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Under Construction: July 2006 to October 2008
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Stories Above Grade: 3 Plus Attic for Mechanical Equipment
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- Long "U" Shaped Corridor Leads You Through The Building
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- 2006 PACE Roundtable
 - Practitioners Struggled To Answer How To Implement Building Information Modeling
- BIM Implementation Opportunity at Salisbury University
- Associated General Contractors of America Guide For BIM Lacks Specifics
- End Result is To Show the Positive Impact On This Process Using BIM

Current Coordination Process

- Relies on Human 3D Visualization

- 2D Review - Drawings & Light Tables

- De **Inefficient** es During Coordination

- Meeting Time To Identify Problems

- Large Paper Waste



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Interviews carried out of General Contractors successfully using BIM for coordination:

- Coordination Meetings & Shop Drawings
- Implementation Challenges
- Contractual Language



Interview Results	
How is the BIM requirement made contractually? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language in Request for Proposals • Language in Subcontracts • 2D drawings & 3D models required • Revision carried through both media 	Is BIM implementation hindered at all by Subcontractor modeling capabilities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical Structural trades very advanced modeling • Modeling being used for fabrication • Electrical and Fire Protection trades are lagging • Mechanical, Plumbing, and Structural most critical
How does BIM impact Coordination Meeting Structure? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projector & sufficient computers for group Coordination meetings • Clash detection reports distributed prior to meetings • Solutions brought to meetings • Meeting time used to agree upon solution no identify it 	What is the main source for file transfer of models? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTP sites to distribute models to subs & submission from subs to GC
How do you deal with interoperability & software issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File formats defined in subcontracts & RFP's • Eliminates bidders without modeling capabilities • Universal model manipulation software used to accommodate file types • On-site BIM Coordinator for model management 	Does BIM improved conflict management? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed meeting structure eliminates "finger pointing" • All impacted subs must arrive at meetings with proposed solutions to Clash Detection Reports • Difference in perspective of BIM between Subs & GC's



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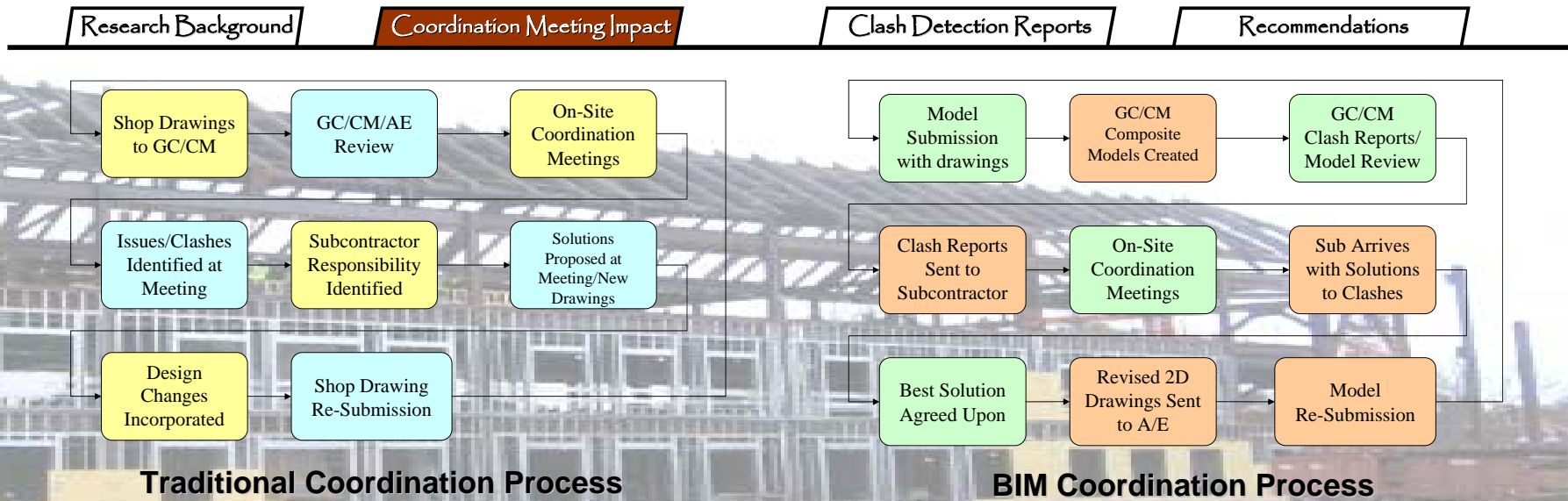
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Traditional Coordination Process

