

# National Institute of Building Sciences

Provider Number: G168

## Zero-Energy Geophysicists: Revolutionary Renovation of AGU Headquarters

**WE3B**

**Chris McEntee**, CEO – American Geophysical Union

**Joe Dilenno**, Associate – Interface Engineering, Inc.

**Guilherme A.M. Almeida**, Senior Associate – Hickok Cole Architects

**January 10, 2018**



Credit(s) earned on completion of this course will be reported to **AIA CES** for AIA members. Certificates of Completion for both AIA members and non-AIA members are available upon request.

This course is registered with **AIA CES** for continuing professional education. As such, it does not include content that may be deemed or construed to be an approval or endorsement by the AIA of any material of construction or any method or manner of handling, using, distributing, or dealing in any material or product.

---

Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.





**BUILDING  
INNOVATION 2018**

 National Institute of  
BUILDING SCIENCES

**CONFERENCE & EXPO**

## Course Description

---

The American Geophysical Union's (AGU) mission is "to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity." In 2015, recognizing their headquarters needed a major renovation, AGU decided to lead by example: they developed a scientific approach to evolve their facility into an influential net-zero building within a tight urban footprint.



# Learning Objectives

---

At the end of the this course, participants will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of high-performance renovations.
2. Expand their understanding of innovative energy, water approaches, and designs needed to achieve net-zero performance in an existing building.
3. Acquire tools and strategies to apply in future net-zero renovations of existing buildings.
4. Learn how to incorporate an organization's mission and core principles into project design.



---

THE  
**ART & SCIENCE**  
OF A  
**NET ZERO ENERGY  
BUILDING RETROFIT**

---

B U I L D I N G   I N N O V A T I O N   2 0 1 8   C O N F E R E N C E



# A FEW WORDS ABOUT US

---



Chris McEntee  
CEO  
The American Geophysical Union



Joseph Dilenno  
Associate  
Interface Engineering



Guilherme Almeida  
Senior Associate  
Hickok Cole Architects





# THE INTRODUCTION

---

AGU galvanizes a community of Earth and space scientists that collaboratively advances and communicates science and its power to ensure a sustainable future.

---

# American Geophysical Union



**ADVANCING EARTH  
AND SPACE SCIENCE**



# What do we do?

The three S's...

**Strengthen** the talent pool







# Support the science

Volcanology,  
Geochemistry and  
Petrology



# Share our science

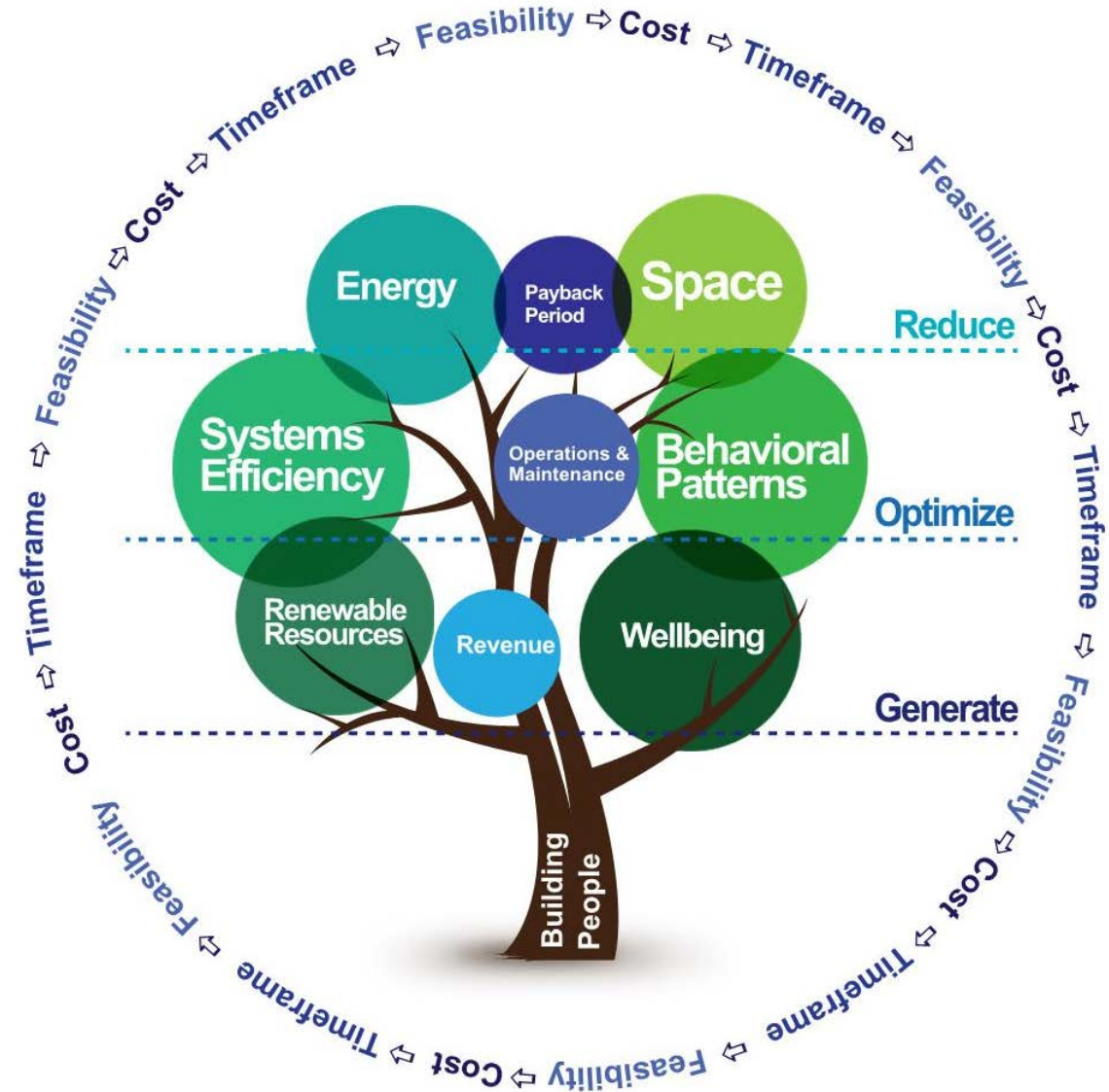




\_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT: AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION																	
AGU BUILDING RENOVATION/ ARCHITECT RFP QUALIFICATIONS																GP	
QUALITY SCORES																	
Quality criteria:	Criteria Weighting (%)	architect 1		architect 2		architect 3		architect 4		architect 5		architect 6		architect 7		architect8	
		Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score	Score (Maximum = 5)	Highest Score
References:	9	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Have been proposed for the project	10	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Project Approach:	10	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Proposed innovative ideas specific to AGU?	10	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Proposed project schedule specific to AGU?	9	A	4.8	B	4.0	C	3.2	D	2.4	E	1.6	F	0.8	G	-0.2	H	-0.8
Experience and commitment to BIM modeling for this project	5	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Committed to a collaborative team approach	10	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Experience with sustainability, permitting, LEED, and other institutional aspects	9	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Fees	9	A	4.2	B	3.0	C	1.8	D	0.6	E	-0.6	F	-1.8	G	-3.0	H	-4.2
Agrees to sign proposed Contract/Scope of work setting high design-firm ability to deliver better value/professionalism	10	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
How experience with GC building renovation projects and in place renovations	9	A	5.0	B	4.0	C	3.0	D	2.0	E	1.0	F	0.0	G	-0.5	H	-1.0
Total Quality Score	100																
RANKINGS																	
Overall Ranking		5	3	8	5	2	4	1	7								
Did firm submit a team A/E approach ?	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	No - for Engineer firms, YES- partnered with a local Architectural Firm									
Did firm recommend an Engineer / if so who?	Recommends CMER Consulting Engineers, GHF, Integral and Interface	Seth Group as Issue Engineering	Recommends Skidmore Engineering, integral and ghf and interface	Recommends partnering with WSP engineering	Recommends WSP, KHV, Vanderwood and GHF	Recommends partnering with Interface Engineering	Recommends partnering with Interface Engineering	Recommends either PM Engineers based at Portland and Integral Group. Recommends Solar Design Assoc. for PV and Storage for construction.									
Other Consultant Recommendations/Comments:	No contract comments with WSP, issued bids .	would co-locate teams at kick off	Good step by step approach and innovation descriptions.	Good agency review esp. cutting edge design description very customized to AGU-sped effort.	Only Architect to suggest IPG and working with a GC-GFA, lowest costs of exp with local agencies. Did not fully complete pricing estimates for other phases of work-examples.	Good IEG energy analysis and they took the time to show thermal image and estimate the energy model.	Provided 3 studies with good inventive ideas. Good innovative ideas Steps 1-4.	Provided 31 specific Ideas for AGU!									
OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:																	
1-Provided Financials (Y/N)	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
2-For firms in a learning approach-provide justification for A/E team (Y/N)	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A									
3-Provided hourly rates and estimated reimbursable expenses (Y/N)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									
4- Provided standard insurance coverages (Y/N)	Y	Yes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									

\_\_\_\_\_

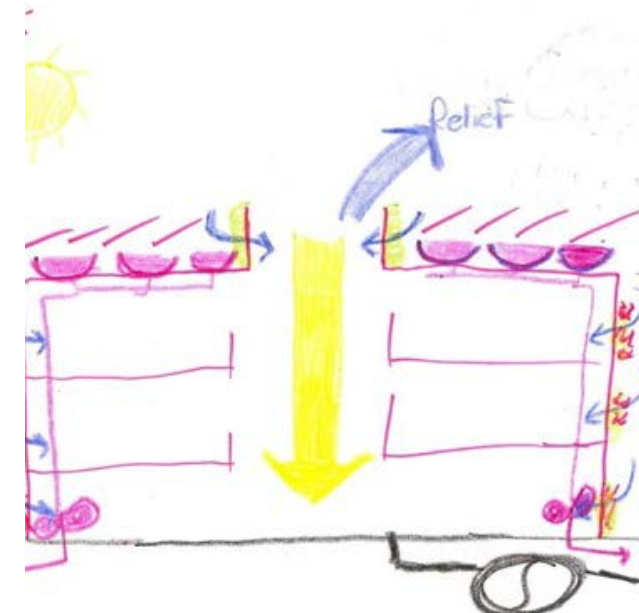




# ALL HANDS ON DECK

---

Inclusive design charrette with stakeholders & early team selection



# THE EXISTING BUILDING

---



LOOKING WEST ON FLORIDA AVENUE



CORNER OF 20TH STREET AND FLORIDA AVENUE



LOOKING NORTH UP 20TH STREET



LOOKING EAST ON FLORIDA AVENUE



CURRENT



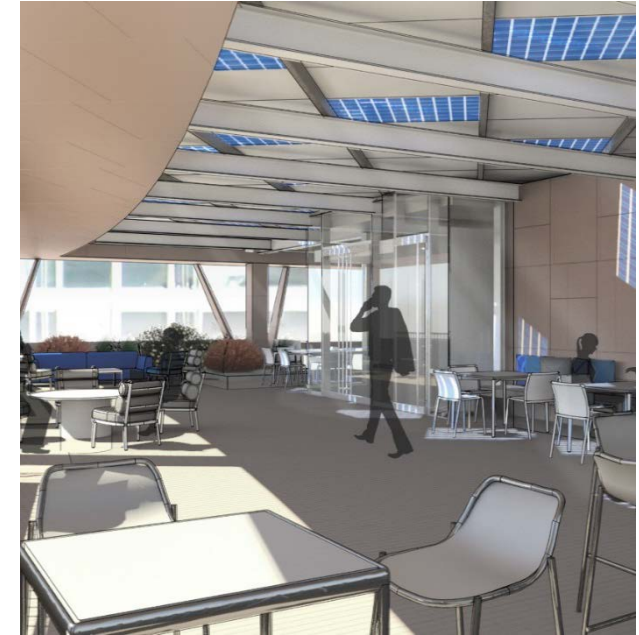
PROPOSED



# THE A & E

---

1. Radiant Ceiling Grid & DC lights
2. The Hy-Phy wall and Biophilia
3. PV Array as Amenity on the Roof
4. Transparency and Openness





