

Getting to Zero Energy Homes (ZEHs) Faster, Better and Greater Value



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Outline

- Getting to Zero Electric Homes (ZEHs):
 - What We Know with Certainty
 - Building Blocks
 - Five Enclosure Imperatives
 - Faster, Better, Greater Value Enclosures
- Translating Faster, Better, Greater Value ZEH Enclosures
- Getting to Zero SIP Resources

ZEHs: What We Know with Certainty

What we Know with Certainty

1. ZEHs Have Left the Station
2. ZEHs Must Manage Greater Value Risks
3. ZEHs Must be Future Ready



ZEHS Have Left the Station: National Codes

Improvement in Energy Code (1975-2021)

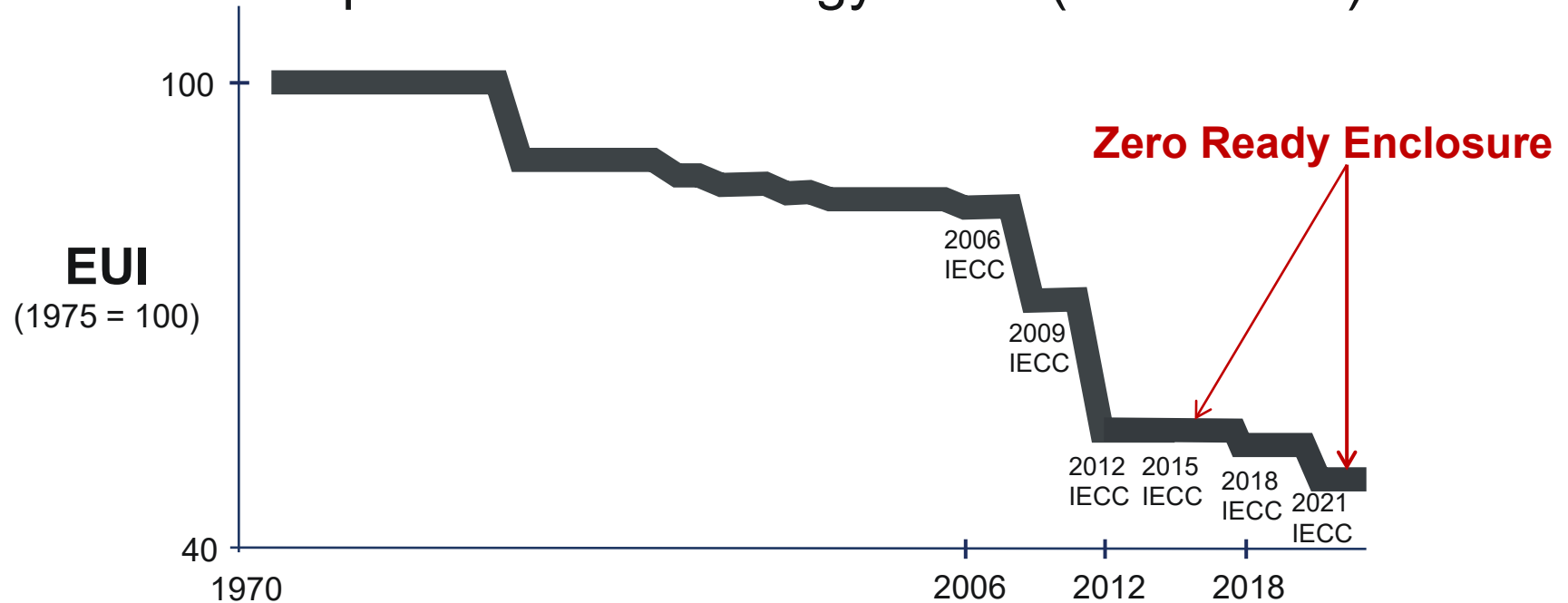
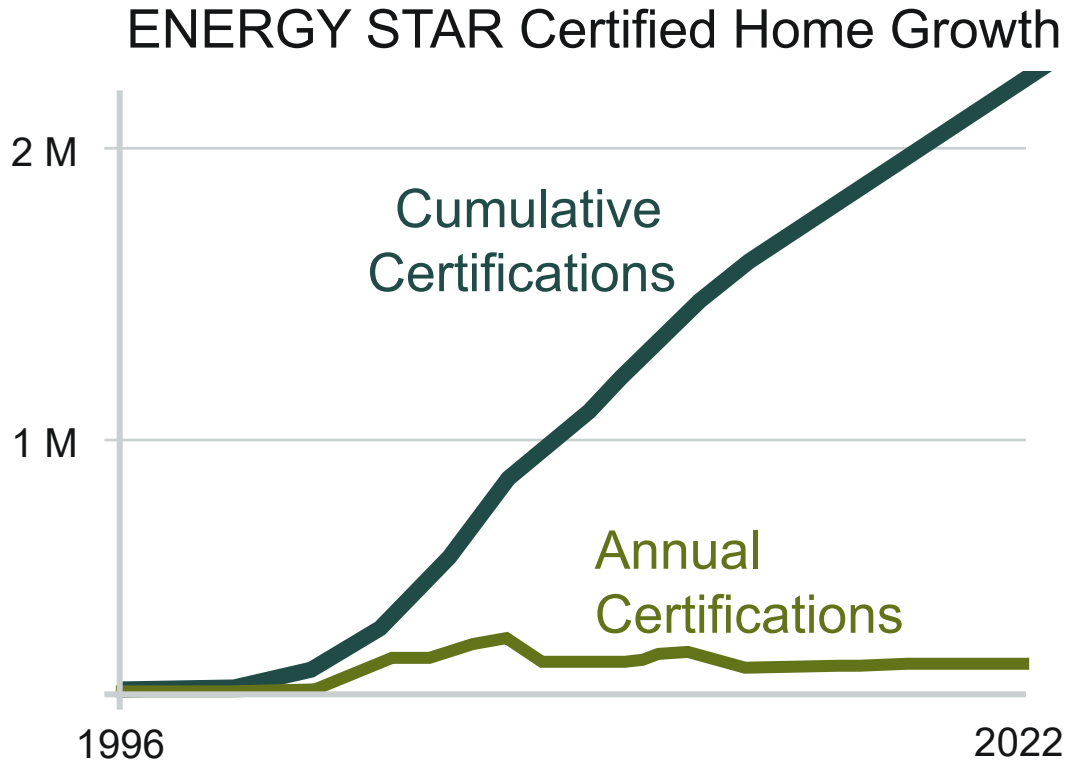


Image Basis: Building Energy Codes Program: National Benefits Assessment, 1992-2040