BIM Coordination Process



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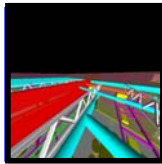
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Name	Clash1
Distance	-0.193m
Description	Hard
Status	New
Clash Point	39267.161m, 21392.138m, 25.874m
Date Created	2007/4/1 21:46:02

Item 1

Item Name	Structural Element
Item Type	Cell

Item 2

Item Name	P-STRM-PIPE
Item Type	Cone

• Sent Prior To On-Site Meetings

• Include Graphical Representation of Clash

• Reduces Meeting Conflict

• Provides Additional Solution Options



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Implementation Strategy

- Include BIM requirements in RFP's & subcontracts to deter unqualified bidders
 - Mech. & Structural Sub.'s are already rather advanced with modeling efforts for fabrication
 - Include requirement for model submissions, submission frequency, & 2D submissions
- Identify file formats in subcontracts to eliminate interoperability issues
 - CIM Integrated Steel (CIS/2) Format provides least interoperability issues

- Utilize FTP sites for file transfers
 - Subcontractor model submissions
 - Access to Architectural Models
- Write a company/project specific Master Plan & communicate the plan to team & subcontractors
- Distribute Clash Detection prior to meetings
 - Require all relevant subs to draft solutions
 - Improved efficiency & reduced conflict



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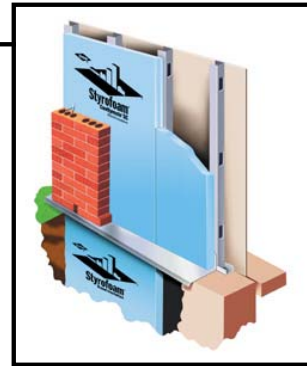
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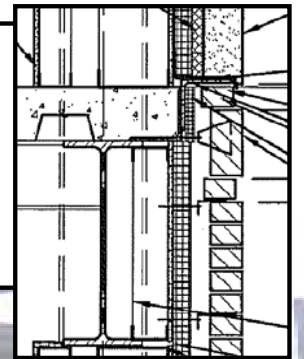
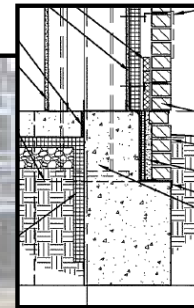
Existing Façade

- 7-5/8" Metal Stud Framing Attached to Superstructure
- 1" Cavity Board Insulation
- Air Barrier
- 1" Air Space
- 3-5/8" Masonry Facing
- Architectural Pre-Cast Concrete Spandrels



Support Condition

- Ground Floor
 - Bears on Foundation Shelf
- Floors 2 & 3
 - Supported by 6" x 6" Continuous Angle Welded to Pour Stop



- Existing Wall Section
- 6"x6" Angle Welded to Pour Stop
 - Foundation Bearing



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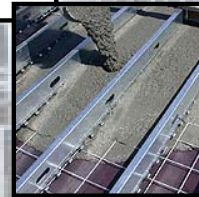
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Metal Stud Crete® Panels

- 5/8" Metal Stud Frame
- Shear Transfer Strips
- 2.5" Light Weight Concrete
- Reinforcing Steel
- 5/8" Scott Systems® Thin Brick
- Brick Gasket Liner
- Up to 16' x 40' panels
- 15' x 15' panels used for TETC



Metal Stud Crete®

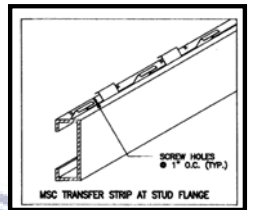


Panel Construction

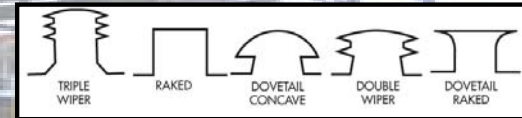
- Metal Stud Frame Built for Panel Size
- Shear Transfer Strips Attached
- Formwork Set
- Brick Gasket Liner™ & Thin Brick Set
- Concrete Poured, Cured
- Formwork & Brick Gasket Stripped