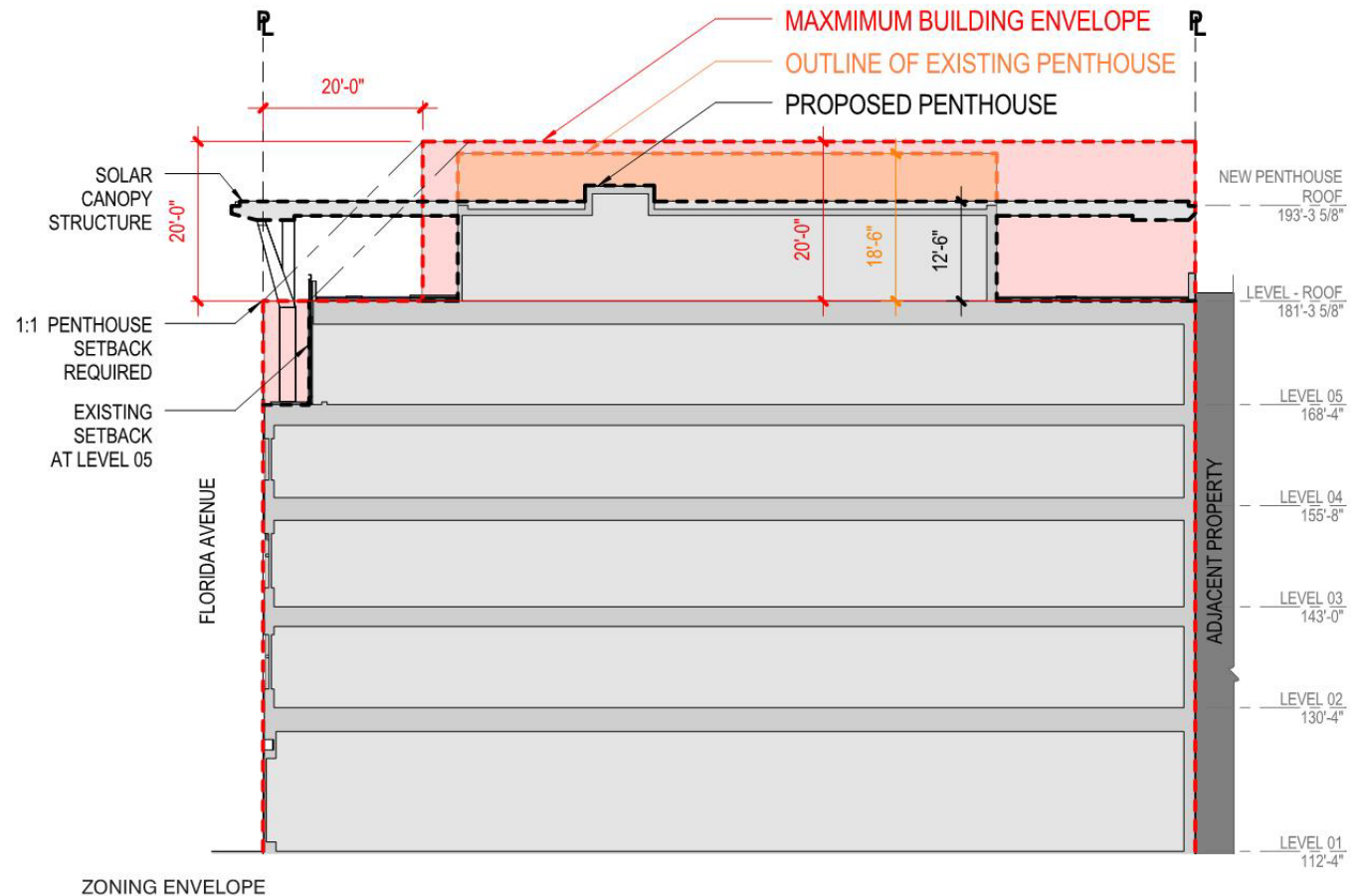
# JURISDICTIONAL

# CHALLENGES & APPROVALS

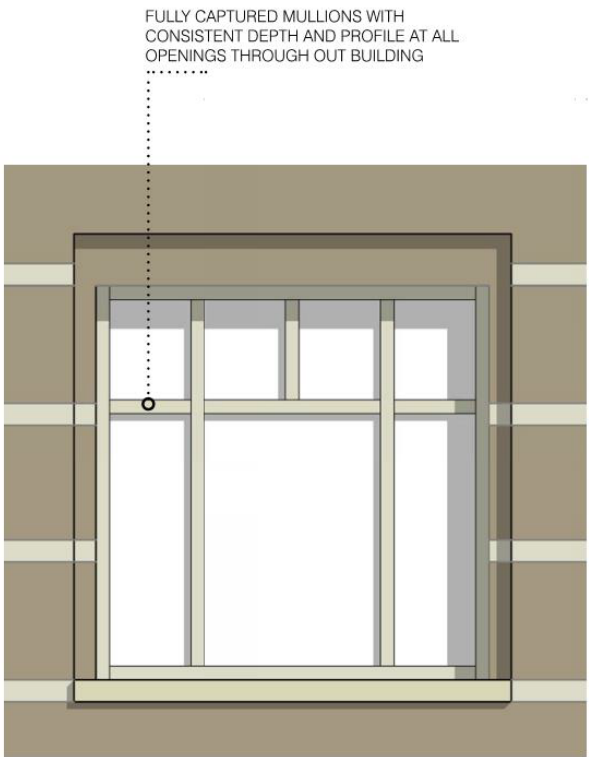
## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ZP&D COMMITTEE OF THE ANC (2/25)
- DUPONT CIRCLE CONSERVANCY (3/08)
- DUPONT CIRCLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (3/16)
- COMMUNITY MEETING AT AGU (3/16)
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD HEARING
- ZP&D COMMITTEE OF THE ANC (4/06)
- DUPONT CIRCLE CONSERVANCY (4/12)
- ANC 2B APRIL MEETING (4/13)
- DUPONT CIRCLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (5/20)

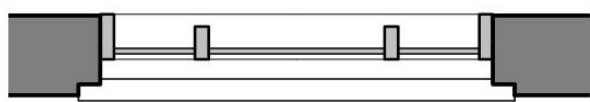
***RENOVATION@AGU.ORG***



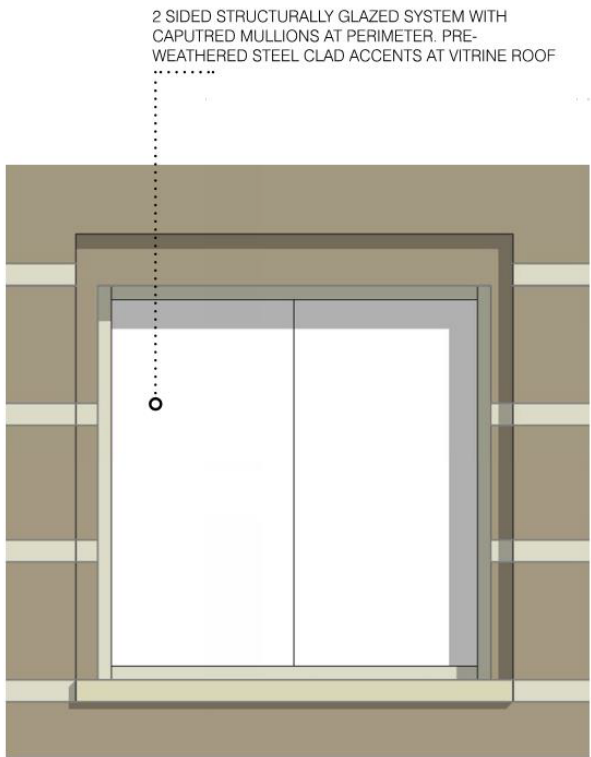
# MARRYING THE ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING



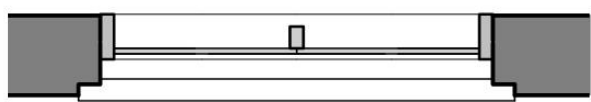
ELEVATION



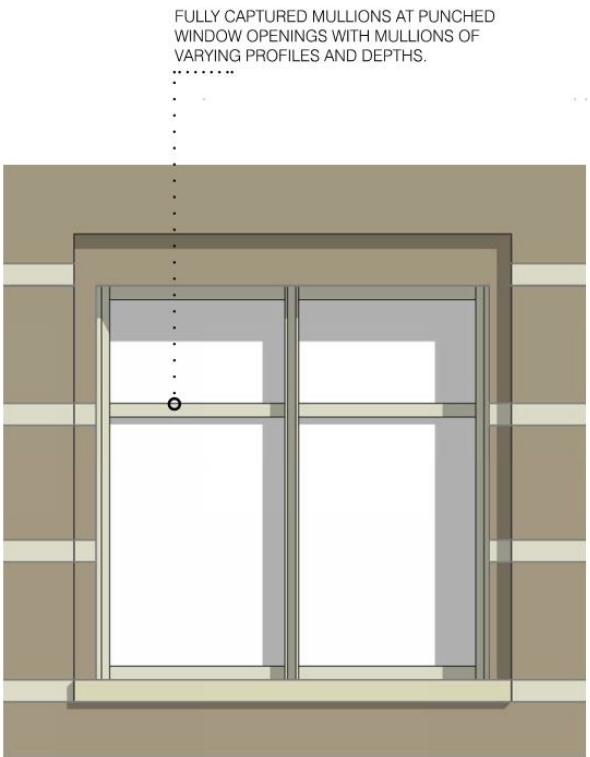
PLAN  
EXISTING CONDITIONS



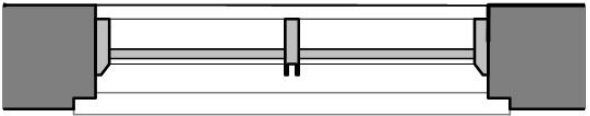
ELEVATION



PLAN  
3/24 PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED



ELEVATION



PLAN  
5/26 REVISED STOREFRONT



# MARRYING THE ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING

---



CURRENT

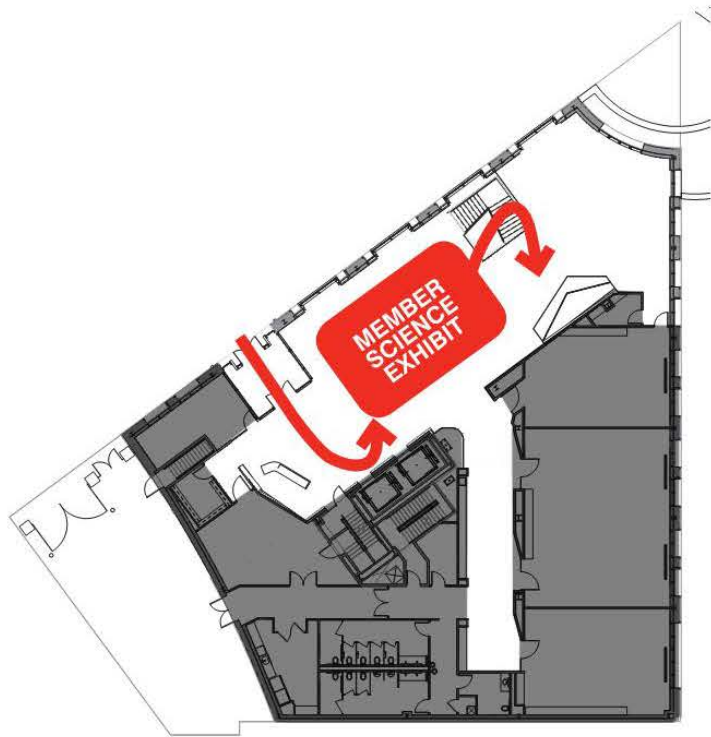


PROPOSED

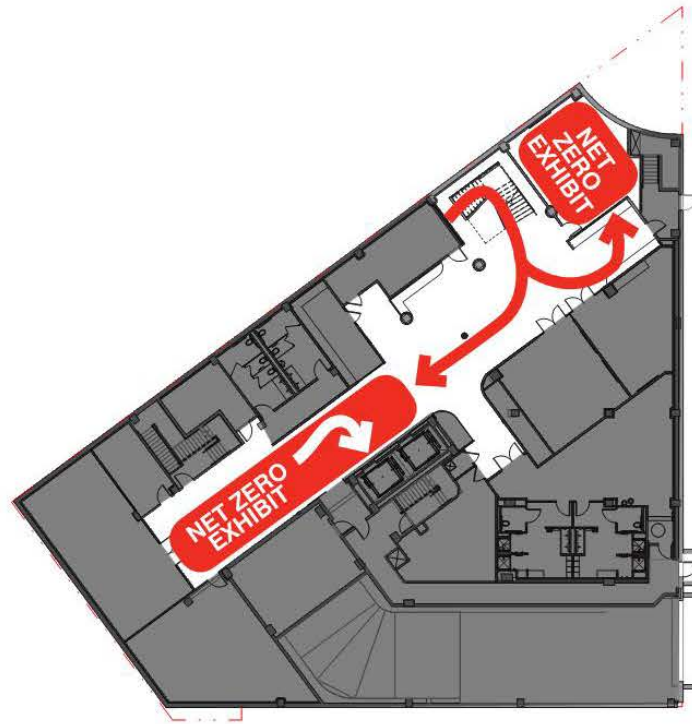
ENGAGING THE PUBLIC

# TELLING THE STORY OF AGU

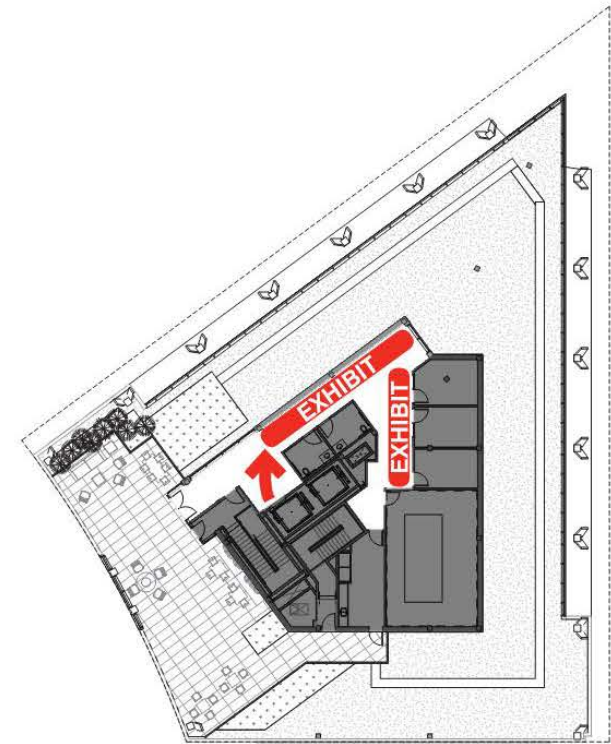
---



GROUND LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL



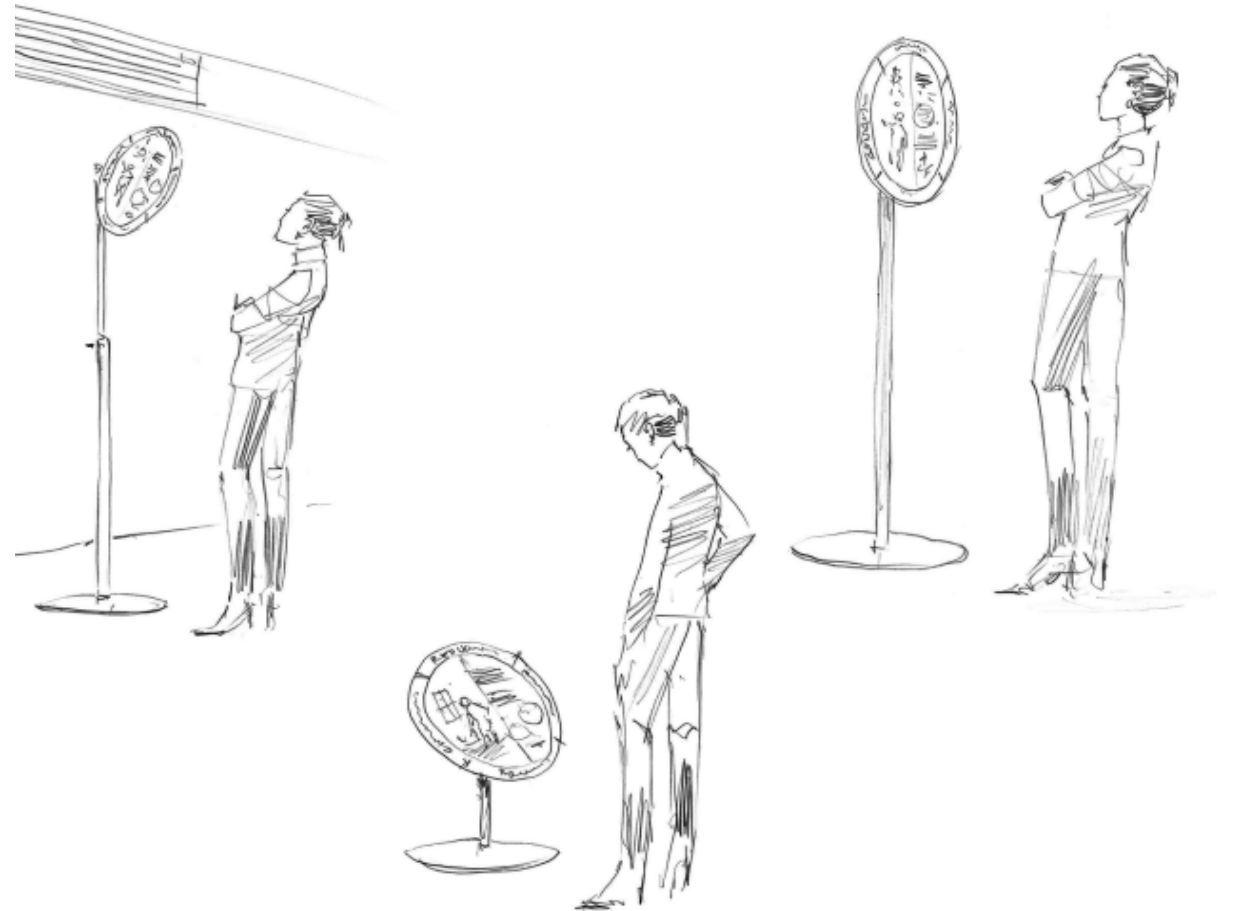
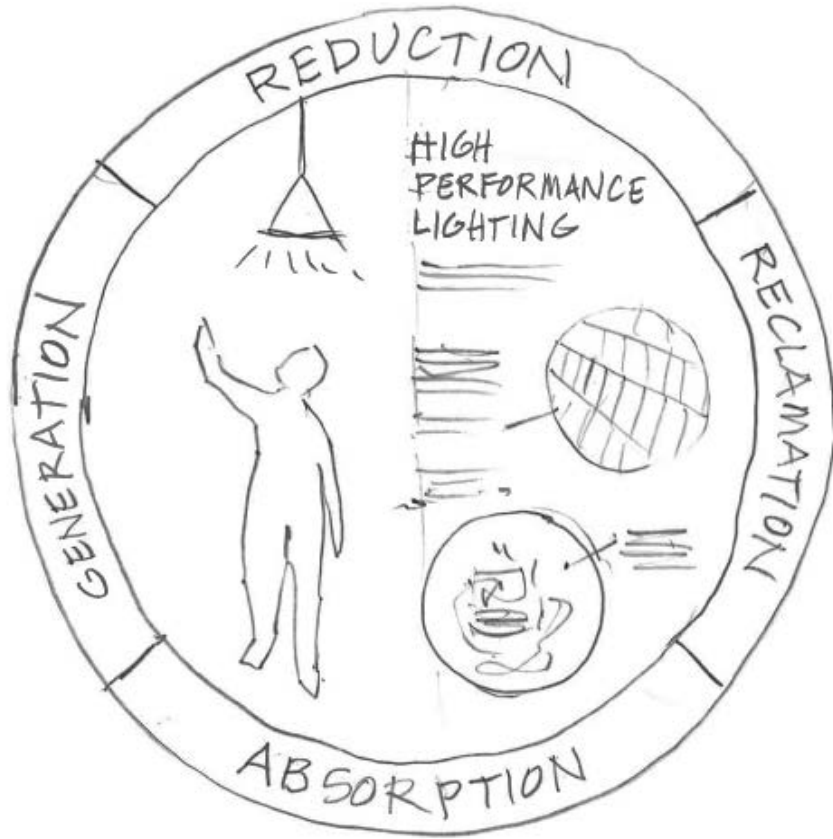
ROOF LEVEL