ZEHS Have Left the Station: Certifications

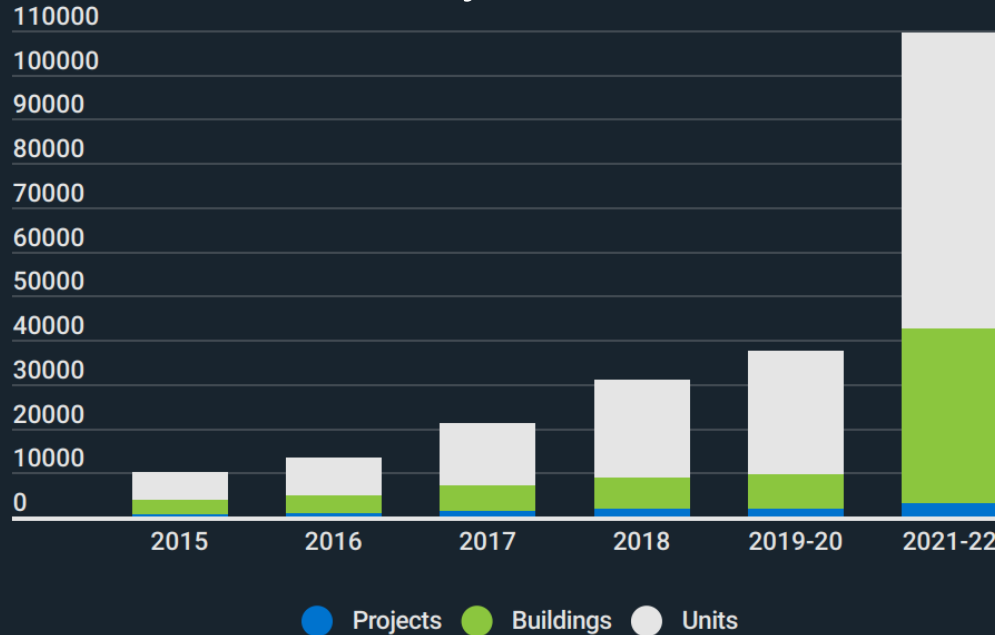


~2.5 Million
ENERGY STAR
Certified Homes



ZEHS Have Left the Station: Certifications

Zero / Zero Ready Home Certifications



Source: "Inventory of Zero in the U.S. and Canada," EEBA 2022

440%

growth in single-family
zero energy ready and
zero energy homes since
2020

ZEHS Have Left the Station: 45L Tax Credit

- Single- & Multi-Family Prevailing Wage:
 - **\$2,500**/ENERGY STAR Certified Homes
 - **\$5,000**/DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- Multi-Family Homes:
 - **\$500**/ENERGY STAR Certified Home
 - **\$1,000**/DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
- Manufactured Homes
 - **\$2,500**/ENERGY STAR HUD-Code Home

10-Year

builder tax credit
locked in from
2023 to 2032

ZEHS Have Left the Station: Mainstream Builders

Building

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BEAZER HOMES COMPLETES FIRST ENERGY SERIES READY HOME IN NASHVILLE AREA

The home builder also launched Energy Series Ready homes in Southern California and Energy Series Ready Solar homes in Maryland.



Courtesy Beazer Homes

Beazer Homes announced the completion of its first Nashville, Tennessee-area home to be certified as a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Zero Ready Home.

100%

of all single-family homes
committed to Zero
Energy Ready Home
certification by end of
2025

Source: “Beazer Homes Completes First Energy Series Ready Home in Nashville Area”, Vincent Salandro, Builder, December 7, 2023



ZEHS Have Left the Station: Mainstream Builders



Walk Through the Clayton Home

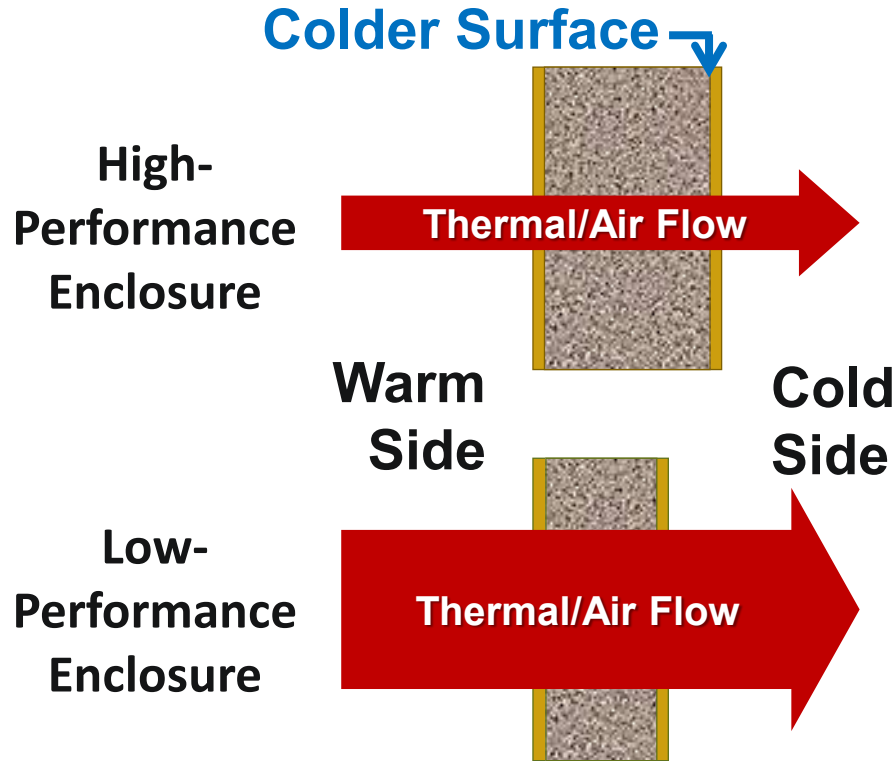


**Clayton® Commits to Build All Residential
Manufactured Homes to DOE Zero Energy Ready
Home™ Specifications by End of 2023**

100%
of all Clayton
manufactured homes
committed to Zero
Energy Ready Home
certification (\$148/SF)

Source: "How Much Does it Cost to Build a House in 2022", Rachel Abraham, Forbes

ZEHS Must Manage Greater Value Risks



Moisture Risk

- More Wetting Potential
- Less Drying Potential

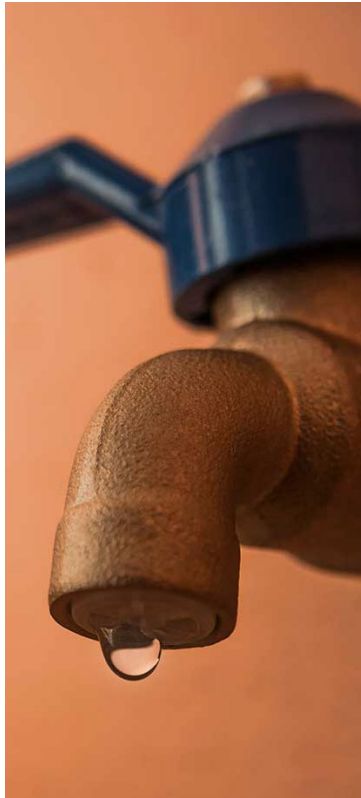
Low Load Comfort Risk

- Less Air Flow
- Shorter Cycles
- Longer Swing Seasons

Health Risk

- More Accumulated Contaminants

ZEHS Must be Future Ready



Hard Trends:

- More Disaster Risk
- More Water Shortages
- Electrification

ZEHs: Building Blocks

ZEHS Building Blocks

Why	ZEHS Live Better		
What	Step One: Optimize Efficiency	Step Two: Manage Risks	Step Three: Be Future Ready
How	Efficient Enclosure	Comprehensive Moisture Control	Disaster Ready
	Efficient Equipment	Ultra-Low Load Comfort System	Water Efficiency
	Efficient Components	Comprehensive IAQ System	Electric Ready

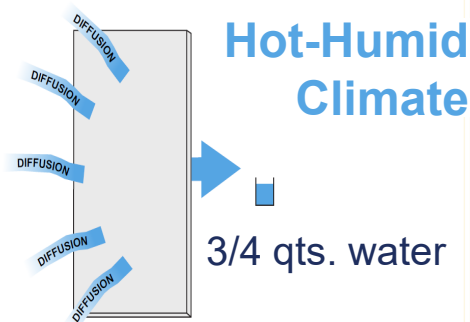
ZEHs: Five Enclosure Imperatives

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Optimize:

1. Vapor Flow Control
2. Air Flow Control
3. Thermal Flow Control
4. Productivity
5. Disaster Resistance

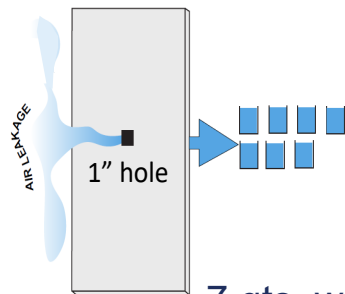
ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Vapor Flow Control



Hot-Humid
Climate

3/4 qts. water

Interior at 75° F
and 50% RH



7 qts. water

Moisture vapor flow over Spring,
Summer, and Fall from the exterior to
interior with 5 Pascal pressure difference

Managing Risk:

Air leakage is much more critical
to controlling vapor flow than
diffusion:

~10X Greater Value

in Hot-Humid Climates

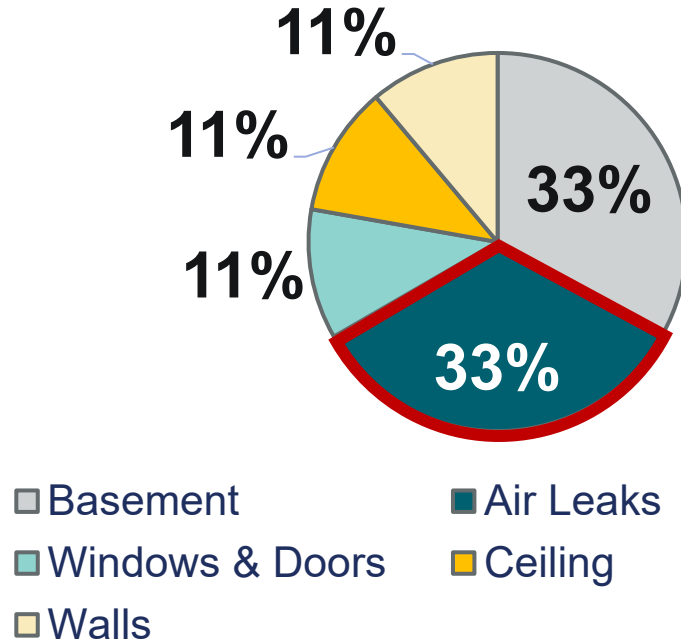
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ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Air Flow Control

Energy Loss in Cold Climate Homes



Source: "The Principal Designer of the House that Inspired the Global Passivhaus Movement Reflects on the Project that Started it All," ecohome, October 5, 2020

3X

greater energy loss due to air leakage than walls, ceiling, windows/doors



ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Air Flow Control

Climate Zones	ACH50 Requirements/Targets			
	Zero Energy Ready	ENERGY STAR V3	2012 - 2018 IECC	Passive House
1-2	1.5 ACH50			
3-4				
5-7				
8				

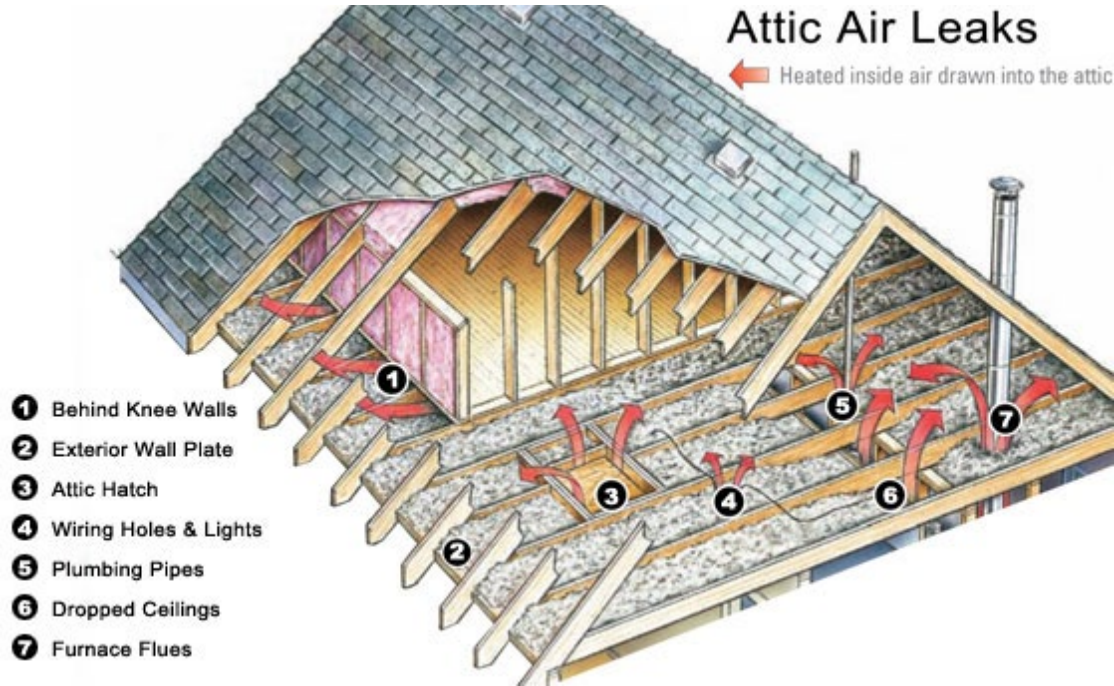
Why 1.5 ACH/50

Max Everywhere:

- Minimize Energy Loss
- Contaminant Control:
 - Moisture
 - Smog
 - Dust
 - Pests
 - Pollen
 - Odors
- Readily Achievable

