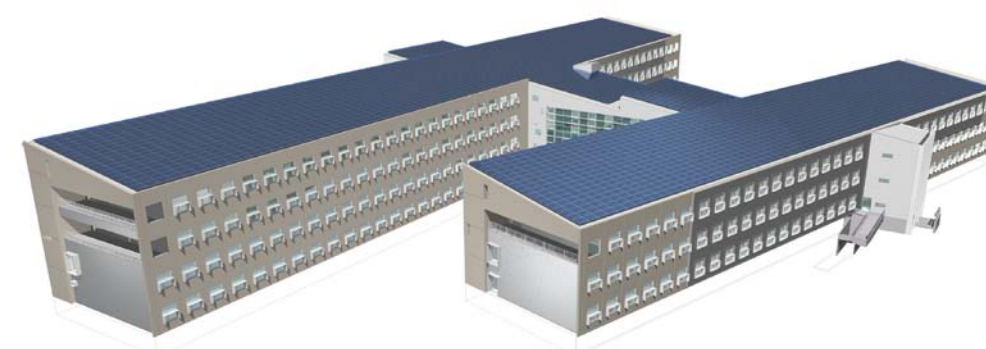
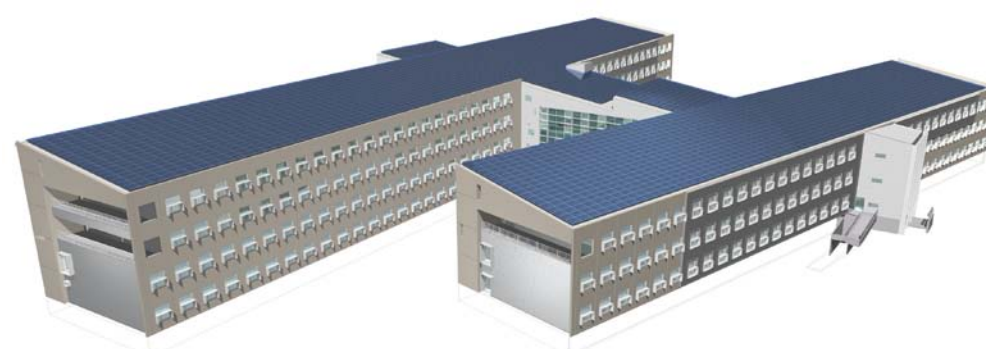
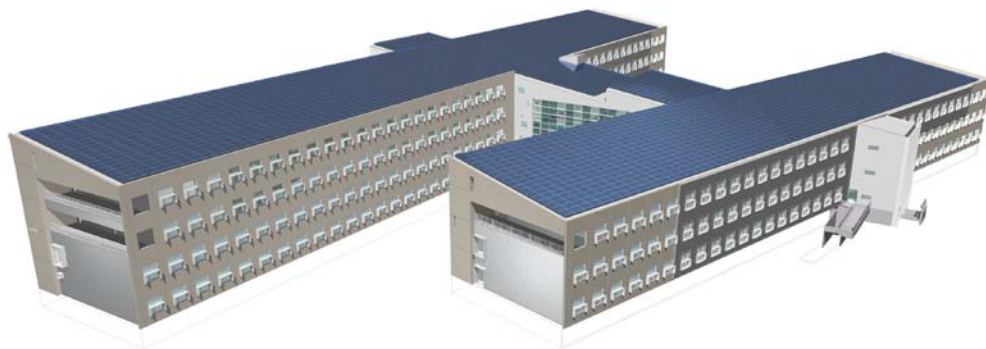
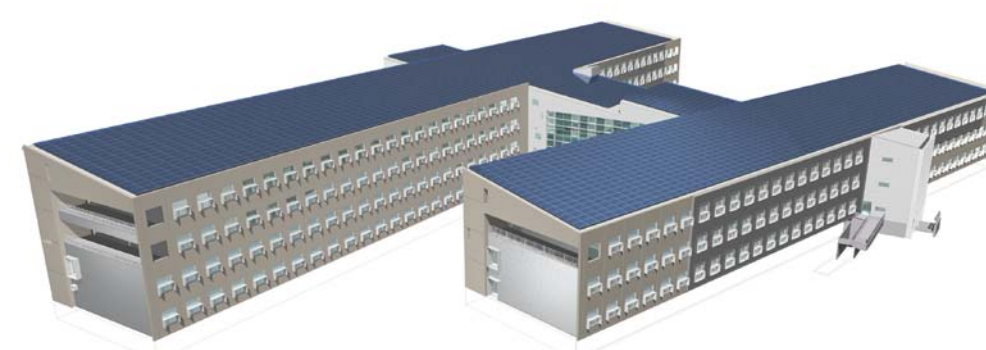
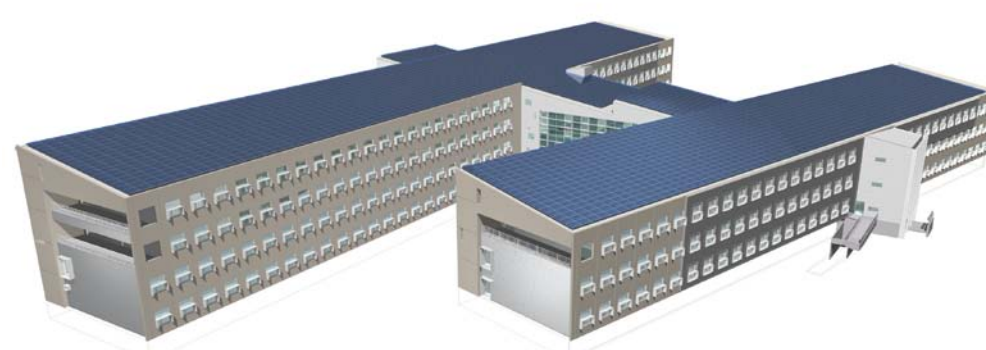
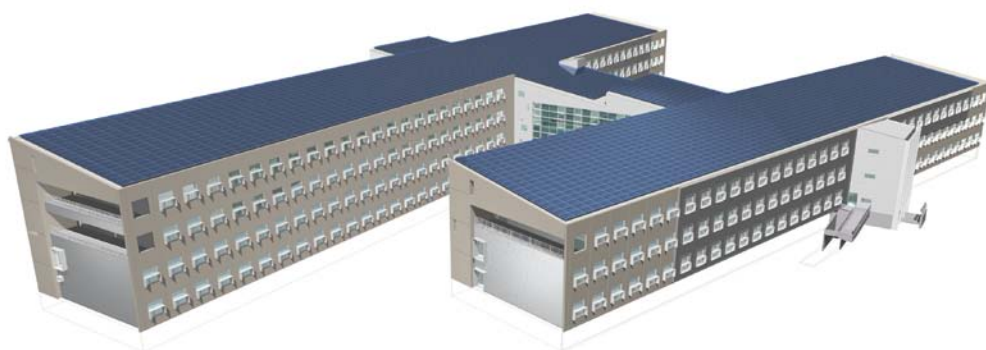
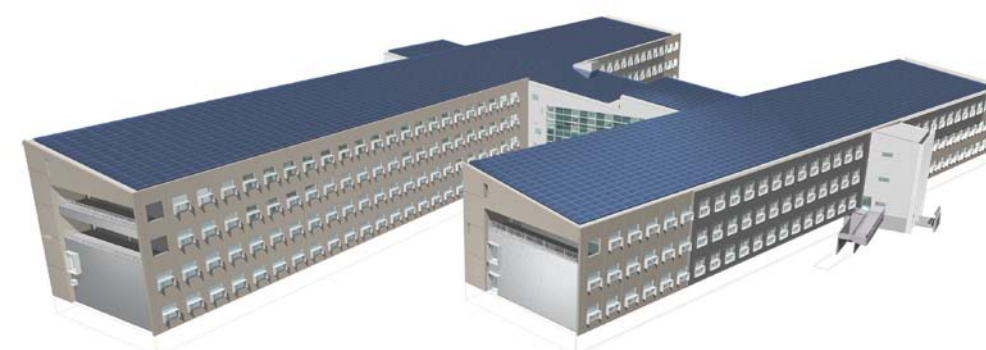
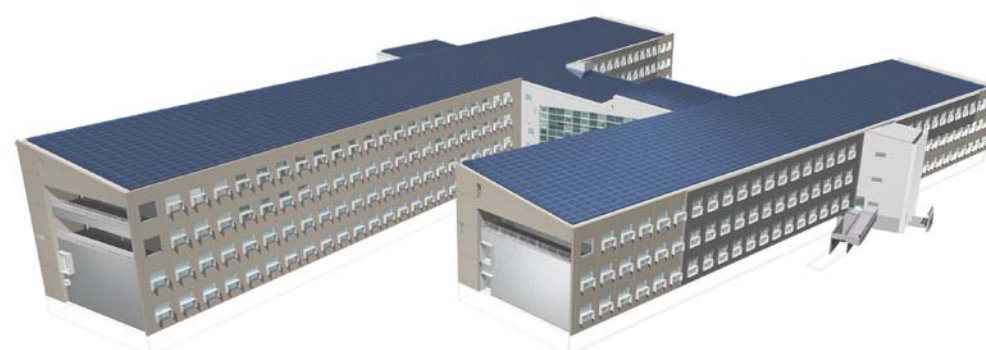
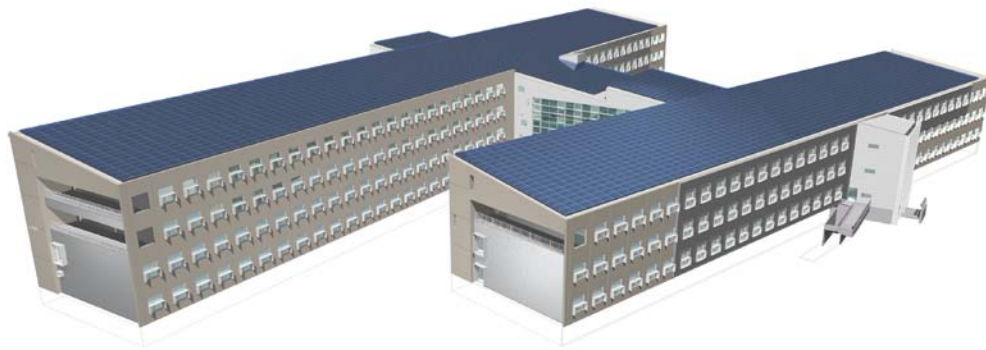