ENGAGING THE PUBLIC

# TELLING THE STORY OF AGU

---



Courtesy C&G Partners

ENGAGING THE PUBLIC

# TELLING THE STORY OF AGU

---



AGU Member Lounge



Exhibit / lobby looking toward Conferencing



Reception & Member Science Wall



A NEW WAY OF WORKING

# EMBODY THE MISSION

---

Typical Open Office



A NEW WAY OF WORKING

# EMBODY THE MISSION

**SHARED SPACES** .....  
PRE-FUNCTION SPACE AT  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCING

**SHARED SPACES** .....  
SEMI-PRIVATE MEETING  
SPACES FOR OPEN TEAMING

**QUIET SPACES** .....  
FOR FOCUSED WORK OR  
PRIVATE MEETINGS

**IMPROVED CIRCULATION** .....  
PERIMETER & VERTICAL  
CONNECTION AT ALL AGU  
WORK FLOORS

**FORMAL  
CONFERENCING**  
AT PROW

**ARRIVAL LOBBY**  
FEATURING “CROSS  
SECTION THROUGH  
MEMBER SCIENCE”  
WALL

**OPEN OFFICE**  
PERSONAL WORKSPACE  
FOR INCREASED  
COLLABORATION





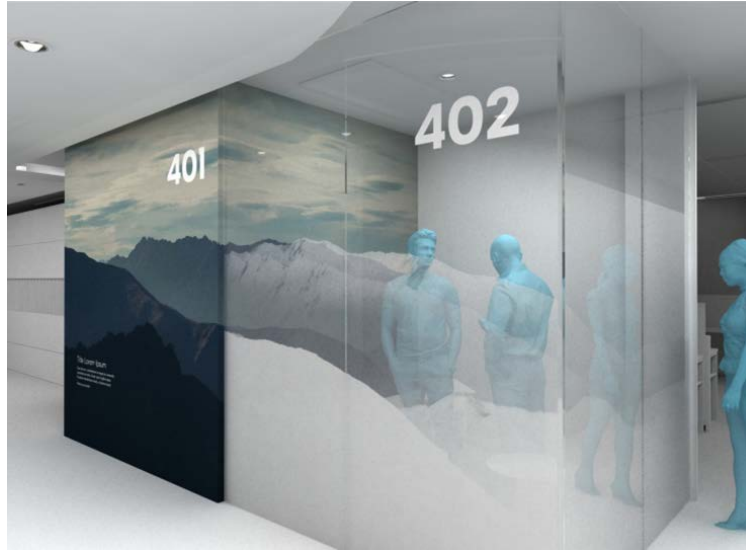
A NEW WAY OF WORKING

# EMBODY THE MISSION

---



Level 3 Environmental Graphics



Level 4 Environmental Graphics



Level 5 Environmental Graphics

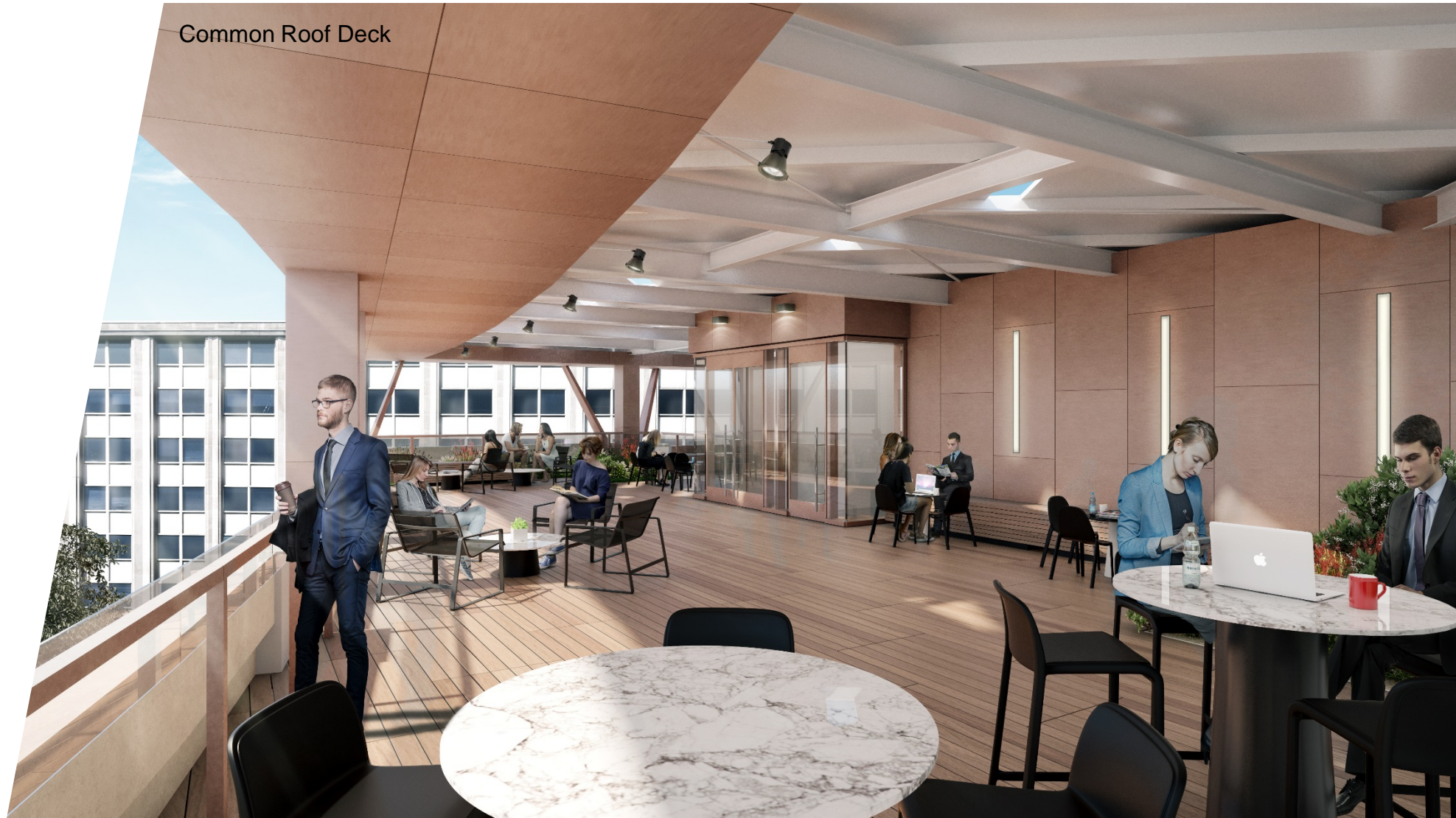