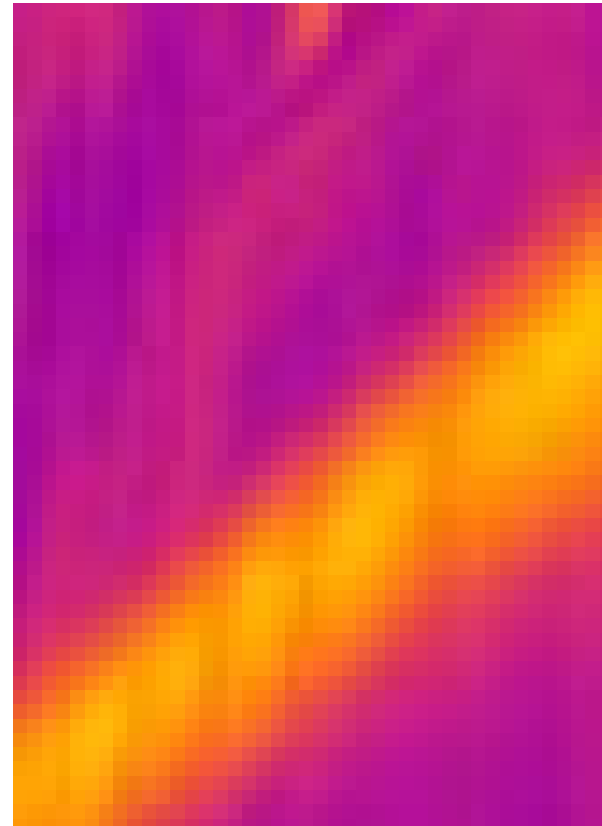
ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Air Flow Control

Attic/Ceiling Most Egregious Interface



- Greatest Delta T
- Pressure (Stack Effect)
- Air Barriers
 - Knee Walls
 - Dropped/Raised Clgs.
 - Shafts
 - Attic Eaves
- Air Leakage
 - Penetrations
 - Duct Boots
 - Access Panels
 - Drywall to Top Plate
- Worst HVAC Location

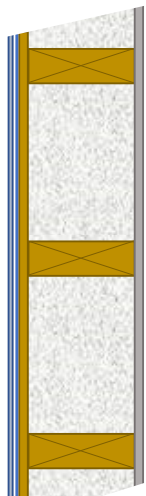
ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Thermal Flow Control



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Moisture Control, Quality Installation, and Thermal Bridging Risk

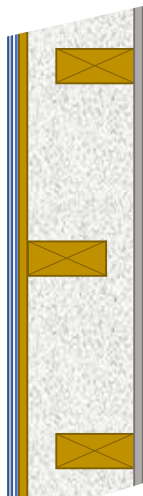
Maximum Risk



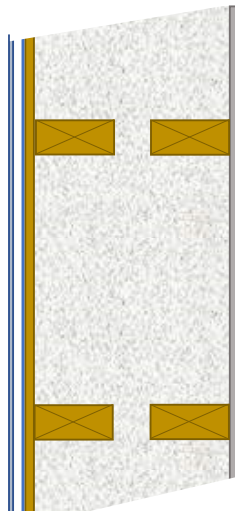
Conventional
Framing
25-30% F.F.



Advanced
Framing
19% F.F.



Staggered Stud
Framing
12% F.F.

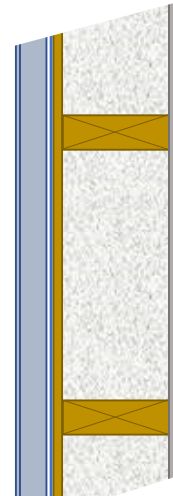


Double-Wall
Framing
10% F.F.

Minimum Risk



Structural
Insulated Panels
5% F.F.

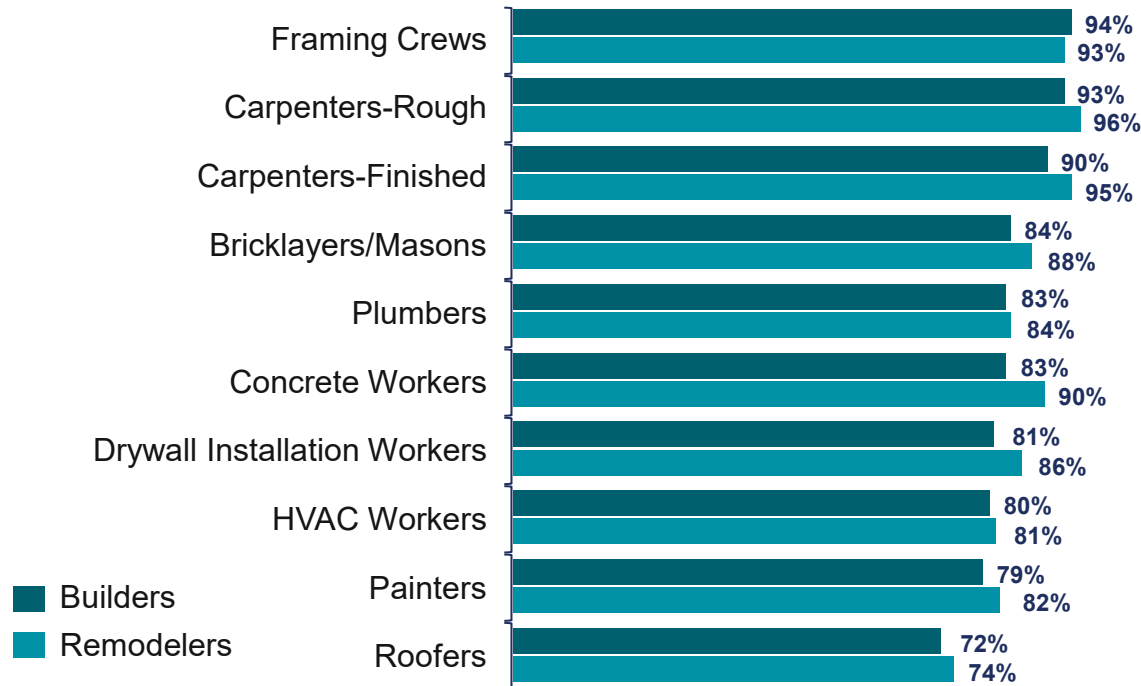


Rigid Insul.
Sheathing
2% F.F.



HPH Enclosure Imperative: Productivity

Percent of Builders & Remodelers Reporting Subcontractor Shortages



90+%

of builders reported framing crew and carpenter shortages in 2022

Source: "The Home Builder Institute (HBI) Construction Labor Market Report," Fall 2022



ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Productivity

Posted on: June 15, 2023



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HBI: LABOR SHORTAGE IS LIMITING FACTOR TO IMPROVING HOUSING INVENTORY AND AFFORDABILITY

The Home Builders Institute estimates the construction industry needs to add 723,000 workers per year to keep pace with demand.