**Is it replicable?**

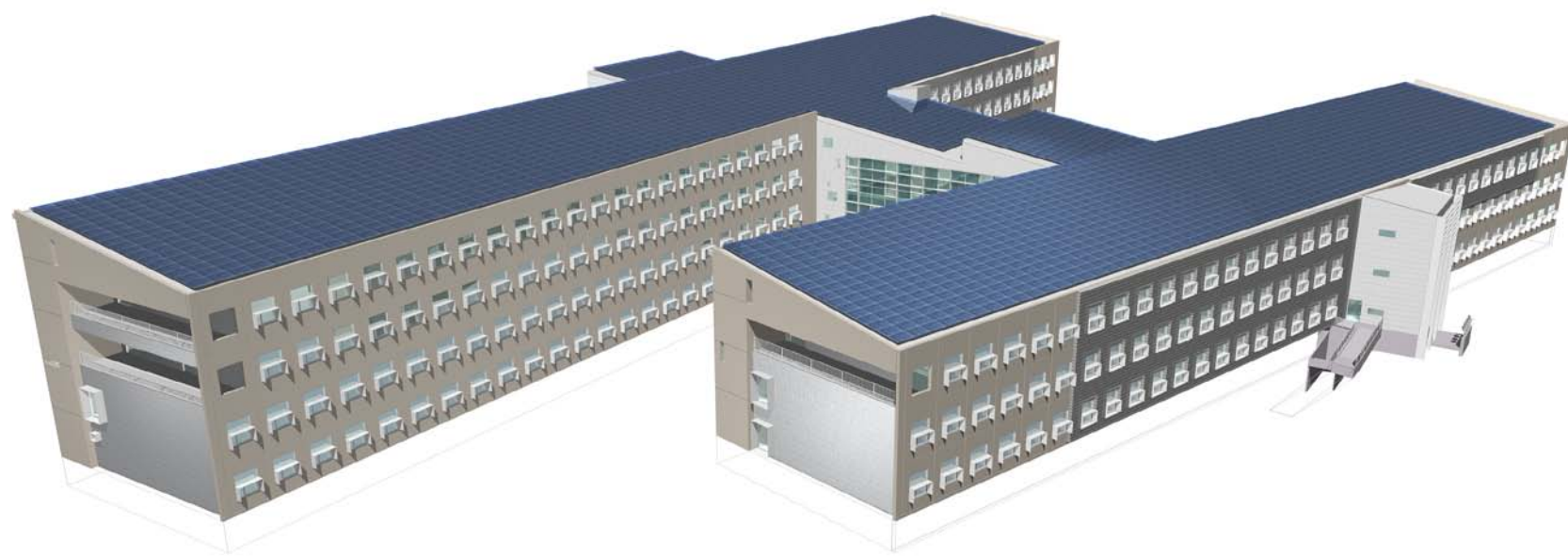
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**How to  
Design and  
Build a**