*Courtesy C&G Partners*

A NEW WAY OF WORKING

# EMBODY THE MISSION

---

Common Roof Deck

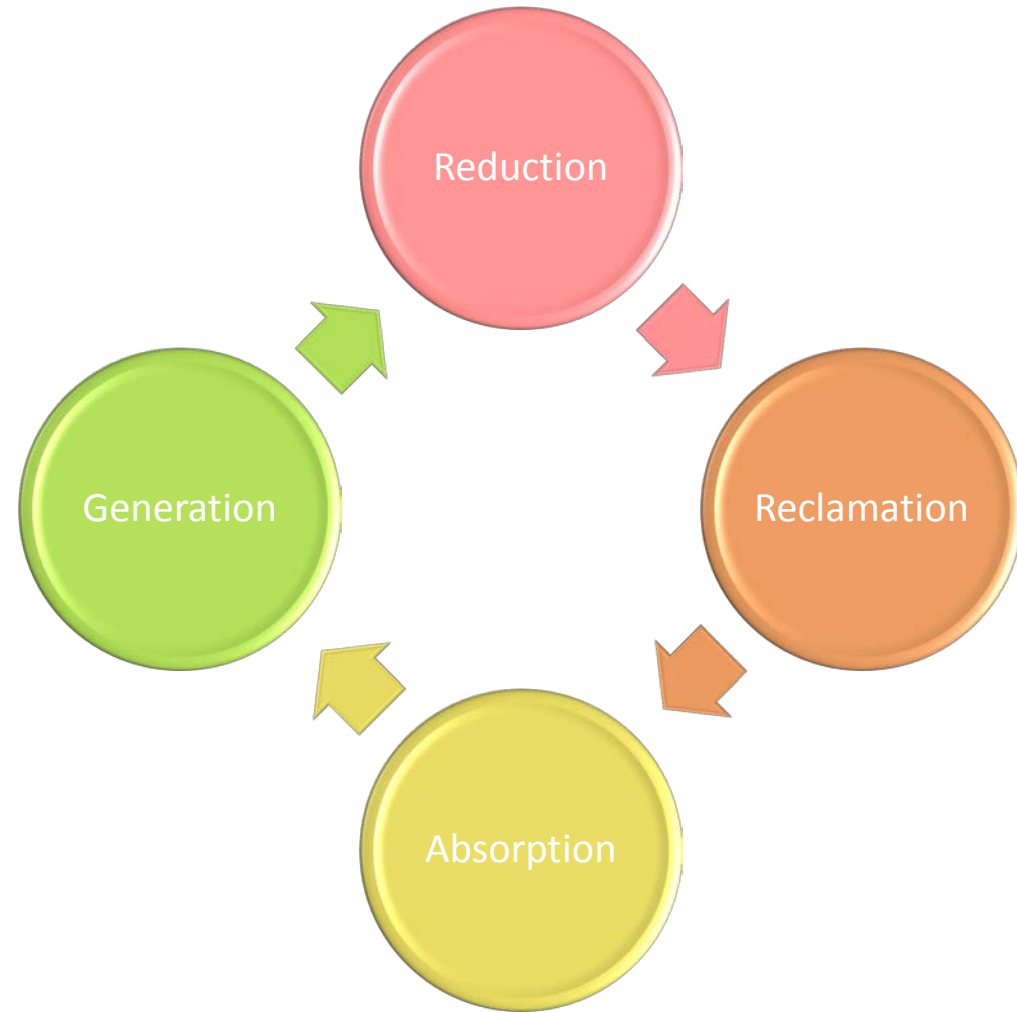




HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN

# STRATEGIES

---



# EXPLORING ALL OF THE OPTIONS

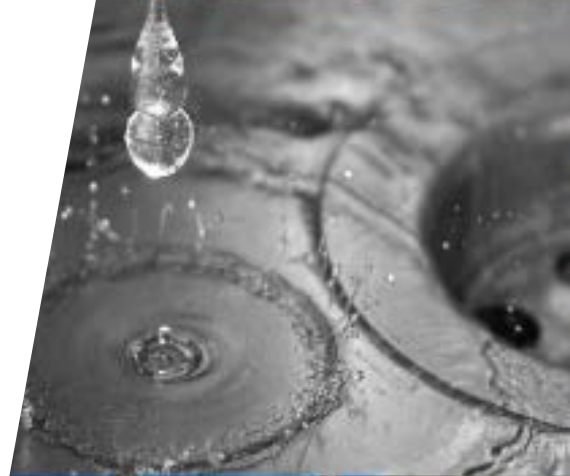




# HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN STRATEGIES

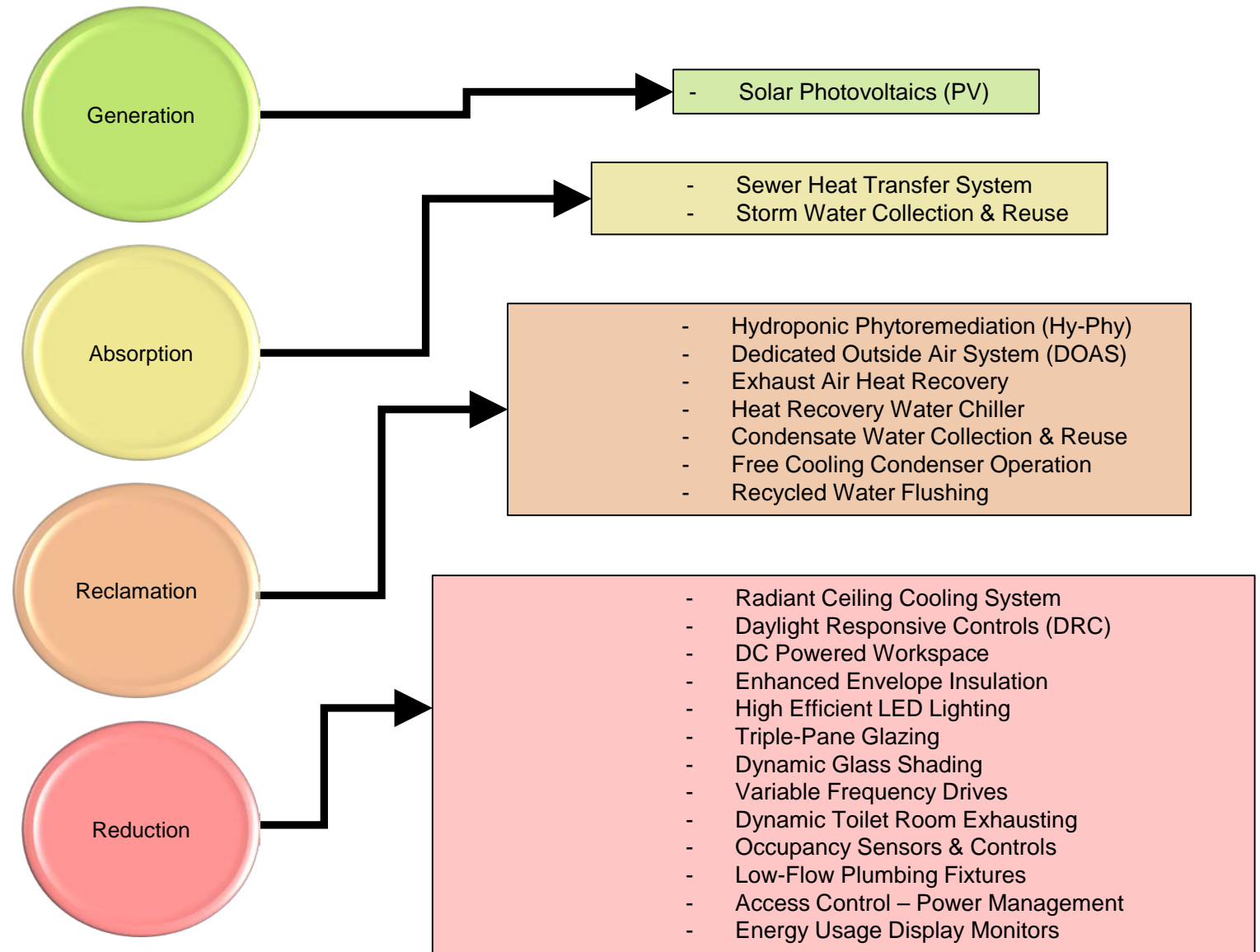
---

- Solar Photovoltaics (PV)
- Sewer Heat Exchange System
- DC Powered Workspace
- Direct Current LED Lighting
- Hydroponic Phytoremediation (Hy-Phy)
- Radiant Ceiling Cooling System
- Heat Recovery Water Chiller
- Storm Water Collection & Reuse
- Dynamic Glass Shading
- Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS)
- Exhaust Air Heat Recovery
- Daylight Responsive Controls (DRC)
- Enhanced Envelope Insulation
- Free Cooling Condenser Operation
- Dynamic Toilet Room Exhausting
- Triple-Pane Glazing
- Variable Frequency Drives
- Occupancy Sensors & Controls
- Condensate Water Collection & Reuse
- Low-Flow Plumbing Fixtures
- Recycled Water Flushing
- Access Control – Power Management
- Energy Usage Display Monitors



# HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN

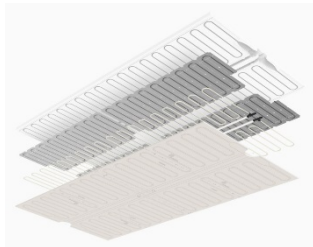
## STRATEGIES



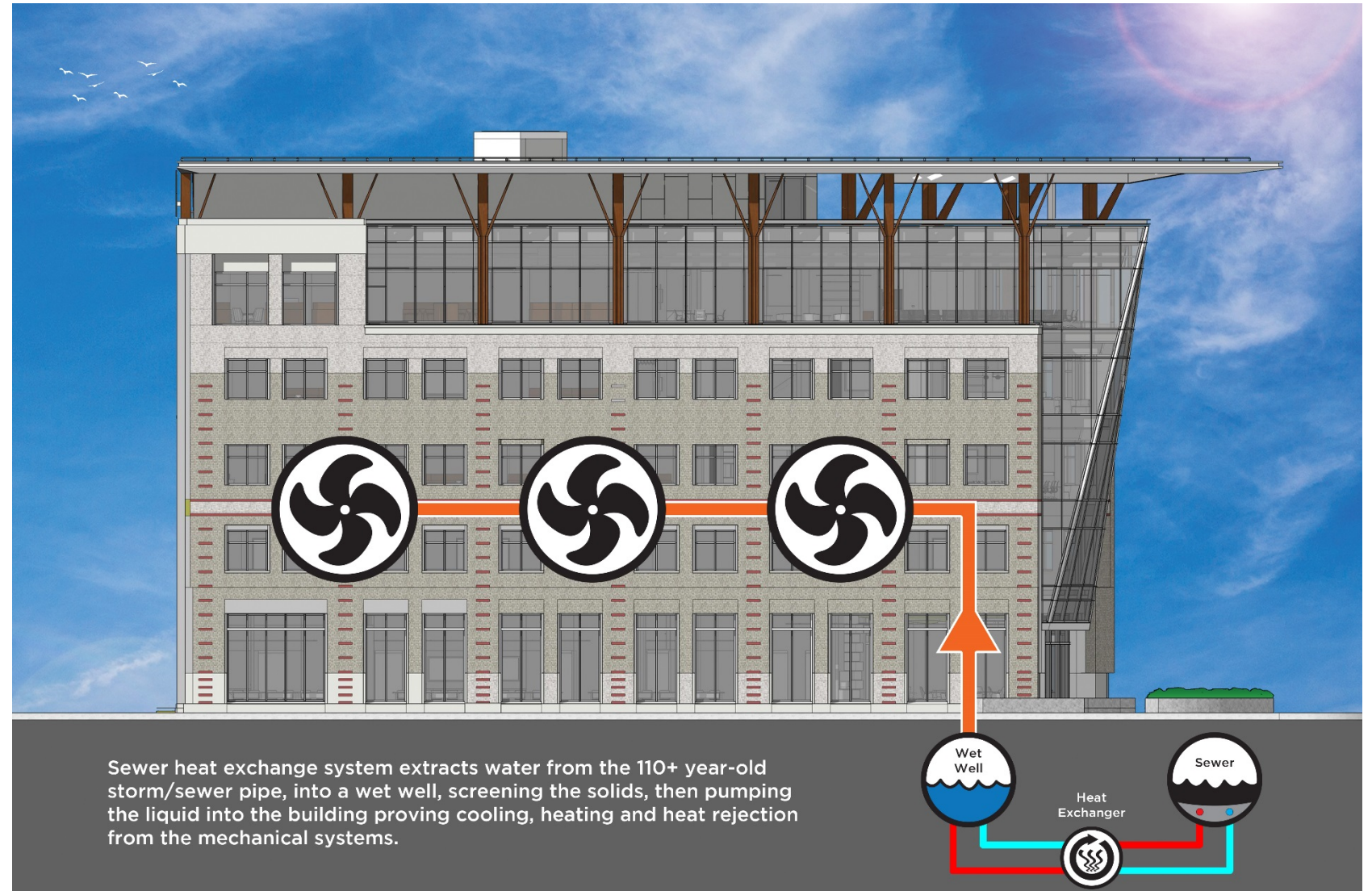




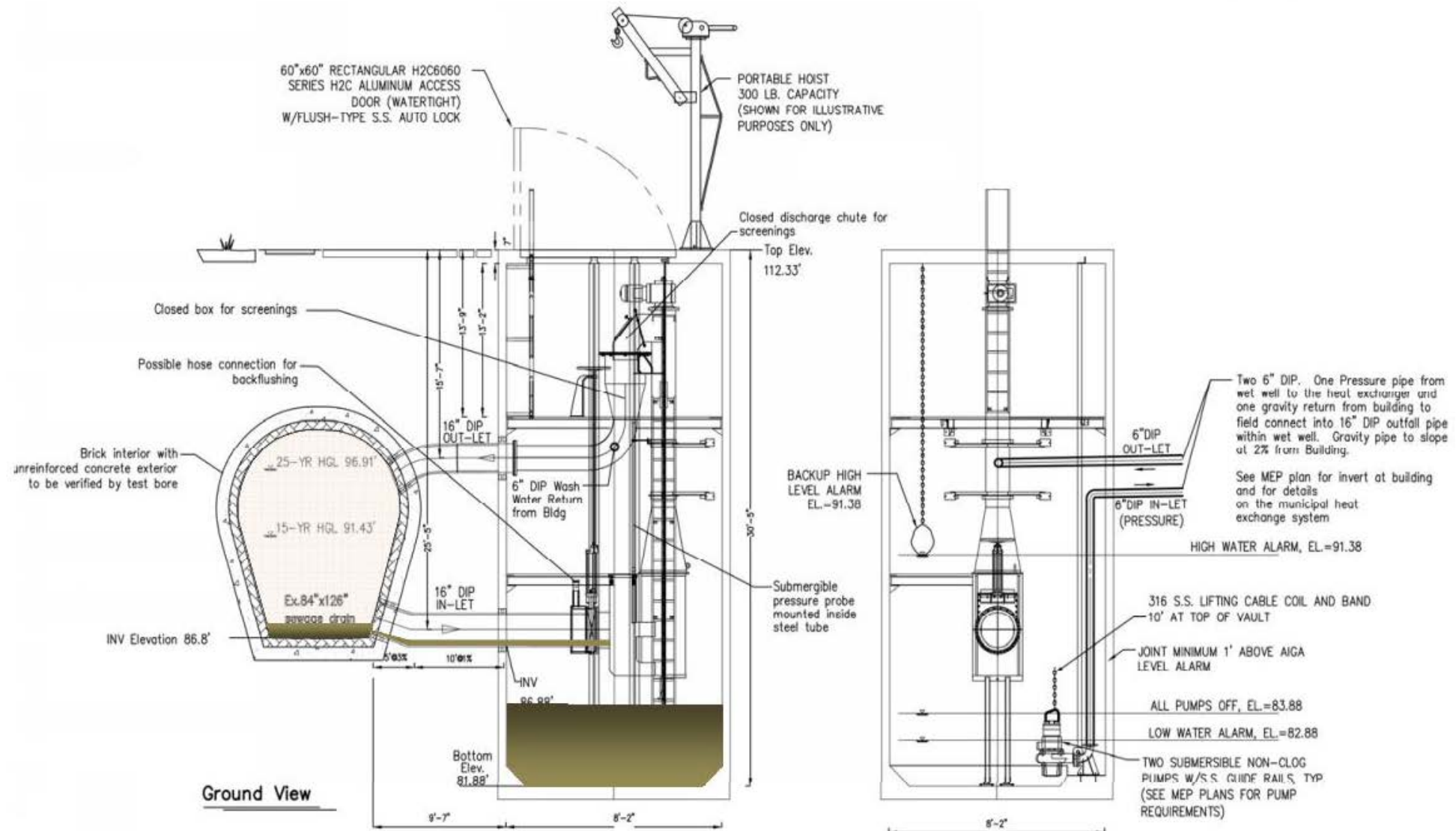
8' x 8' – 150 year old sewer



Radiant Ceiling Cooling System



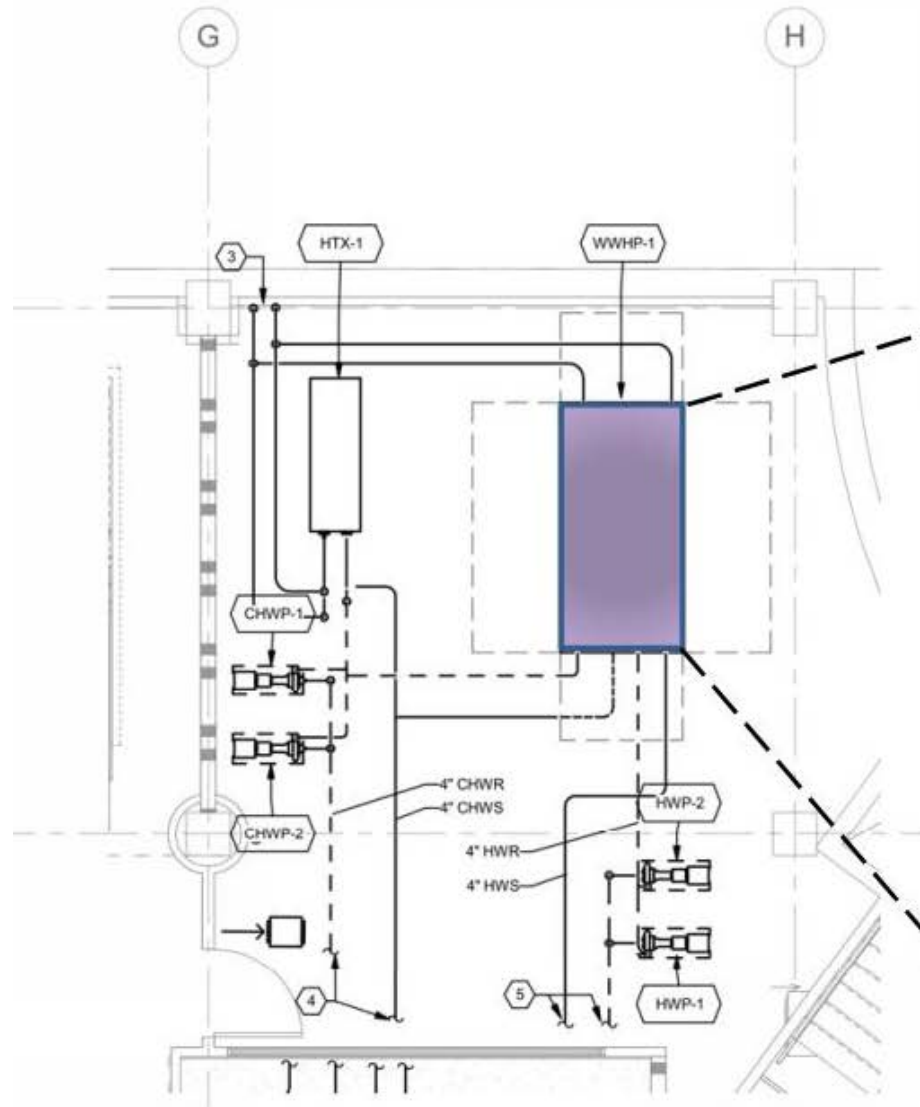
## MUNICIPAL HEAT EXCHANGE & RADIANT CEILING SYSTEM



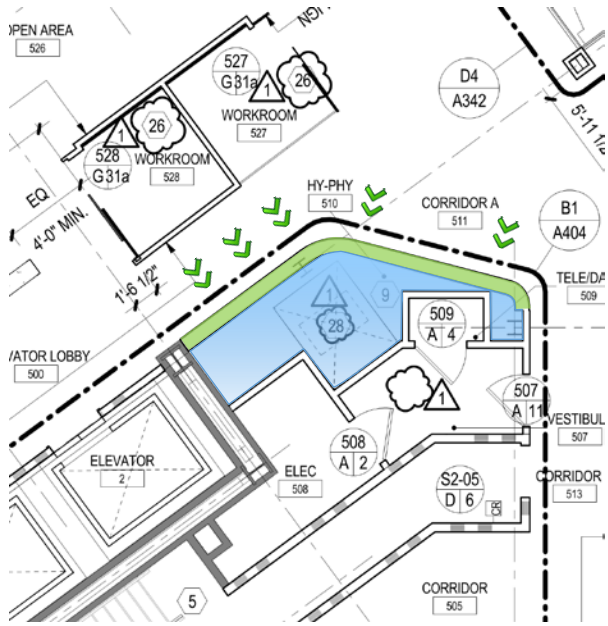
# MUNICIPAL HEAT EXCHANGE & RADIANT CEILING SYSTEM



Cooling Capacity = 1,200 MBH  
Heating Capacity = 1,500 MBH



## MUNICIPAL HEAT EXCHANGE & RADIANT CEILING SYSTEM



# HYDROPONIC PHYTOREMEDIATION WALL



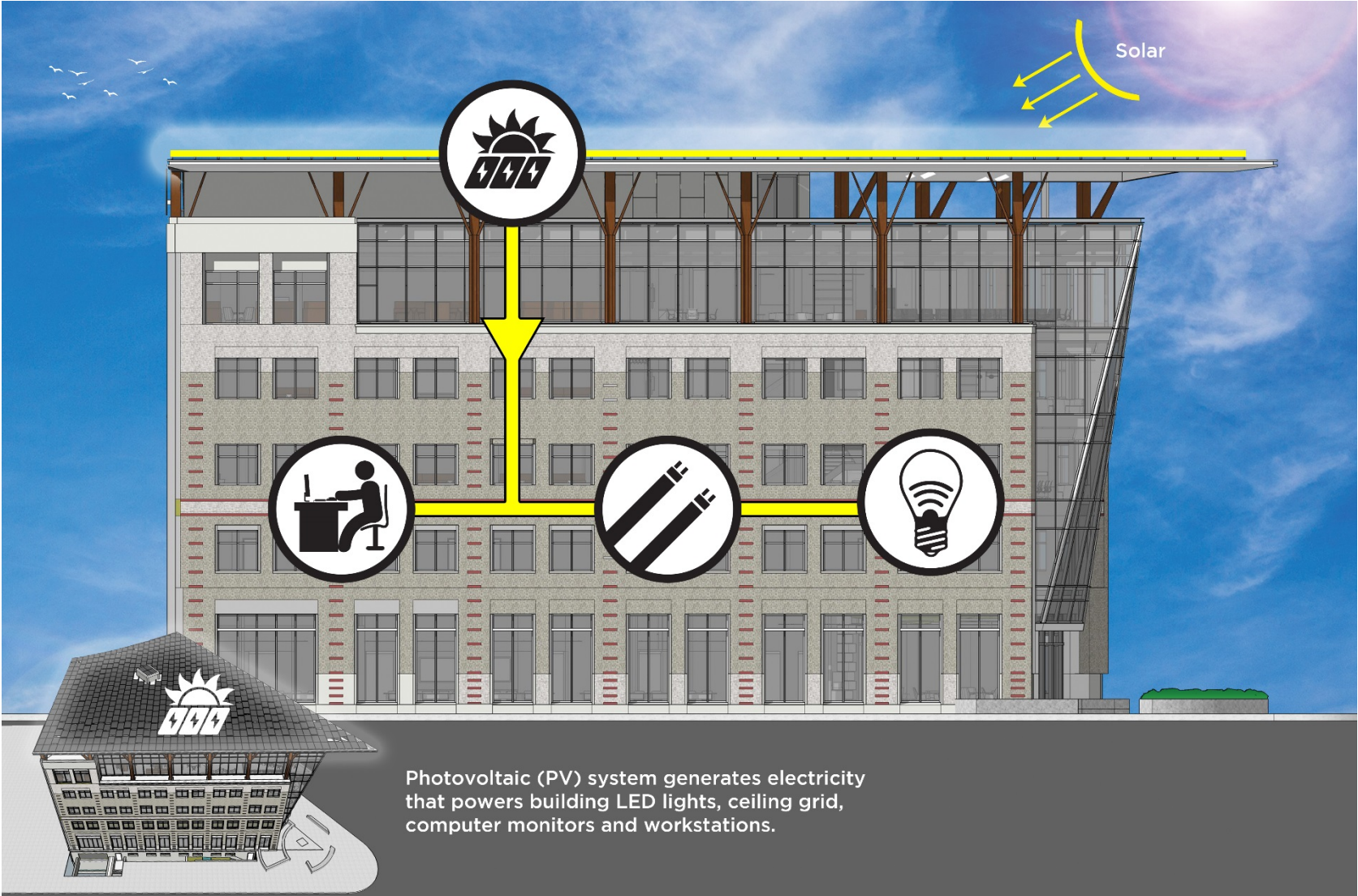




16-Port DC Power Module



Electrified Ceiling Grid