By [Vincent Salandro](#)



~723,000

New workers needed each year to meet demand and combat ~1.5M home shortage

Source: *"The Home Builder Institute (HBI) Construction Labor Market Report," Spring 2023*



ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Productivity



42.5

average construction
worker age

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/5

only two new construction
workers for every five that
age out or retire

Source: "Spring 2023 Construction Labor
Market Report," Home Builders Institute,
2023

ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Productivity



1877



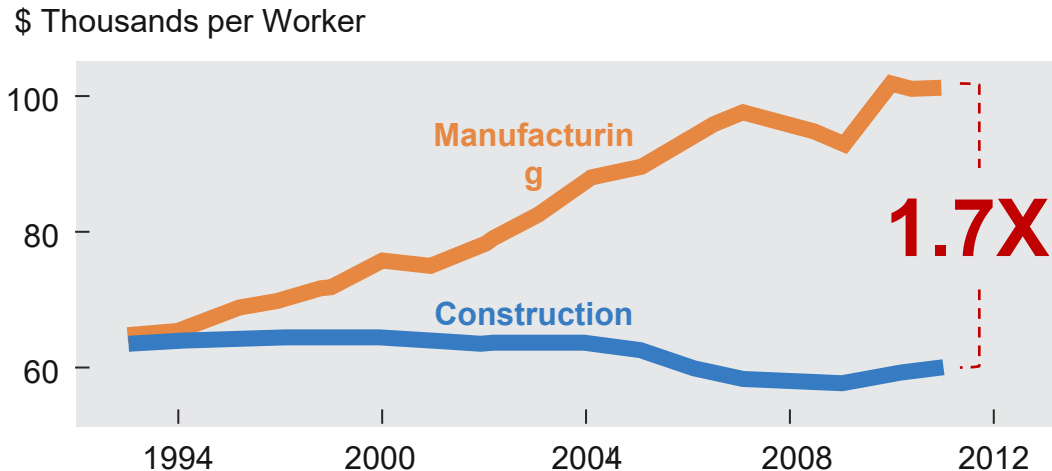
150
Years

2024

ZEHs Enclosure Imperative: Productivity

Overview of Productivity Improvement Over Time

Productivity (value added per worker), real, \$2005



Source: McKinsey & Company

\$200B

Labor productivity gap suffered by U.S. construction industry that could be closed by adopting 21st century manufacturing methods

Source: McKinsey & Company



ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Productivity

Reduced Cycle Time Benefits

Cost Savings

- Reduce Carrying Cost
- Increased Efficiency
- Interest Cost Mitigation

Enhanced Profitability

- Improved Cash Flow
- Competitive Pricing
- Improved Sales and Closings

Reduced Risk

- Market Adaptability
- Inflation Hedge
- Economic Uncertainty

Reduced cycle time impacts typically **NOT** included in the bidding process

ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Disaster Resistance



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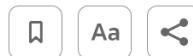
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Environment

World hits record land, sea temperatures as climate change fuels 2023 extremes

By David Stanway

July 3, 2023 9:33 AM EDT · Updated 6 hours ago



[1/7] Flames reach upwards along the edge of a wildfire as seen from a Canadian Forces helicopter surveying the area near Mistissini, Quebec, Canada June 12, 2023. Cpl Marc-Andre Leclerc/Canadian Forces/Handout via REUTERS/File Photo



Accelerating Disaster Risk:

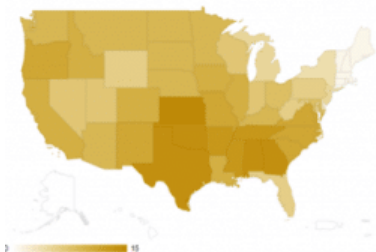
- Frequency
- Magnitude
- Expense

Source: NASA

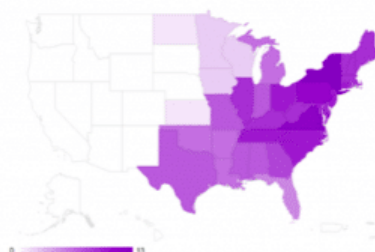
ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Disaster Resistance

U.S. Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters: 1980 – 2016*

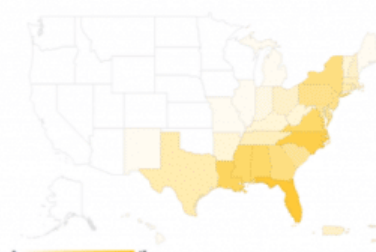
Droughts and Heat Waves



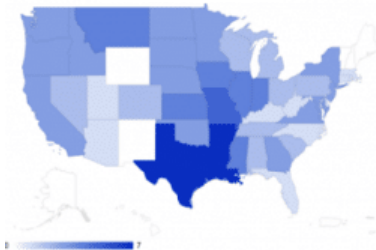
Winter Storms



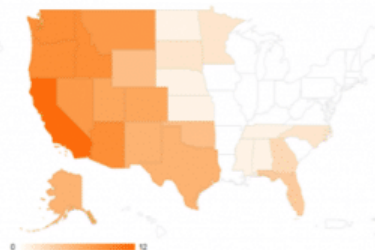
Tropical Cyclones



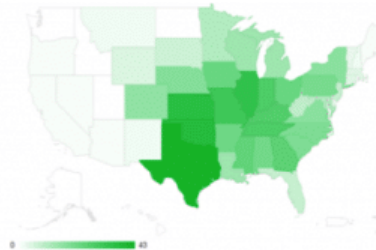
Flooding



Wildfires



Severe Local Storms



*203 weather and climate disasters reached or exceeded \$1 billion during this period (CPI-adjusted)

Please note that the map reflects a summation of billion-dollar events for each state affected (i.e., it does not mean that each state shown suffered at least \$1 billion in losses for each event).

**No Where
to Hide:**
Virtually all U.S.
exposed to growing
disaster risks.

Source: NOAA


ZEHS Enclosure Imperative: Disaster Resistance


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CLIMATE

State Farm to stop accepting homeowners insurance applications in California due to wildfires, construction costs

PUBLISHED SAT, MAY 27 2023 2:52 PM EDT

 **Ashley Capoot**
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A private wild land firefighter monitors a backfire along Old Lawley Toll Road during the Glass Fire in Calistoga, California, U.S., October 2, 2020. Picture taken October 2, 2020.
Stephen Lam | Reuters

Less Insurance Availability:

- Rapidly growing catastrophe exposure
- Historic increases in construction cost [55% from 2019-2022]
- Reinsurance market [30% - 40% increases]

Source: "State Farm General Insurance Company: California New Business Update," May 26, 2023



ZEHs Enclosure Imperative: Disaster Resistance

Insurance companies ask for 42.2% rate increase for homeowners' insurance, some face 99.4% increase



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By [Dave Jordan](#)