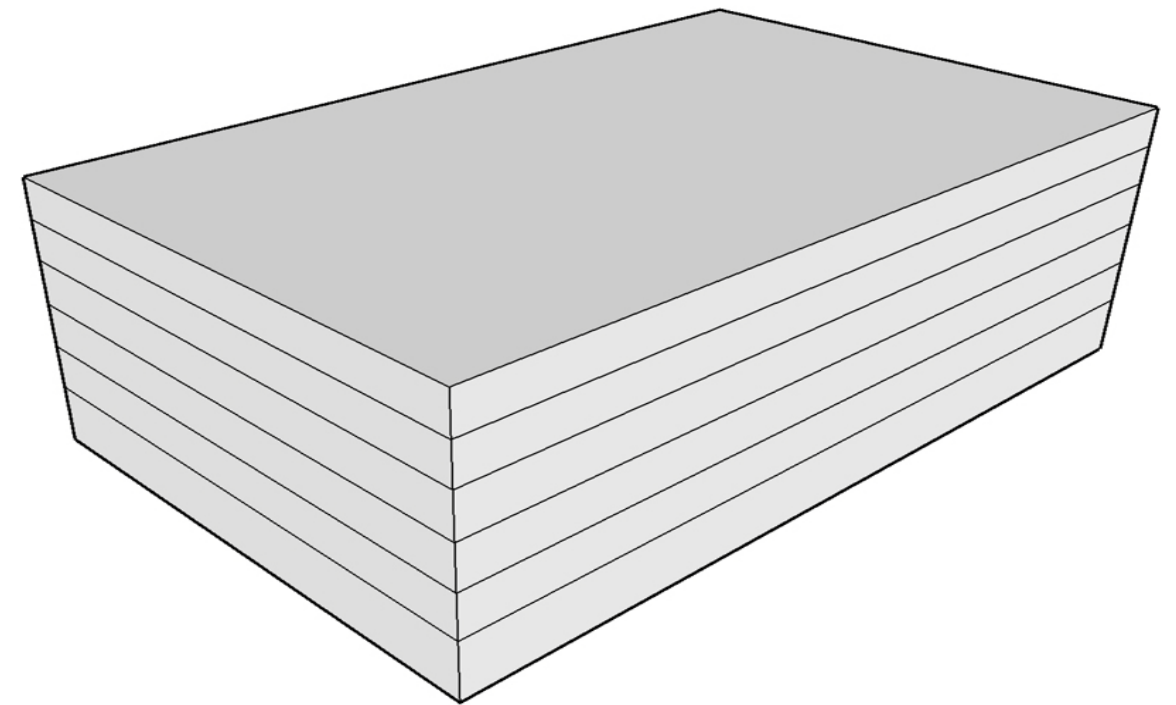
**ZEB**



# Cost / Construction – Envelope



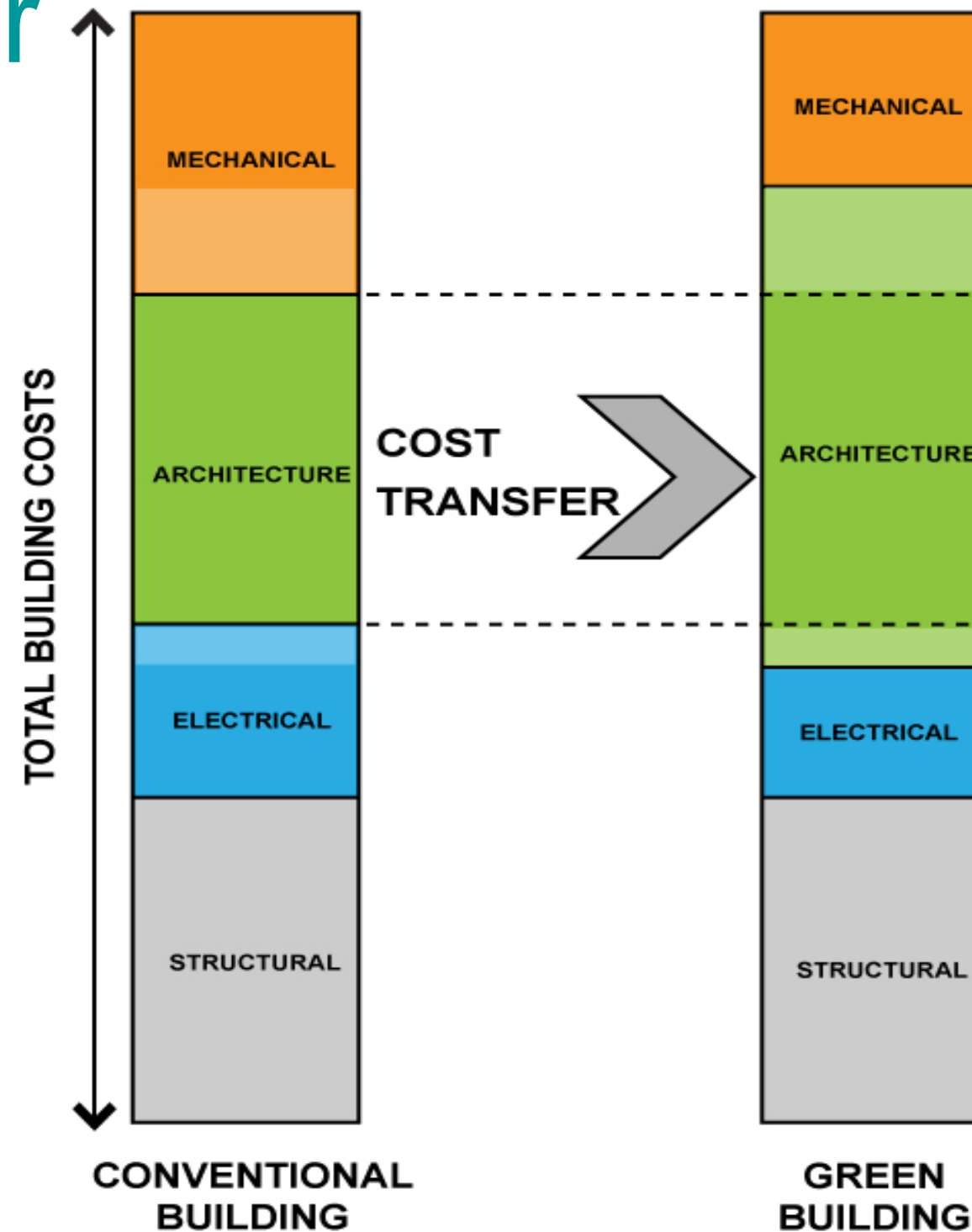
Energy driven form  
145,000 SF



Conventional form  
65,000 SF

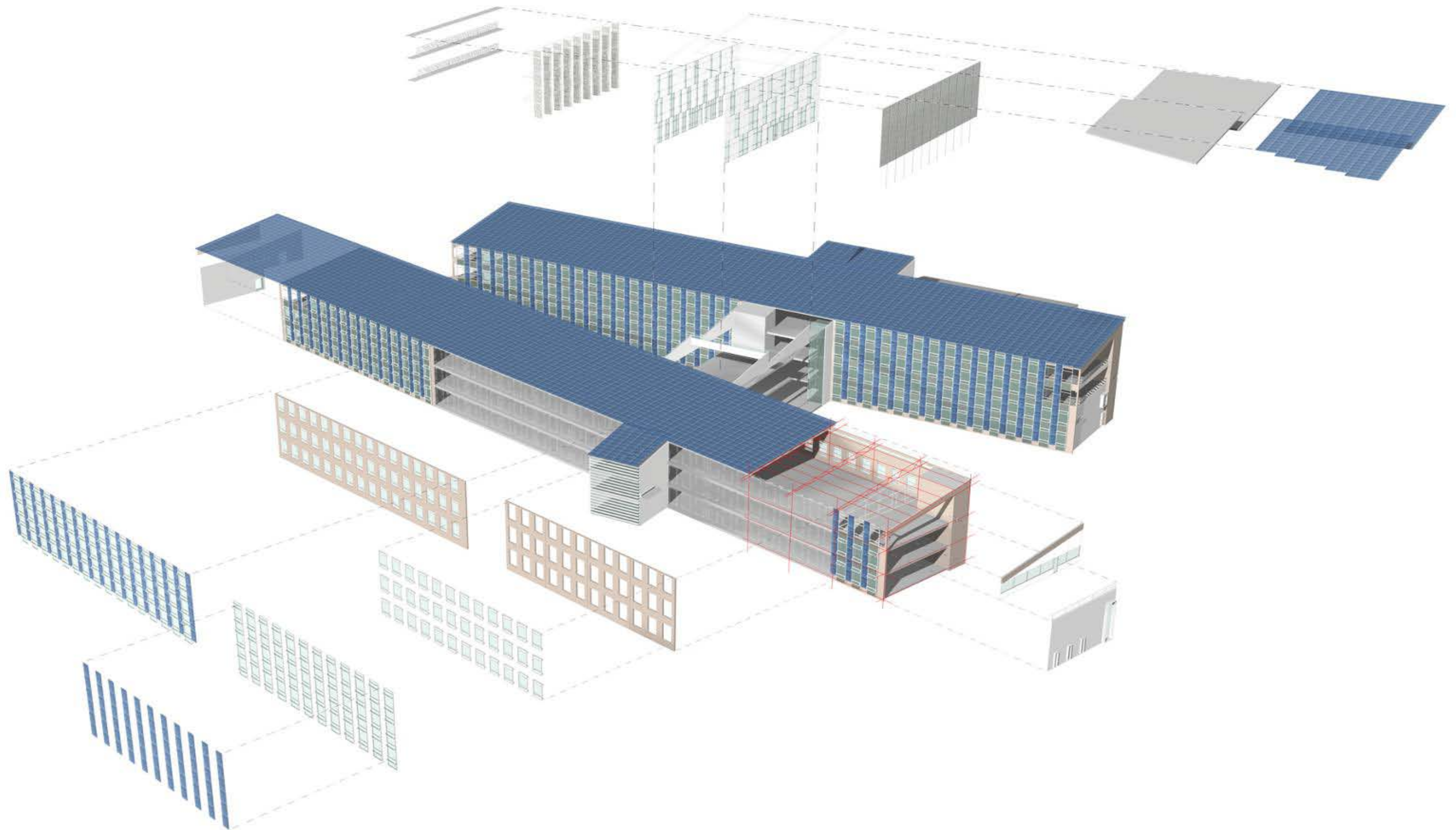
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## Cost Transfer





# Cost / Construction – Modularity



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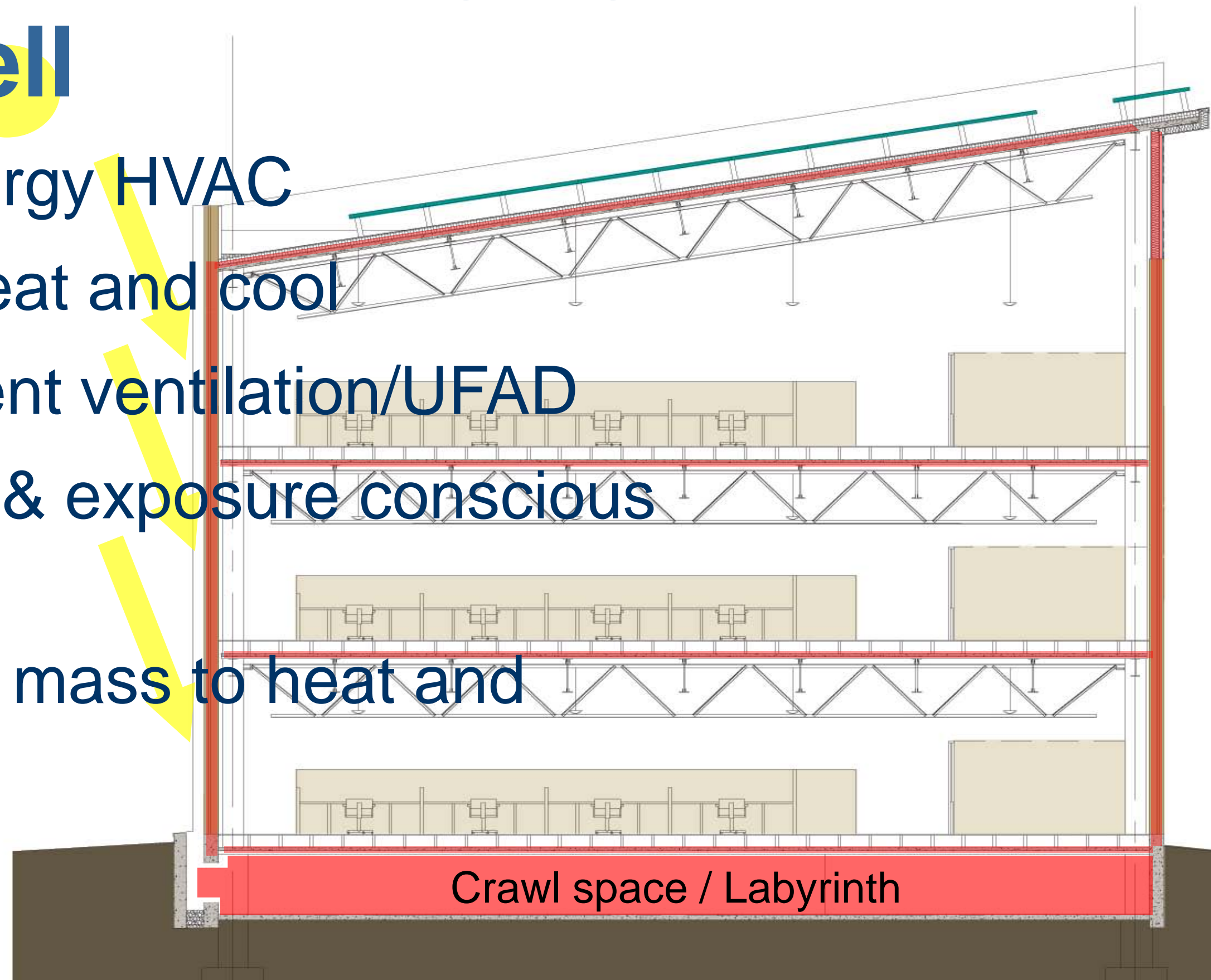
# Replicable - Cost

- \$54.5 Million construction cost
- Excludes site work
- Includes interiors including furniture
- 218,000 SF
- \$250 / SF



# The Moves – changing the Core/Shell

- Use low energy HVAC
  - Hydronic heat and cool
  - Displacement ventilation/UFAD
- Use climate & exposure conscious glazing
- Use thermal mass to heat and cool





# The Moves – changing the Core/Shell – even more

- Operable windows (!) to support night cooling.
- Low energy Data Centers
- Bias toward south/north exposure



# The Moves – changing the interior

- More open interior design – design for daylighting and natural ventilation
- In-board offices & modest partition heights
- Minimize the use of ceilings
- Material selections to enhance daylighting





# What we're hoping for

- Higher performing and lower cost photo-voltaic panels
- Cost neutral electro-chromic glass
- A building envelope as good as a leaf (!)