Brick Gasket Liner™



Shear Transfer Strips



Gasket Liner Joint Options



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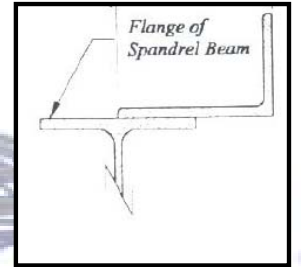
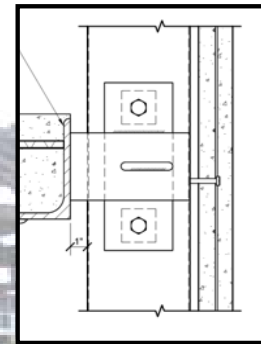
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- Spandrel Beams Analyzed for Torsion Due to Eccentricity of Façade Load
- AISC Design Guide 22- Façade Attachments to Steel-Framed Buildings
- Panelized Façade Eliminates Need for Masonry Bearing Shelf in Foundations

Spandrel Beam Analysis		
	Metal Stud Crete®	Traditional Brick Façade
Unit Weight (PSF)	36	45
Member Size	W 24 x 76	W 30 x 90
	W 24 x 76	W 27 x 94
	W 21 x 44	W 21 x 44



Metal Stud Crete Connection
• Weld/Bolt Connection to Pour Stop



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Spandrel Beam Steel Savings						
Qty.	Shape	lb/ft	Length (LF)	Tons	Steel Savings	
17	W30 x 90	90	30	23		
10	W 27 x 94	94	30	14		
27	W 24 x 76	76	30	31		
					Unit Price (\$/Ton)	Total Cost
					\$3,000.00	\$68,850.00
					\$3,000.00	\$42,300.00
					\$3,000.00	\$92,340.00
					Cost Savings	\$18,810.00

Metal Stud Crete® Panels		
Pre-Cast Panels with Stud Back-up		
Façade Area (SF)	Unit Price (\$/SF)	Total Cost (\$)
107,137	\$28.00	\$2,999,836.00
Endicott® Thin Brick		
107,137	\$6.00	\$642,822.00
Total Cost		\$3,642,658.00
Conventional 4" Hand-Layed Brick		
Façade Area (SF)	Unit Price (\$/SF)	Total Cost (\$)
107,137	\$26.32	\$2,819,845.84
Total Cost		\$2,819,845.84
Difference		\$822,812.16

- Metal Stud Crete® Panels Increase Cost by \$8/SF
- Total Increased Cost of Approximately \$800,000
- Downsizing of W27 x 94 & W30 x 90 members decreases costs by Approximately \$18,000
- Continual downsizing of members throughout the building would increase savings
- Spanning panels from column to column would eliminate need for torsional capacity in beams



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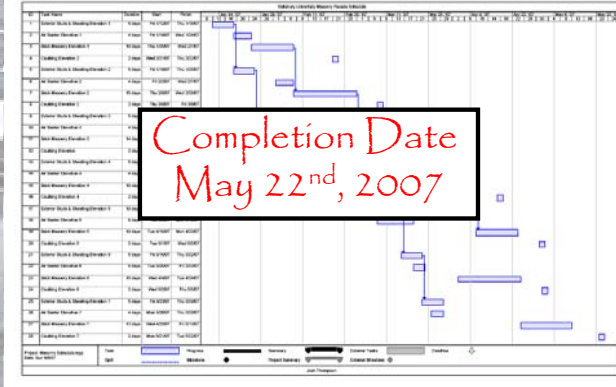
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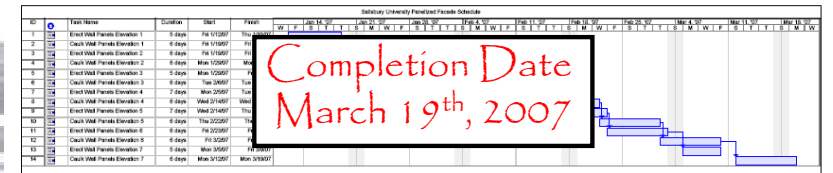
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Existing Façade Schedule