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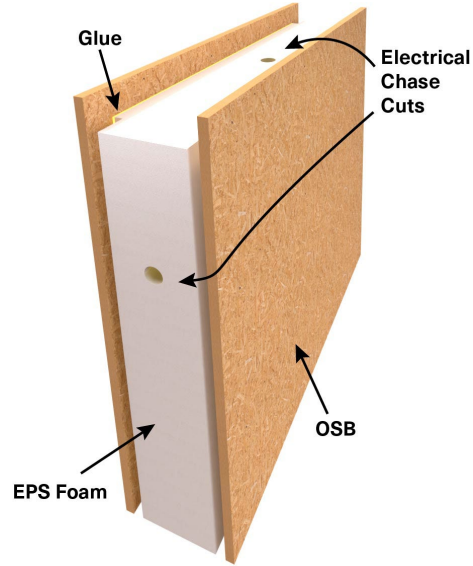
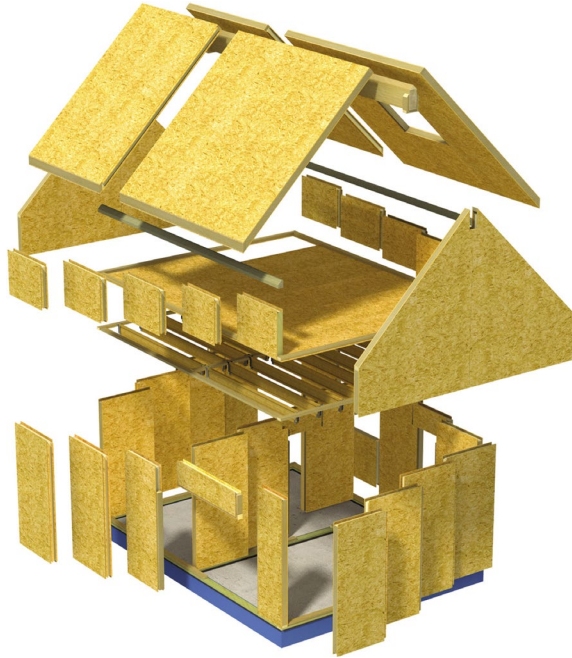
Insurance Cost:

40+% average increase in homeowners' insurance cost filed with North Carolina Department of Insurance

Source: *WITN Channel 7*, 1/5/24

ZEHs: Faster, Better, and Greater Value Enclosures

Faster, Better, Greater Value Example: SIPs



SIPs Optimize All Five Imperatives:

- Vapor Flow Control
- Air Flow Control
- Thermal Flow Control
- Productivity
- Resilience

Optimized Air Flow Control: Getting to 1.5 ACH50

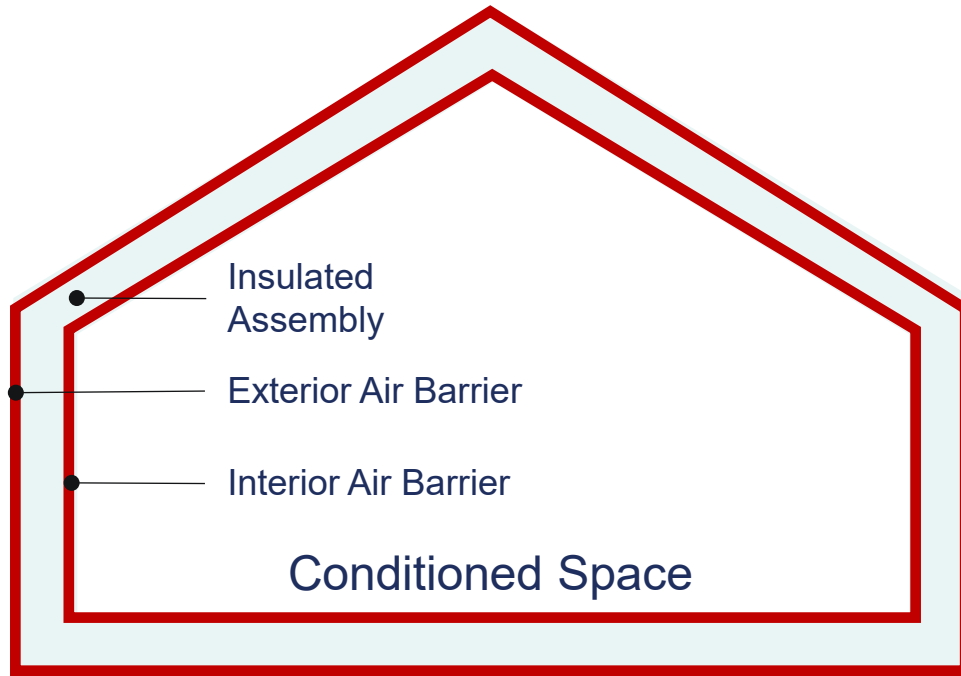
Comprehensive:

- Air Barriers
- Air Sealing

SIPs Air Flow Benefits:

- Optimize Control:
 - Moisture Vapor Flow
 - Outdoor Contaminants
 - Dust
 - Pests
 - Pollen
 - Odors
- One-Stop Shop
Code & HPH Certification
- Trade-off Higher Cost
Efficiency Measures

Optimized Air Flow Control: SIPs Complete Air Barriers



SIPs inherently provide complete, high-quality air barriers

Optimized Air Flow Control: Air Barrier Checklist w/Framing

Walls

- ☐ Showers and Tubs
- ☐ Fireplaces
- ☐ Attic Knee Walls
- ☐ Skylight Shaft Walls
- ☐ Adjoining Porch Roof
- ☐ Staircase Ext. Walls
- ☐ Double Walls
- ☐ Rim/Band Joists

Shafts

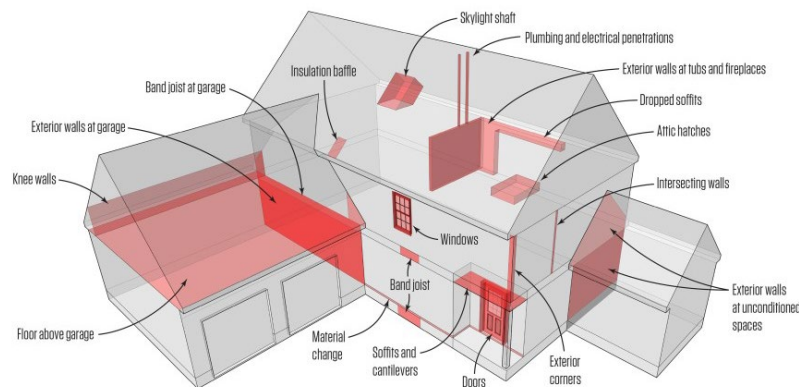
- ☐ Duct Shaft
- ☐ Piping Shaft
- ☐ Flue Shaft