# Problem Definition – Proposal Objectives Checklist

## MISSION CRITICAL

Attain safe work performance/Safe Design Practices

LEED Platinum

Energy Star first “Plus”

## HIGHLY DESIRABLE

800 staff Capacity

25kBTU/sf/year

Architectural integrity

Honor future staff needs

Measurable ASHRAE 90.1

Support culture and amenities

Expandable building

Ergonomics

Flexible workspace

Support future technologies

Documentation to produce a “How to” manual

“PR” campaign implemented in real-time

Allow secure collaboration with outsiders

Building information modeling

Substantial Completion by 2010

## IF POSSIBLE

**Net Zero/design approach**

**Most energy efficient building in the world**

**LEED Platinum Plus**

**ASHRAE 90.1 + 50%**

Visual displays of current energy efficiency

Support public tours

Achieve national and global recognition and awards

Support personnel turnover



# NREL Building Delivery & Real Estate

- Build to own
- DB Delivery
- Bldg. Orientation/Glazing Area
- Power Purchase Agreement



# ZEB Definitions

Net Zero **Site Energy** Building

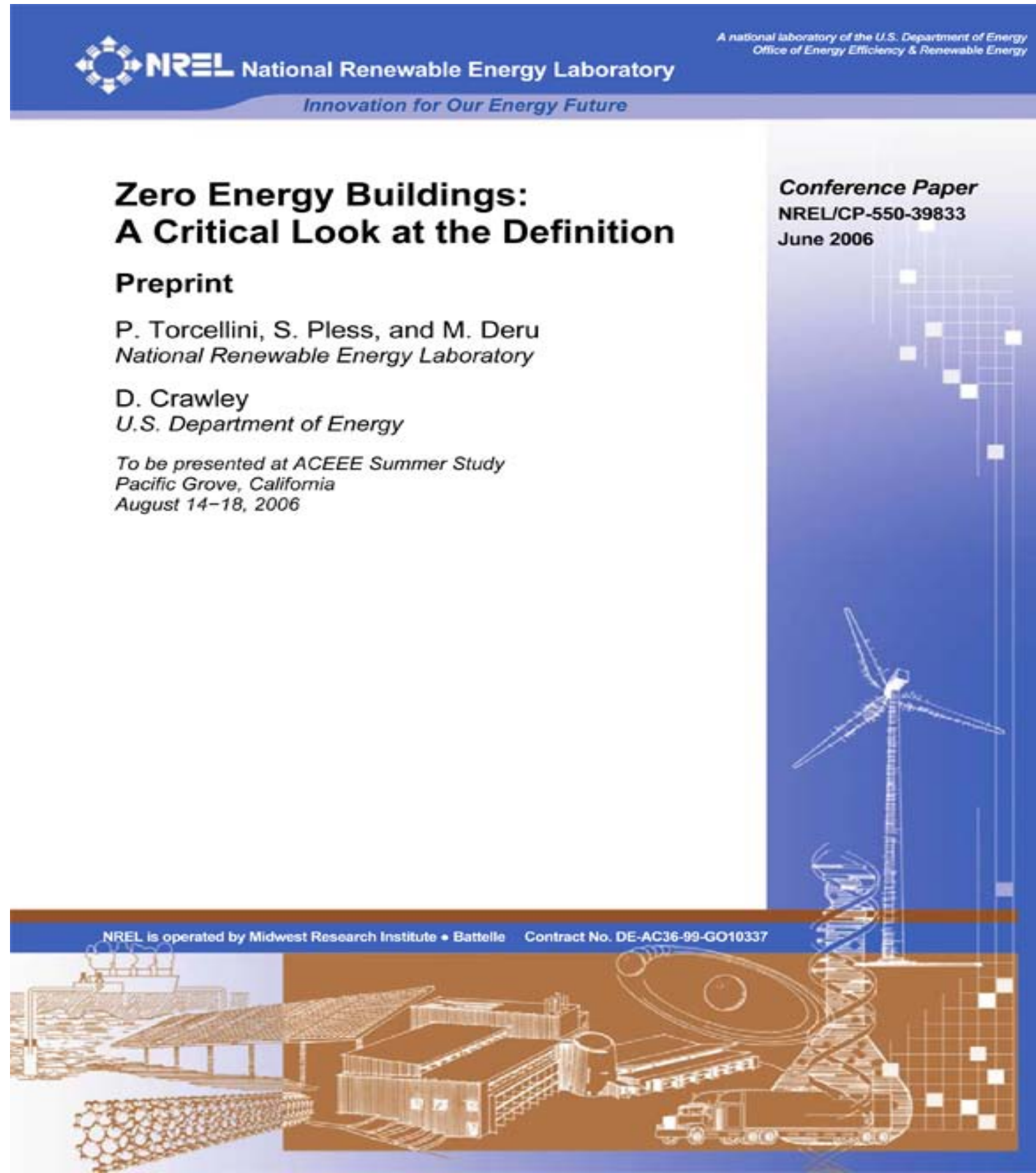
Net Zero **Source Energy** Building

Net Zero **Energy Cost** Building

Net Zero **Energy Emissions** Building



# ZEB Definitions



# The Design-Build Team

Designer



MEP +  
Energy



Structural



Builder



Daylighting + LEED



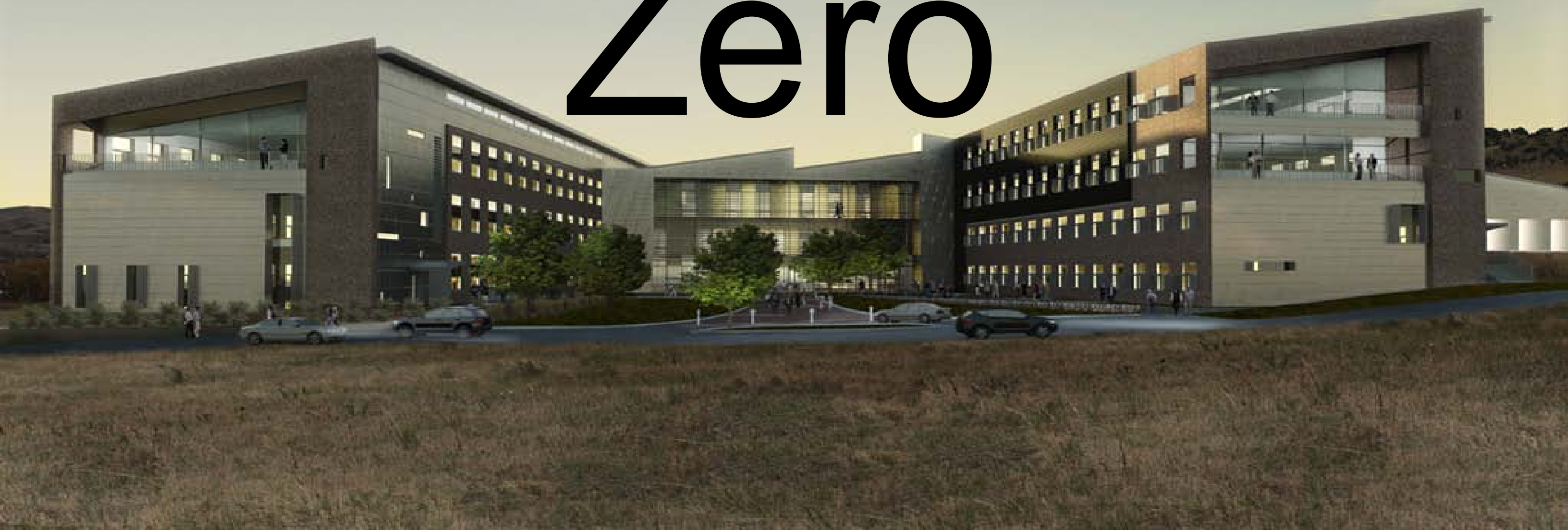
Civil





Beauty in the Numbers

Zero



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# Questions?