Proposed Façade Schedule
• Productivity Rate of 12 Panels/Day



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American National Standards Institute Acoustical Performance Criteria for Schools(ANSI Standard S12.60)

Receiving Space	Adjacent Space	STC Required
Classroom	Bathroom	53
Classroom	Mechanical Room	60
Classroom	Classroom	53

Sound Transmission Class

- Single Number Rating of Sound Transmission Loss Through Construction Assemblies
- ANSI Standard S12.60 Gives Minimum Acceptable STC Values for Educational Buildings

Methods

Required Transmission Loss

- Transmitting & Receiving Space Noise Levels Determined
- Required Noise Reduction & Transmission Loss Calculated
- Comparison to Existing Values

Wet Wall Pipe Velocity

- Bathroom Piping Velocity Calculated
- Compared to Acceptable Values for Minimal

Noise Due to Water Flow
 $V = 0.4 (Q/d^2)$



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Receiving Classroom 129	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	
Classroom Noise (NC-30)	52	45	40	36	34	33	
Required Transmission Loss (dB)	STC = 79 > 60					43	42
Equivalent STC Rating						60	
	ANSI Standard S12.60 STC					60	
	Existing Partition STC					79	
	STC+NC=82 ≥ 75 OK						

Receiving Classroom 151	Area (SF)	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz
Ambient Classroom Noise (NC-30)		52	45	40	36	34	33
Required Transmission Loss (dB)	STC = 52 < 53					29	22
Existing Construction TL (STC-52)						56	62
	ANSI Standard S12.60 STC					53	
	Existing Partition STC					52	
	STC Increase (1 Layer 5/8" GWB)					5	
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Ambient Classroom Noise (NC-30)		52	45	40	36	34	33
Required Transmission Loss (dB)	STC = 52 < 53					34	29
Existing Construction TL (STC-52)		38	52	59	60	56	62
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Gypsum Board Cost			
Room	Quantity	Unit Price (\$/SF)	Total Cost (\$)
156	438	\$0.89	\$389.82
151	258	\$0.89	\$229.62
184	294	\$0.89	\$261.66
Total Cost			\$881.10

Classroom 129 Adjacent to Chiller Room

- Sufficient

Classrooms 151, 156, & 184 Adjacent to Bathrooms & Classrooms

- Addition of 1 layer of Gypsum Wall Board Can Improve STC Rating From 52 to 57

Recommendation

- Do NOT Add Additional Material To Wall Construction
 - Added Cost Outweighs Benefits of a STC Improvement of 5
 - Additional Cost of Approximately \$900 Is Only Representative of 3 Partition Improvements
 - Analysis of Entire Building Would Prove This To Be A Very Costly Improvement



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- Place Concrete into Excavated Trenches
- Accelerate Schedule to Avoid Early Delays
- New Façade System Would Allow Earth Forming



Trench Excavation for Grade Beam

Cost & Schedule Impact

Overall Cost Comparison		
	Formed Grade Beams	Excavated Trenches
Formwork	\$81,274.58	-
Concrete	\$36,800.00	\$42,550.00
Excavation	\$4,416.03	\$1,681.30
Total Cost	\$122,490.61	\$44,231.30

Schedule Impact			
Item	BCY	BCY/Day	Days
Formed Grade Beam Excavation	850	150	6
Trench Grade Beam Excavation	323	150	2
		Difference	4 Days
Formwork			
Contact Area (SF)	Daily Output (SF/Day)	Schedule Acceleration	
9016	600	15 Days	



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- Writing a project specific Master Plan & communicating the plan will help implementation
- Impact on meeting structure allows more efficient meetings with more solutions to clash issues
- Decrease in conflict management & the number of coordination based RFI's

Metal Stud Crete® Panels

- Increased initial cost of approx. \$800,000
- Decreased schedule time by approx. 2 months
- Allows more efficient foundation concrete placement method

Partition Acoustics

- Mechanical room partition had a sufficient STC rating
- STC value of partitions separating classrooms from classrooms & bathrooms below acceptable value
- Adding layer of wall board is NOT recommended because the added benefit is outweighed by increased cost

Foundation Placement Method

- Decrease in formwork cost
- Accelerates out of the ground schedule



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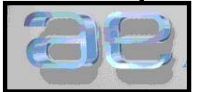
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