Attic/Ceiling

- ☐ Attic Access Panel
- ☐ Attic Drop-Down Stair
- ☐ Raised Ceilings
- ☐ Dropped Ceilings
- ☐ Eave Wind Baffles
- ☐ Recessed Lights
- ☐ Whole-House Fan

Floors

- ☐ Floors Above Garage
- ☐ Cantilevered Floor
- ☐ Unconditioned Space Floor
- ☐ Floor Framing into Garage



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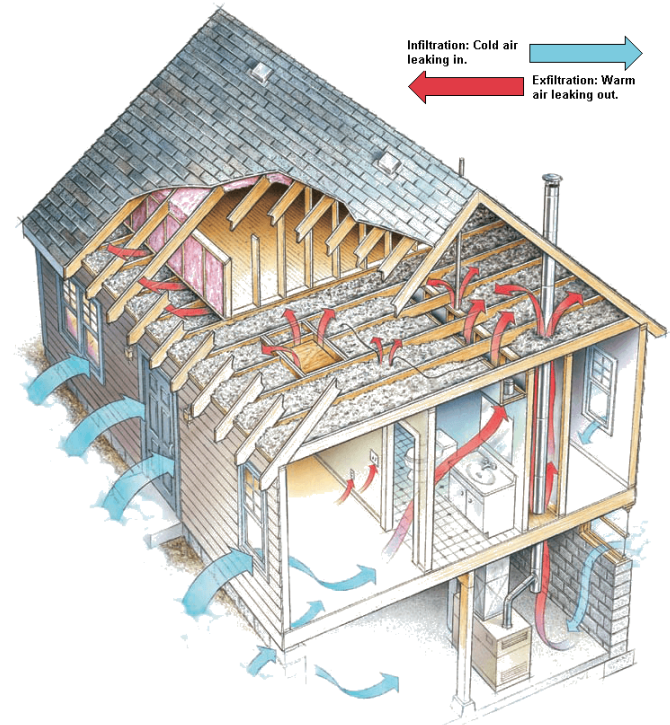
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Wiring
- ☐ Recessed Lights
- ☐ Vents
- ☐ Flues
- ☐ HVAC Duct Boots

Odd Geometry:

- ☐ Cantilevers
- ☐ Knee-walls

Cracks:

- ☐ Sill Plates
- ☐ Windows & Doors
- ☐ Drywall at Top Plate
- ☐ Access Panels
- ☐ Sheathing Joints
- ☐ Foundation/Framing
- ☐ Air Barriers (see Air Barrier Checklist)





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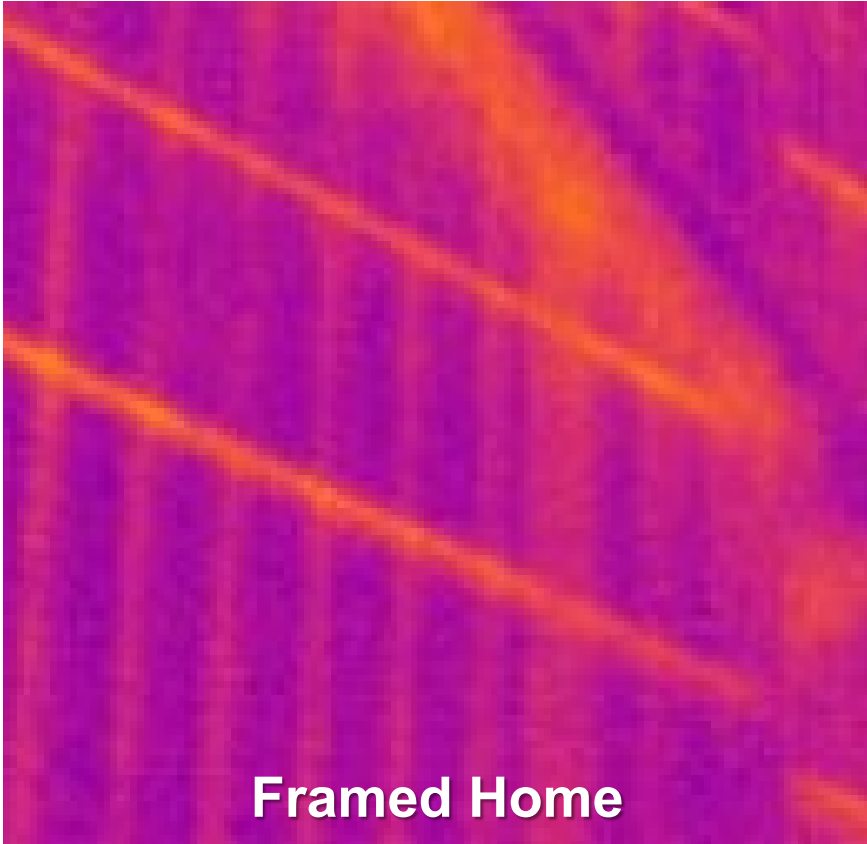
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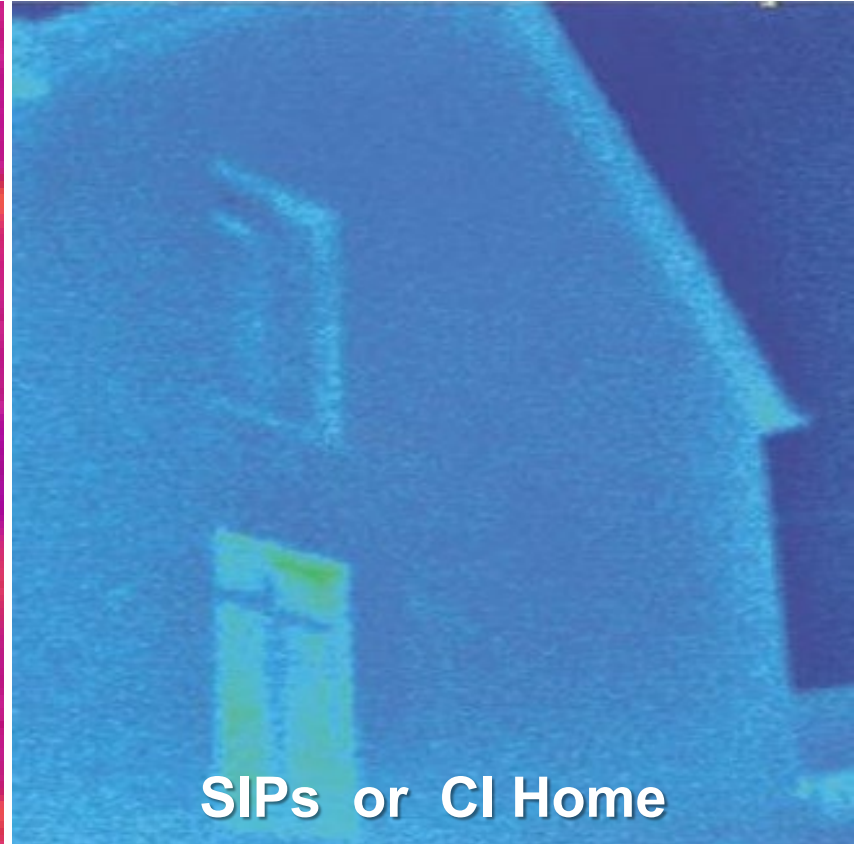
Optimized Thermal Flow Control