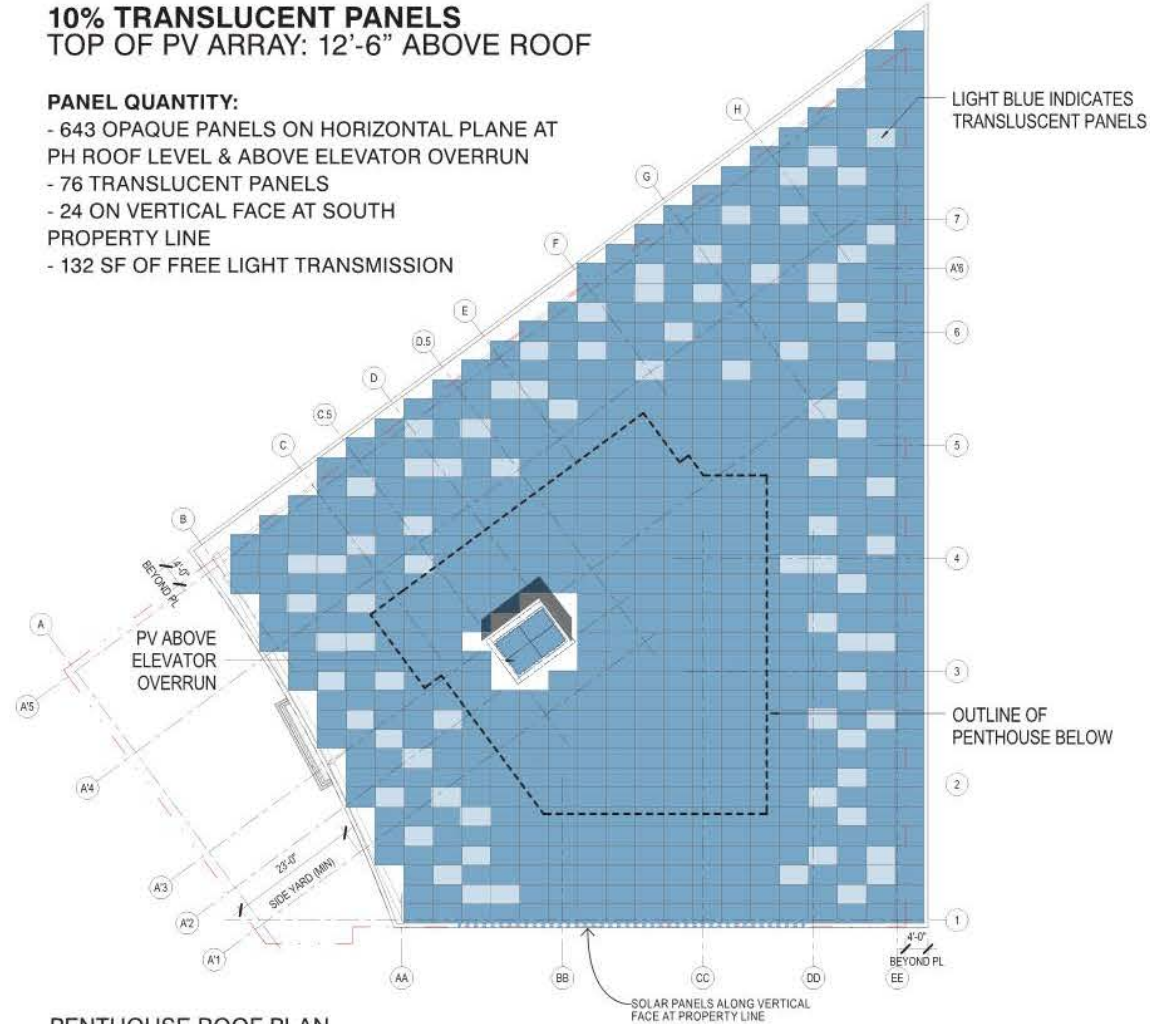


# PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY AND THE DC GRID



**10% TRANSLUCENT PANELS**  
TOP OF PV ARRAY: 12'-6" ABOVE ROOF

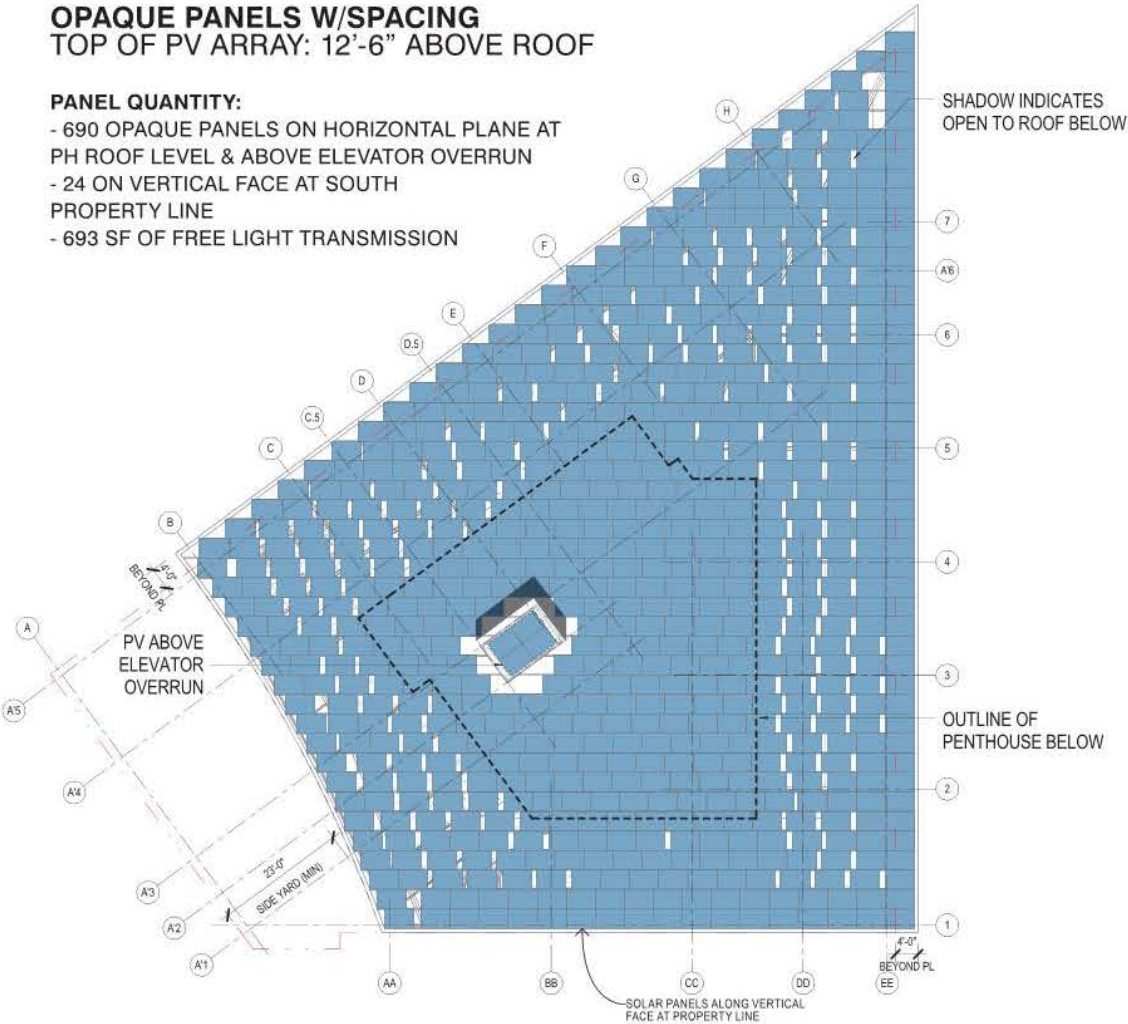
- PANEL QUANTITY:**
- 643 OPAQUE PANELS ON HORIZONTAL PLANE AT PH ROOF LEVEL & ABOVE ELEVATOR OVERRUN
  - 76 TRANSLUCENT PANELS
  - 24 ON VERTICAL FACE AT SOUTH PROPERTY LINE
  - 132 SF OF FREE LIGHT TRANSMISSION



PENTHOUSE ROOF PLAN  
5/26 - HPRB SUBMISSION

**OPAQUE PANELS W/SPACING**  
TOP OF PV ARRAY: 12'-6" ABOVE ROOF

- PANEL QUANTITY:**
- 690 OPAQUE PANELS ON HORIZONTAL PLANE AT PH ROOF LEVEL & ABOVE ELEVATOR OVERRUN
  - 24 ON VERTICAL FACE AT SOUTH PROPERTY LINE
  - 693 SF OF FREE LIGHT TRANSMISSION