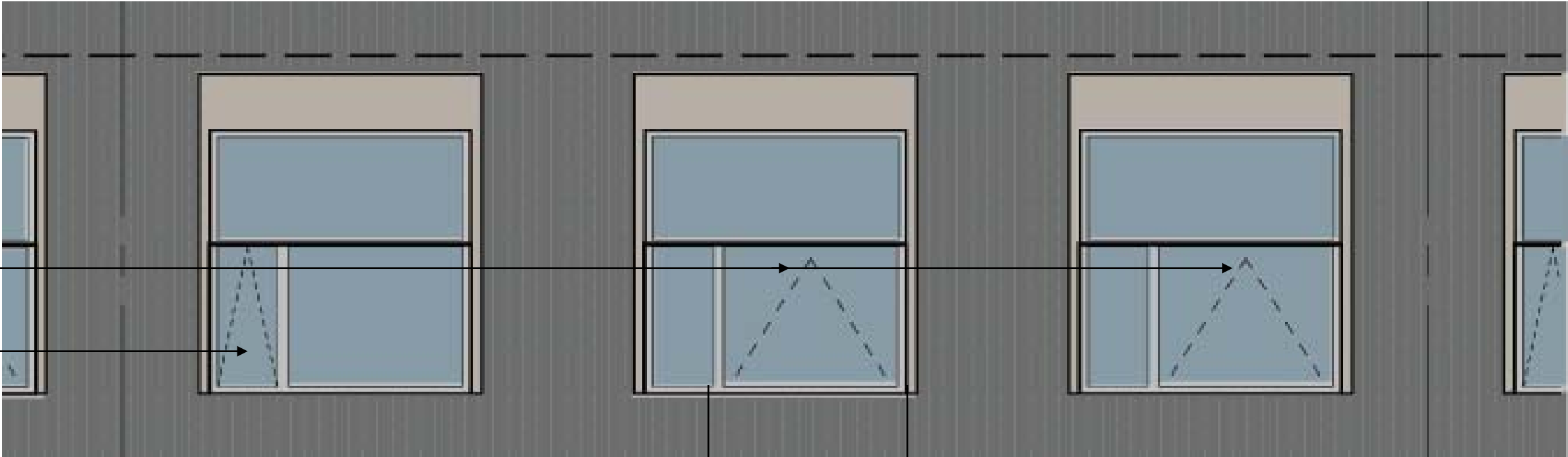




# Natural Ventilation

Manual

Auto

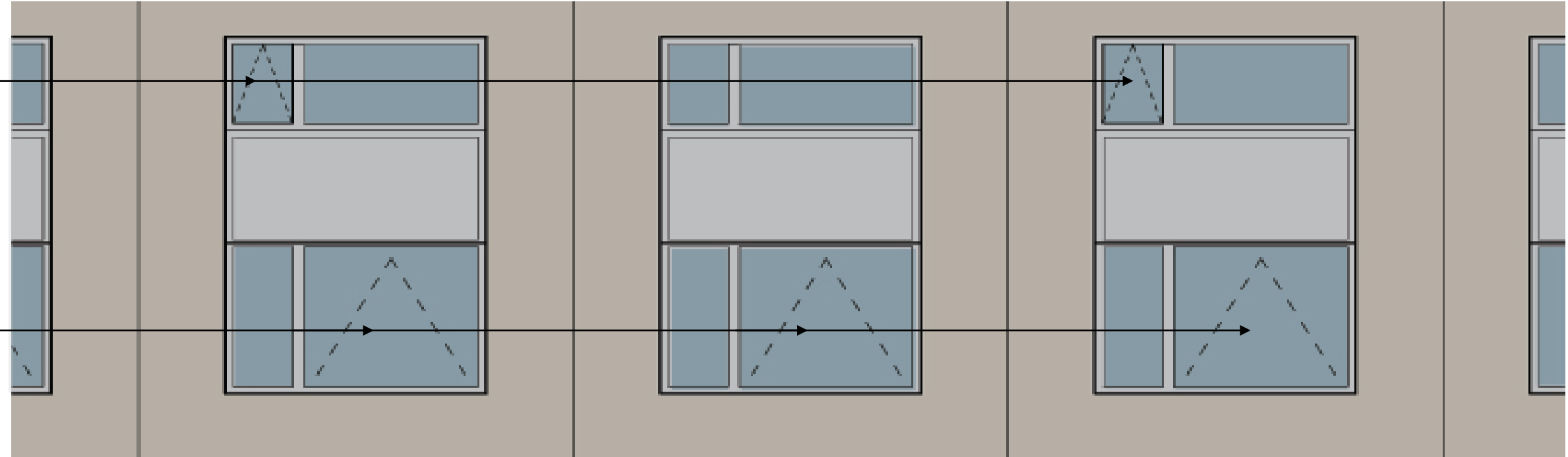


South

4 FT

Auto

Manual



North



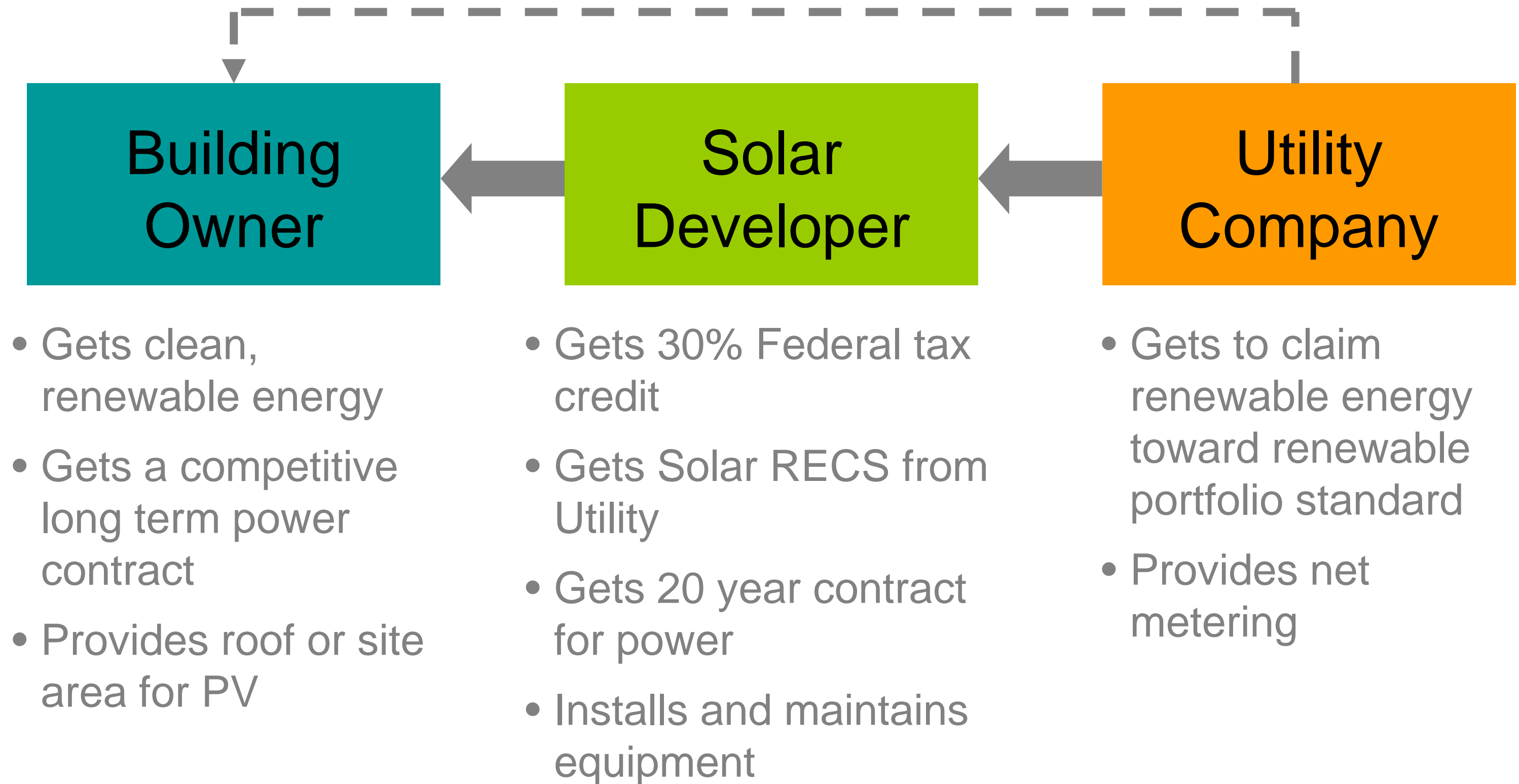
# Photovoltaic System

**787 KW**

**332 KW**



# Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)







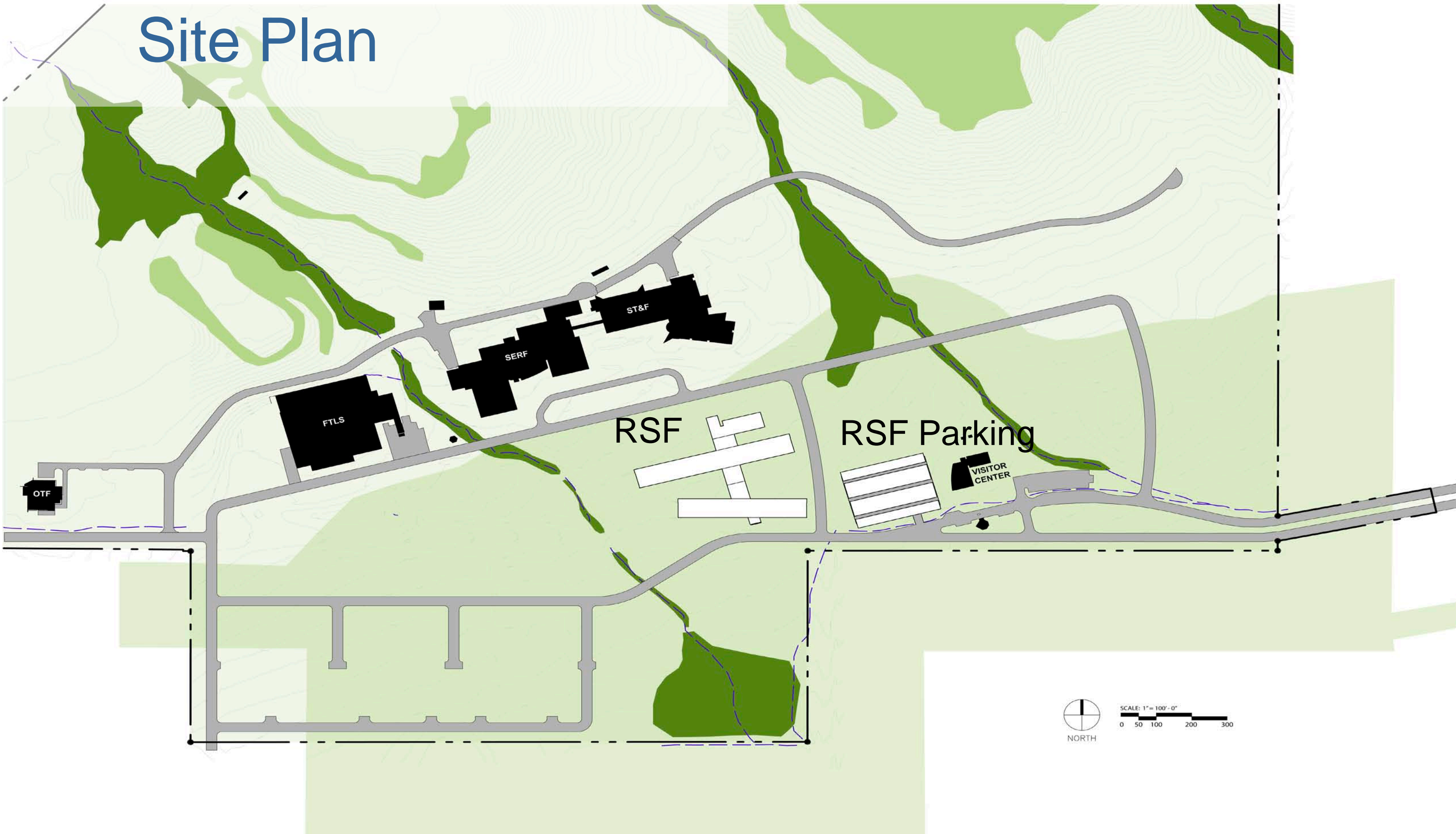




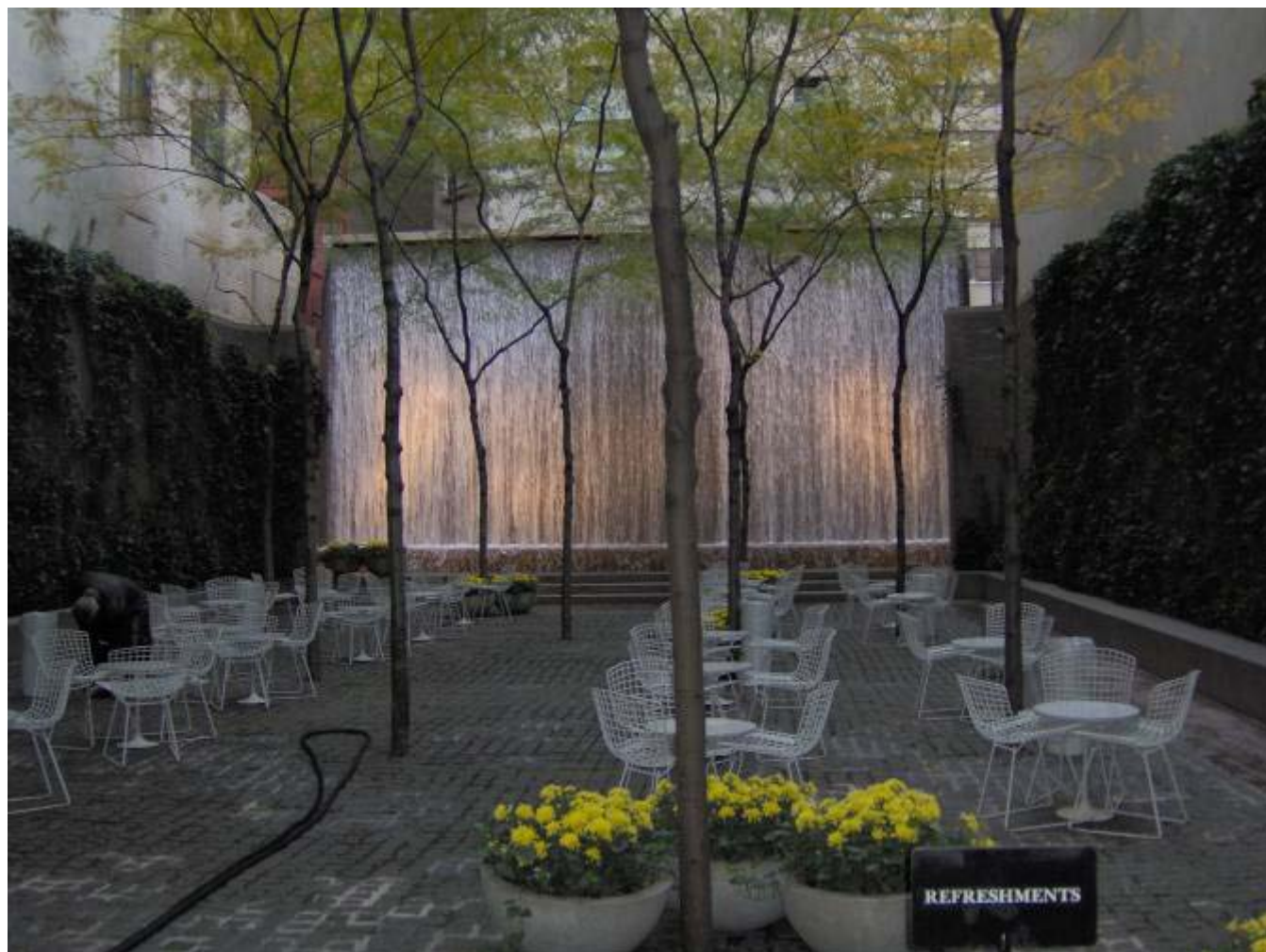
RSF Project Site



# Site Plan







View looking from the Lunchroom into the West Courtyard



Indoor & Outdoor Café Space

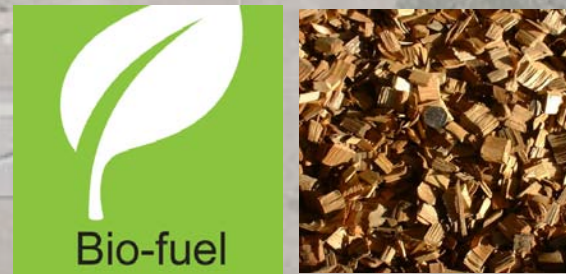




Solar Parking Lots and Bio-swales



# ZEB – RENEWABLE ENERGY



HEATING  
PLANT  
(WOOD  
CHIP)  
1768  
MBTU/YR



GREEN  
POWER  
(GRID)

4525



RSF ROOF  
787 KW  
3537  
MBTU/YR



RSF  
PARKING  
332 KW

1490



# ZEB - CLASSIFICATIONS

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>AA</b> | Off-grid  |
| <b>A+</b> | Low-energy building, 100% RE within building footprint  |
| <b>A</b>  | Low-energy building, >50% RE within building footprint, remainder RE within site              |
| <b>A-</b> | Low-energy building, <50% RE within building footprint, remainder RE within site and campus   |
| <b>B+</b> | Low-energy building, >50% RE within building footprint, site or campus, remainder RE off site |

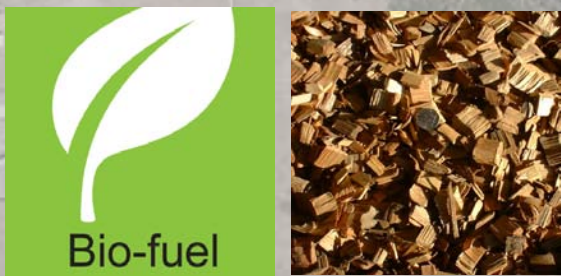
# ZEB - CLASSIFICATIONS

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>B</b>  | Low-energy building, <50% RE within building footprint and site, remainder RE off site        |
| <b>B-</b> | Low-energy building, 100% RE off site   |
| <b>C+</b> | Low-energy building, >50% RE within building footprint, site or campus, remainder green power |
| <b>C</b>  | Low-energy building, <50% RE within building footprint, site or campus, remainder green power |
| <b>C-</b> | Purchase green power  |

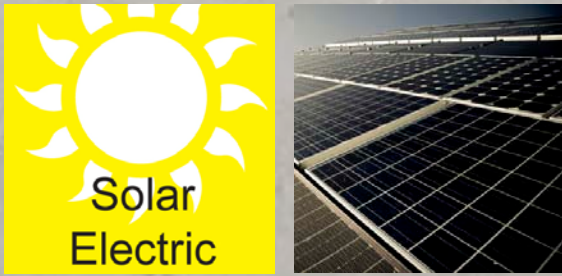


# SITE ZEB/B+ -503

MBTU/yr



HEATING  
PLANT  
(WOOD  
CHIP)  
1768  
MBTU/YR



RSF ROOF  
787 KW  
3537  
MBTU/YR



RSF  
PARKING  
332 KW  
1490



# SOURCE ZEB/A-493

MBTU/yr



RSF ROOF  
787 KW  
3537  
MBTU/YR



RSF  
PARKING  
332 KW  
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# EMISSIONS ZEB/A = 383 Tons

CO<sub>2</sub>/yr



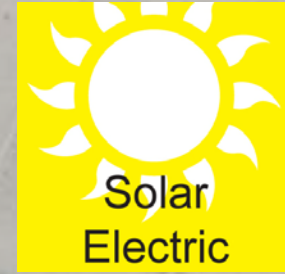
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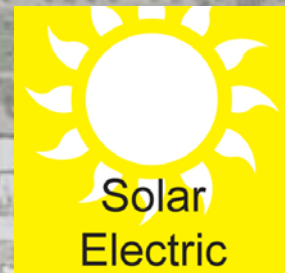
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# COST ZEB/A = -11,381 \$/yr