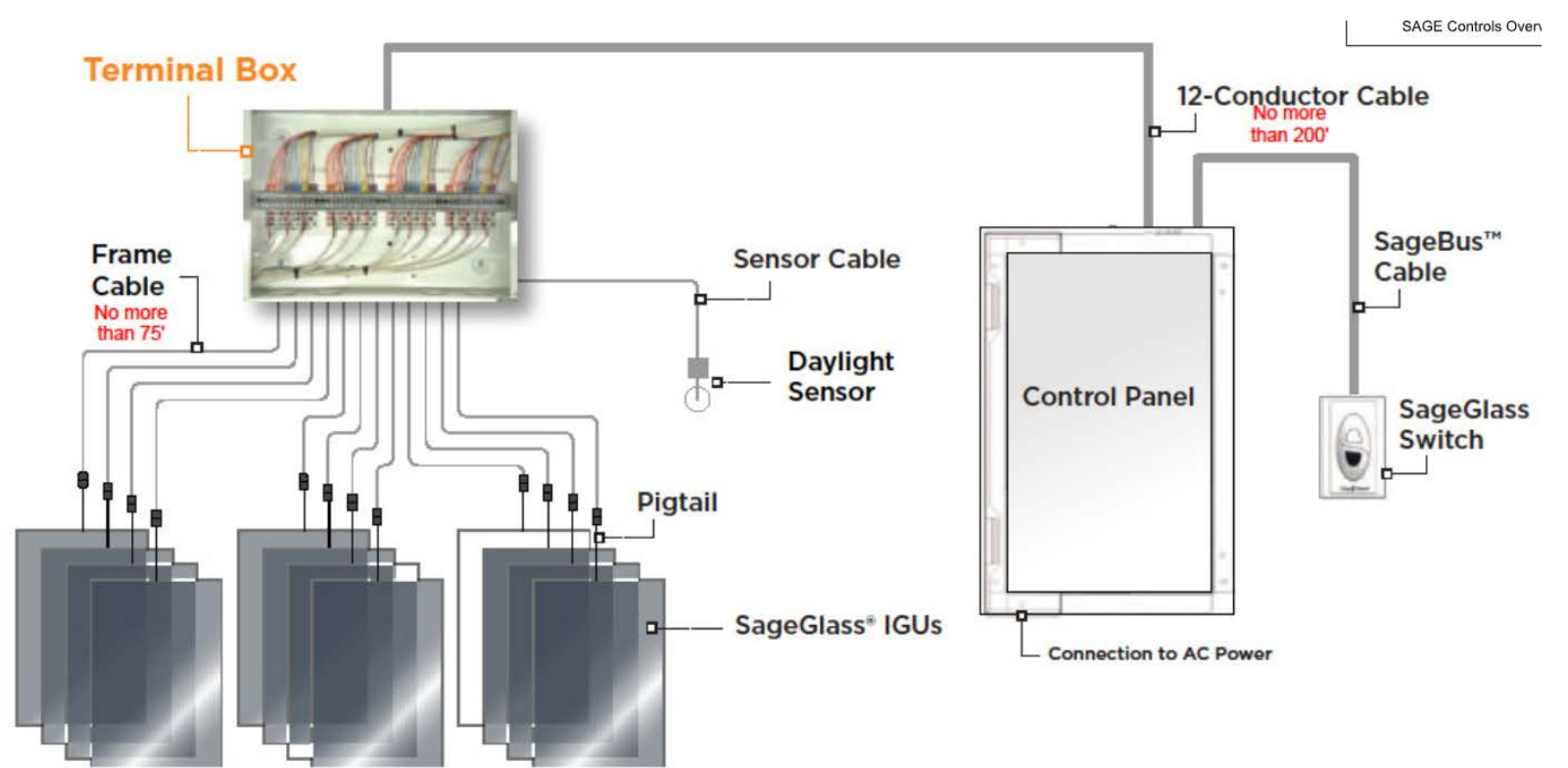


7/15 REVISED - PV PANEL LAYOUT

**PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY AND  
THE DC GRID**

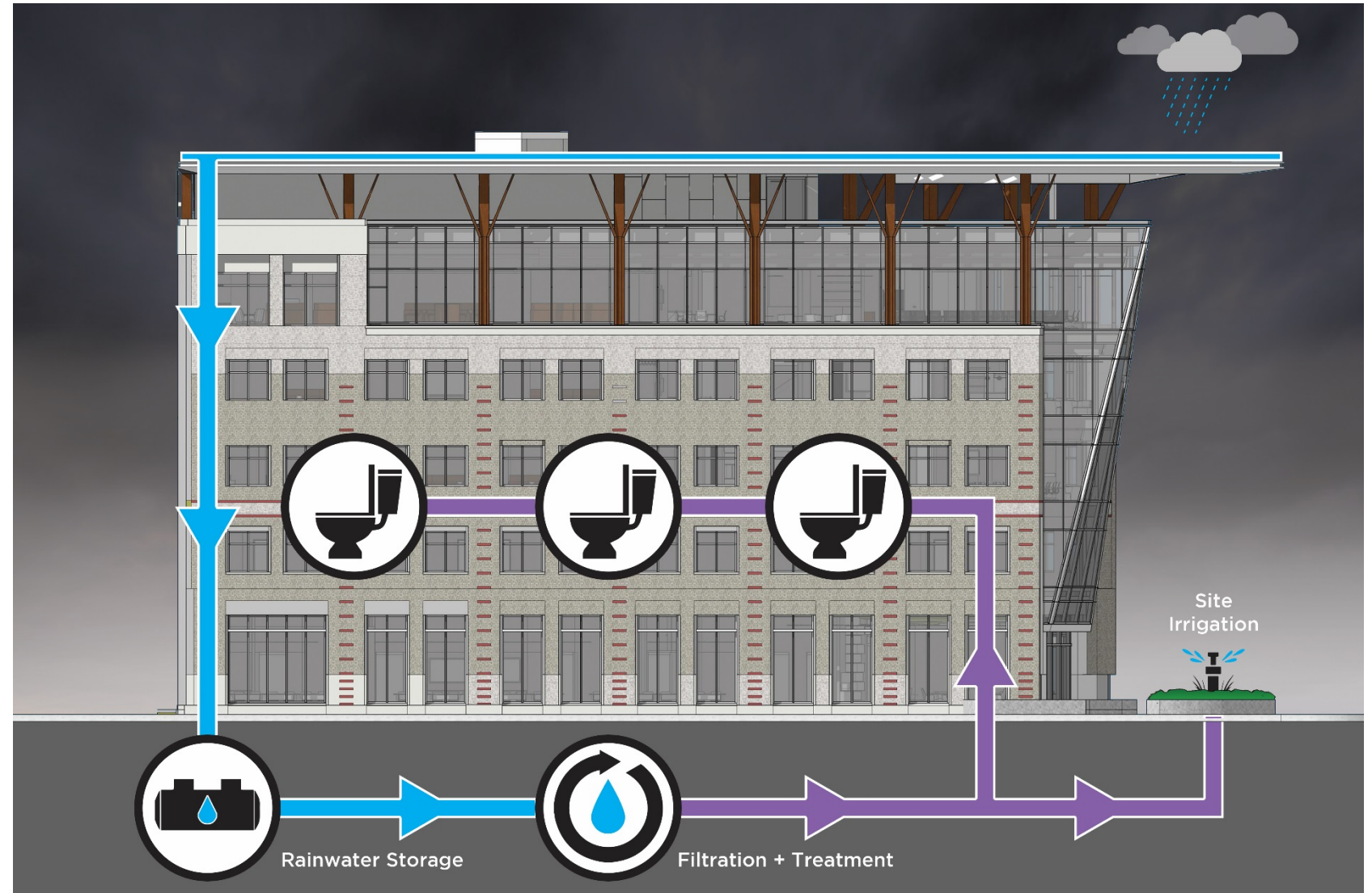


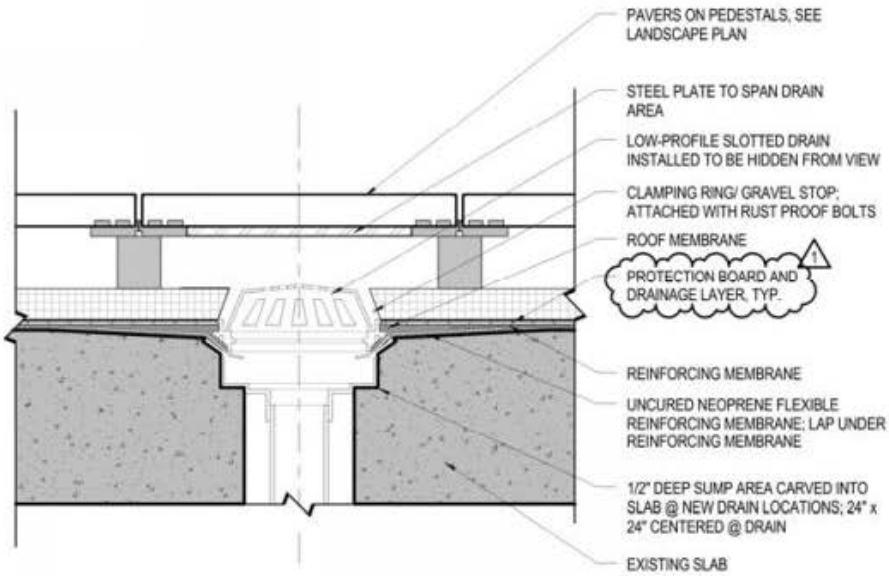
# ELECTROCHROMIC GLAZING



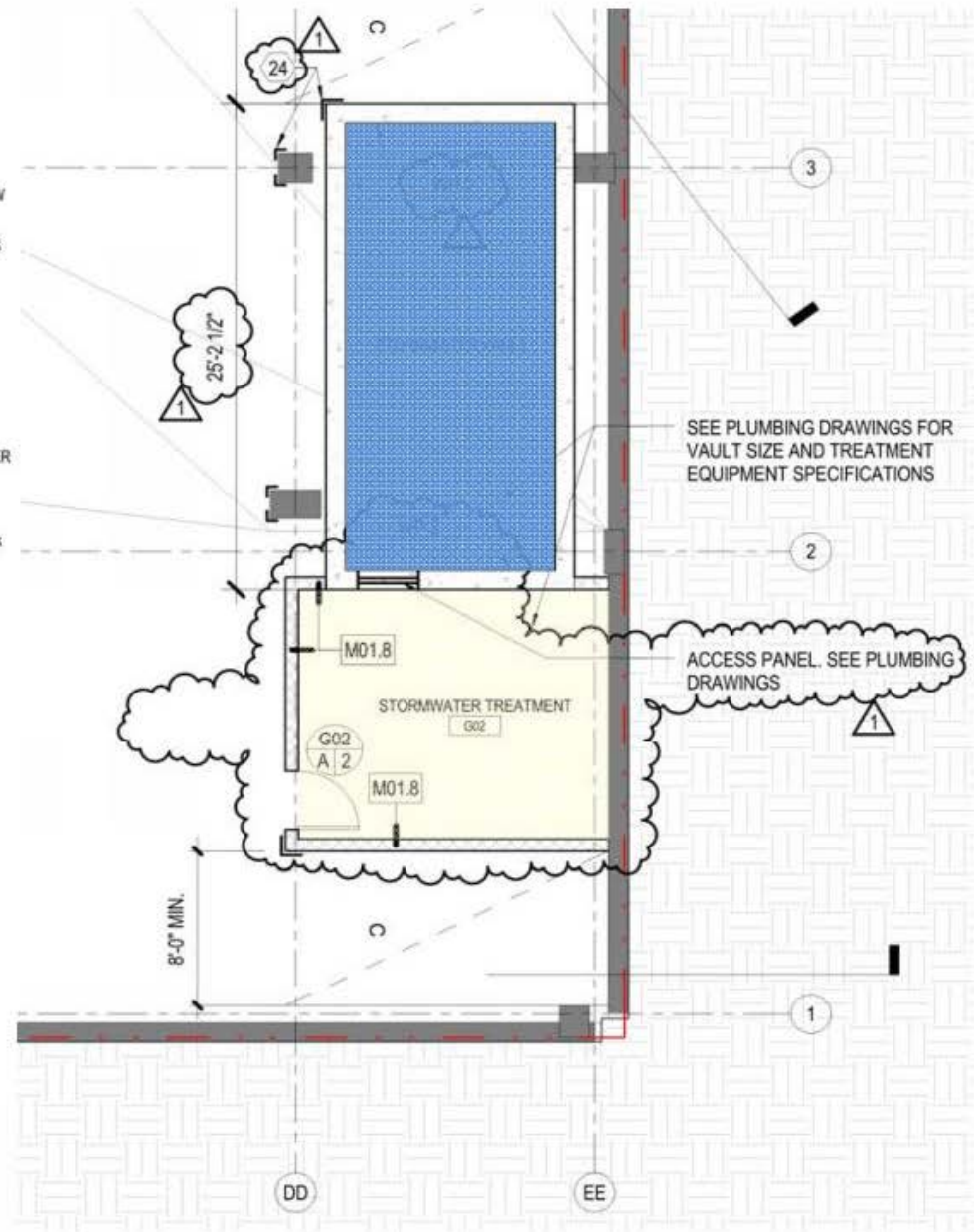


## WATER CAPTURE AND REUSE





Storage Capacity  
Storm Water Vault  
= 11,300 gallons



WATER CAPTURE  
AND REUSE



4 PLATFORMS

# **INTEGRATED BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES**

---

- 1. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**
- 2. STAFF & PUBLIC**
- 3. DATA FOR RESEARCH**
- 4. VENDOR & THE MARKET**

# THINKING ABOUT THE OCCUPANTS

# **WELLNESS**

---





# OPENING UP THE NEW BUILDING





A 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

# HEADQUARTERS





Questions?





**BUILDING INNOVATION 2018**

National Institute of  
BUILDING SCIENCES

CONFERENCE & EXPO

This concludes The American Institute of Architects  
Continuing Education Systems Course

---