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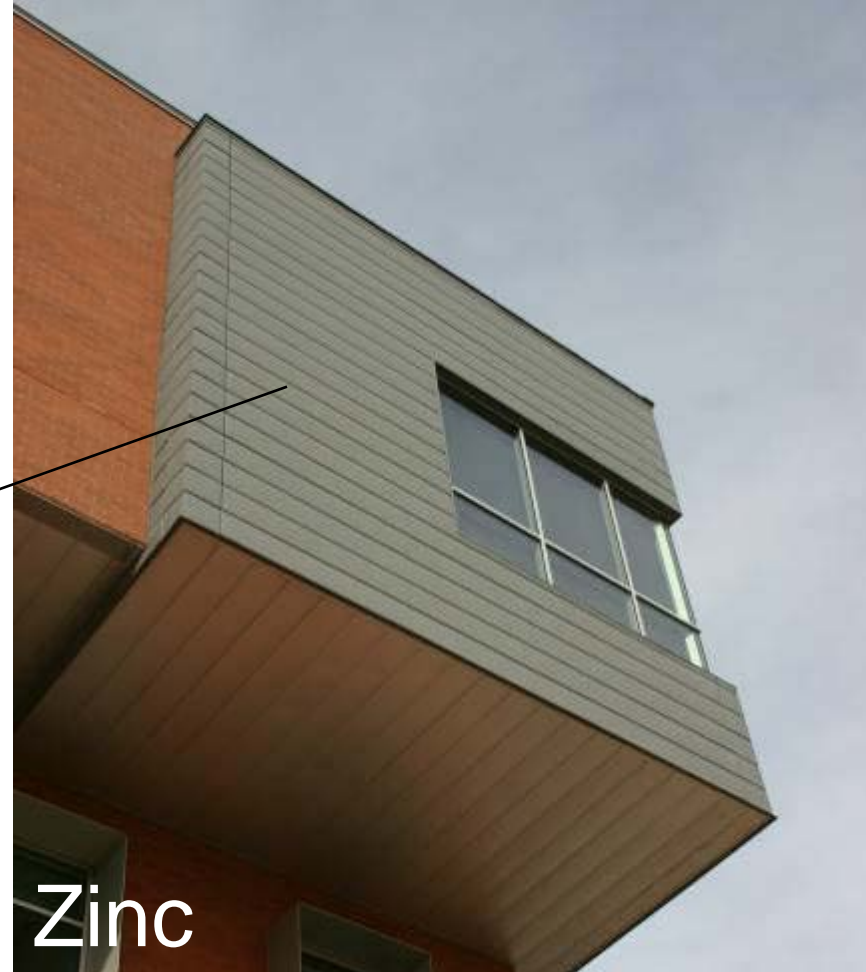
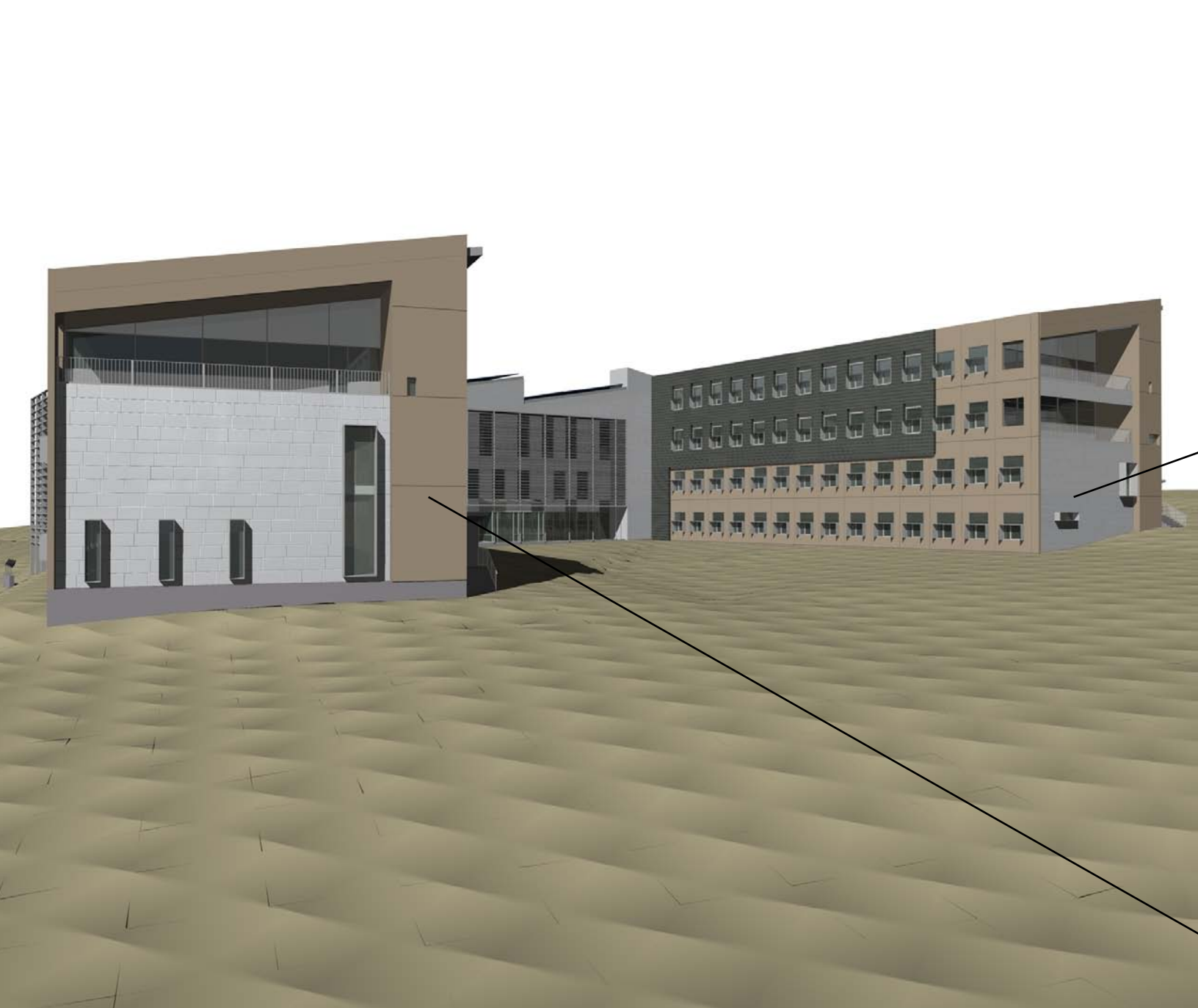


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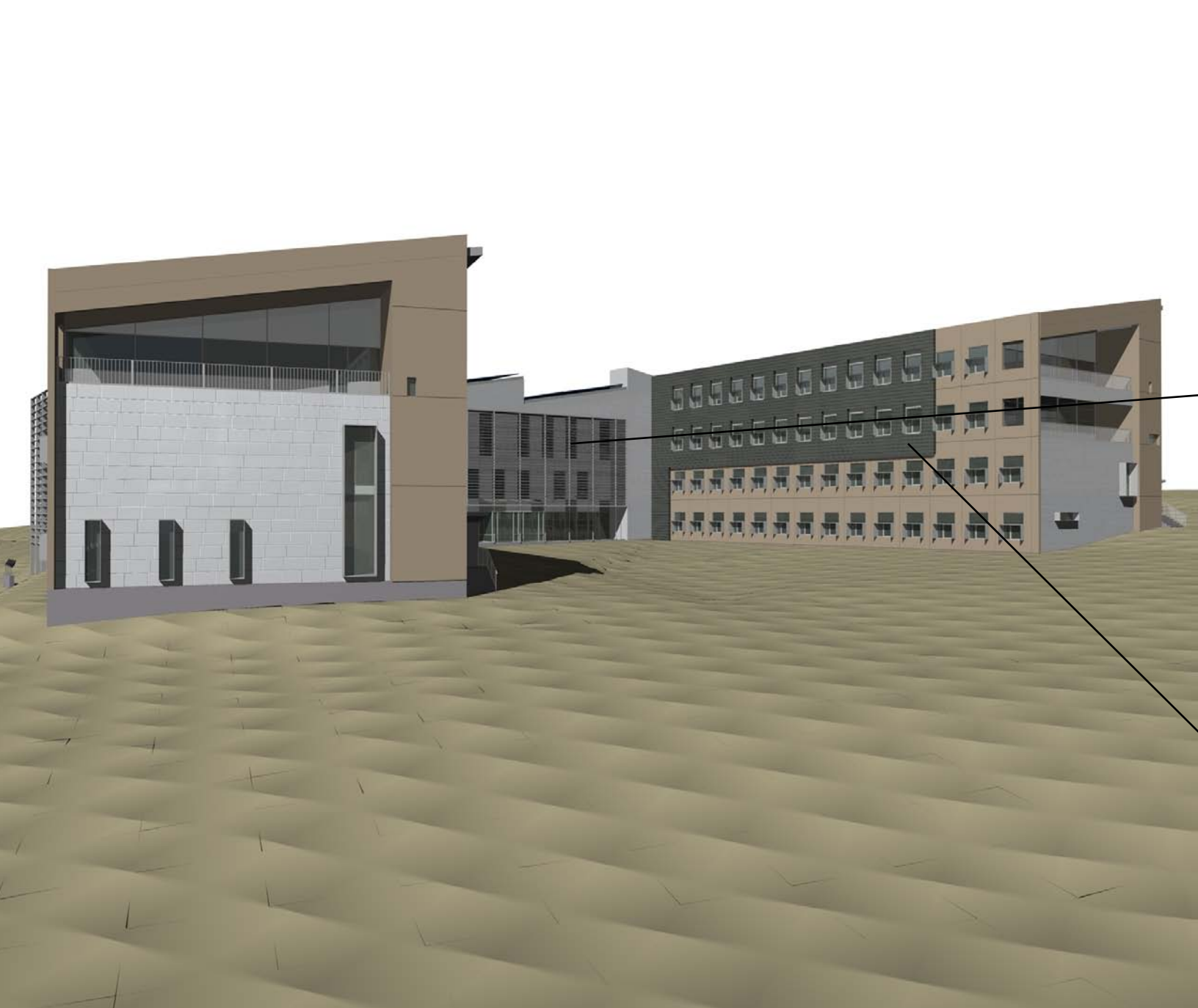


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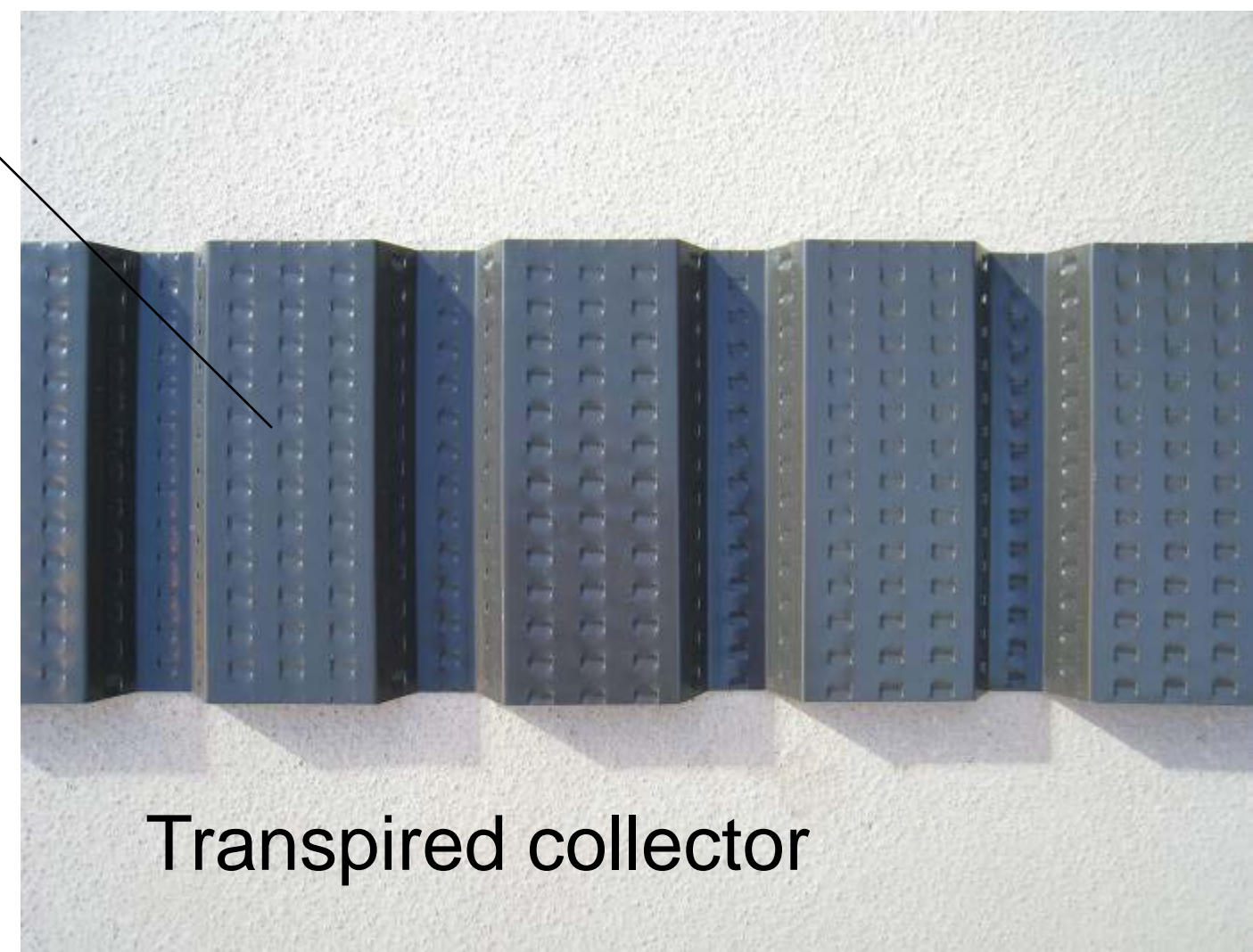


Pre-cast Concrete





Sunscreen



Transpired collector



# Integrated Design

## The Traditional Model is Fragmented!

- Separate disciplines act in silos – over the wall approach
- Hierarchical organization
- Team is separated over time
- True cost identified late

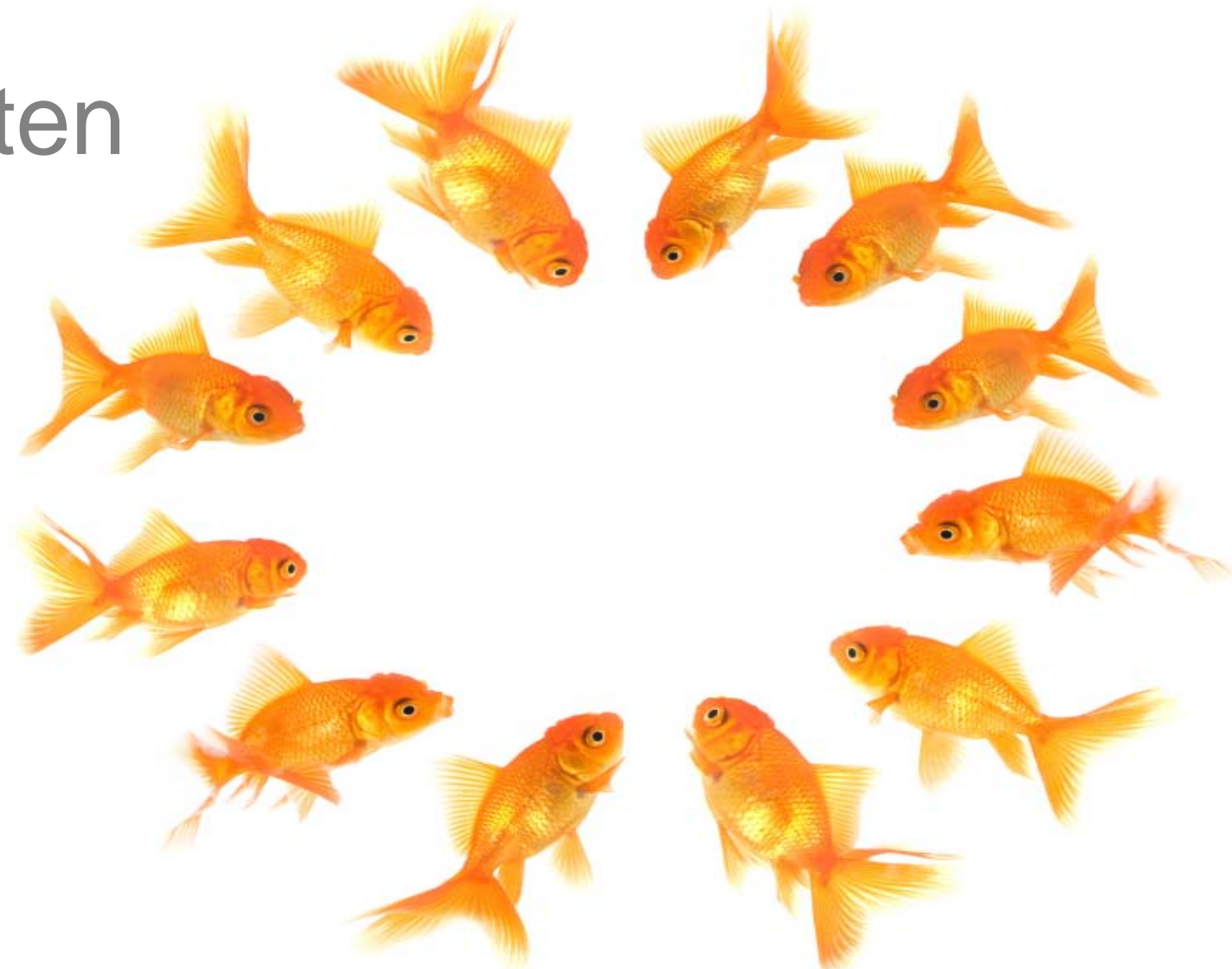




# Integrated Design

## The Integrated Model is Multidisciplinary!

- Collaboration among disciplines
- Flat networks and alliances
- Team begins together
- Cost identified early and often



# Integrated Design

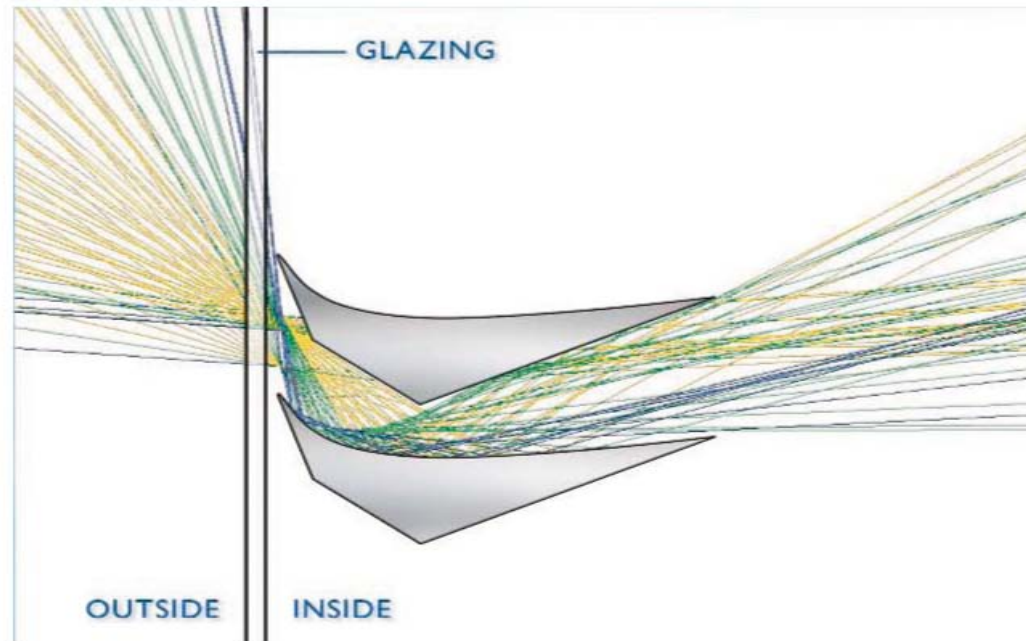
## An Integrated Start

- Set project and sustainability goals and performance targets
- Eco-charrette – integrate energy/form/site/program
- Brainstorming – think: big, elegant, simple; follow nature
- Research – take the time to identify the issues and opportunities





# Daylighting



Glare Control + View Window  
Daylight Control + Daylight Window  
Daylight Enhancement

LightLouver Unit

Daylight Window  
70% Tvis

View Window  
36% Tvis

Structural Design

Ceiling Reflectance  
85%

Wall Reflectance  
70%

Floor Reflectance  
70%