- R-Value
- Quality of Insulation Installation
- Control of Thermal Bridging

Optimized Thermal Flow Control with SIPs or CI

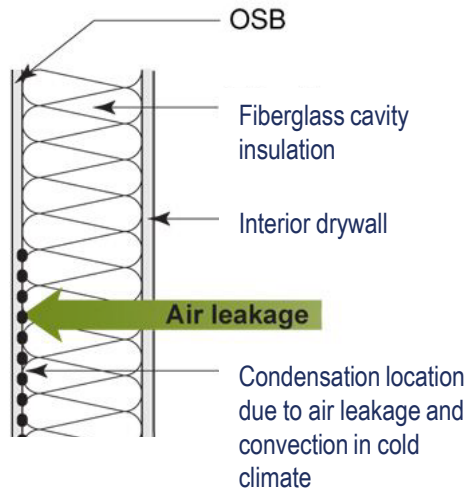


Framed Home



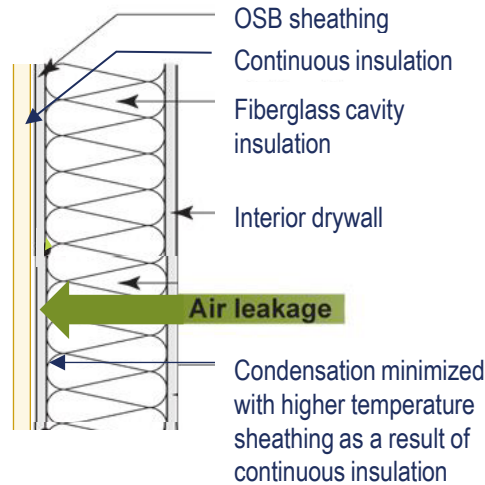
SIPs or CI Home

SIPs vs. CI Optimized Moisture, Thermal Flow Control



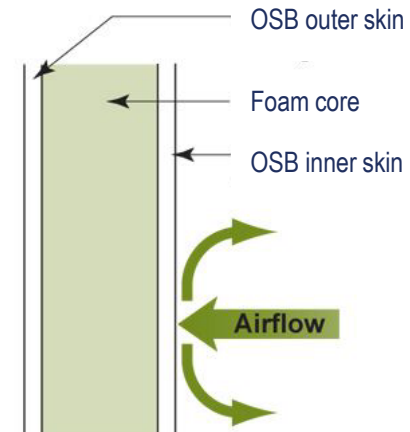
Typical Frame Wall

- Prone to airflow & convection
- Condensation can occur at exterior sheathing



Frame Wall with CI

- Still prone to airflow & convection
- Condensation risk is minimized
- Quality assurance challenges



SIPs Wall

- “Solid” core “homogenous” and “air impermeable”
- No convection and air leakage
- Condensation not possible
- Inherent quality assurance

Source: Building Science Corporation

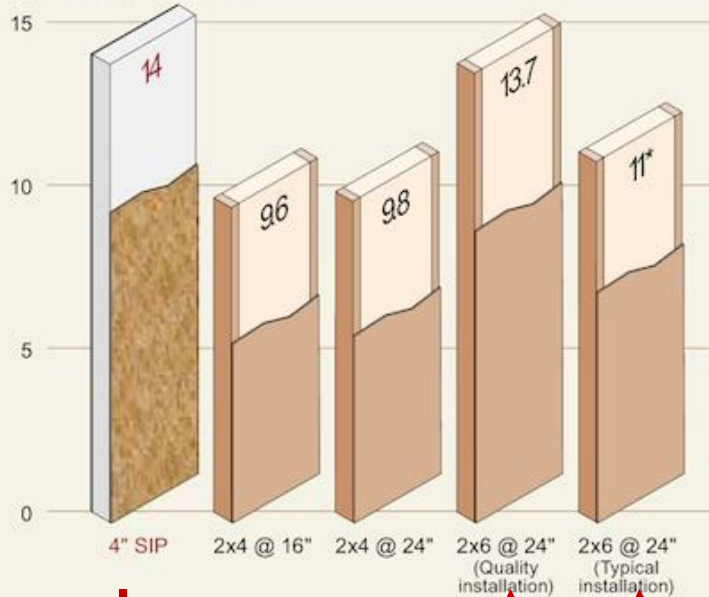
SIPs vs. CI: Faster, Better, Greater Value



- **More Value:**
 - Less Moisture Risk
 - Dimensional Accuracy
 - Enhanced Strength
 - Inherent Quality
 - Added Volume
 - Less Carbon (Wood)
- **Cost Savings:**
 - Cycle Time
 - Inspections
 - Waste
 - Rework
 - Trades

SIPs vs. Framing: Faster, Better, Greater Value

Whole-Wall R-Value



4" SIP wall outperforms 2"x 6" stud wall with R-19

Source: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, 2002

Cost Savings

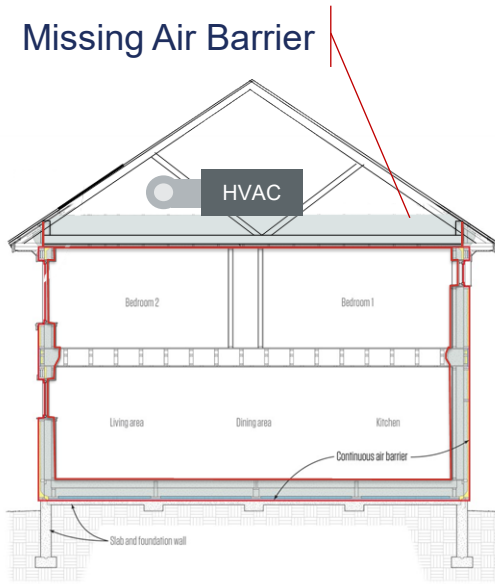
Grade I Insulation	\$1K - \$1.5K
Air Seal/Barriers	\$1K - \$2K
Rework	\$1K - \$1.5K
Reduced Waste	\$1K - \$2K
Time (5 days)	\$2.5K - \$4K

More Value

30 SF More Space	\$10K - \$15K
Resilience	\$2K - \$4K
Quality	\$2K - \$4K



SIPs Attic: Faster, Better, Greater Value



Vented Attic Problem

- **More Value:**
 - Added Volume
 - Efficient/Air-Tight
 - Comfort
 - Strength
 - Resilience (Fire/Impact)
- **Cost Savings:**
 - Cycle Time
 - Attic Vents
 - Air Barriers and Sealing

SIPs Attic: Faster, Better, Greater Value



Vented Attic Problem:
~50% Air Barrier

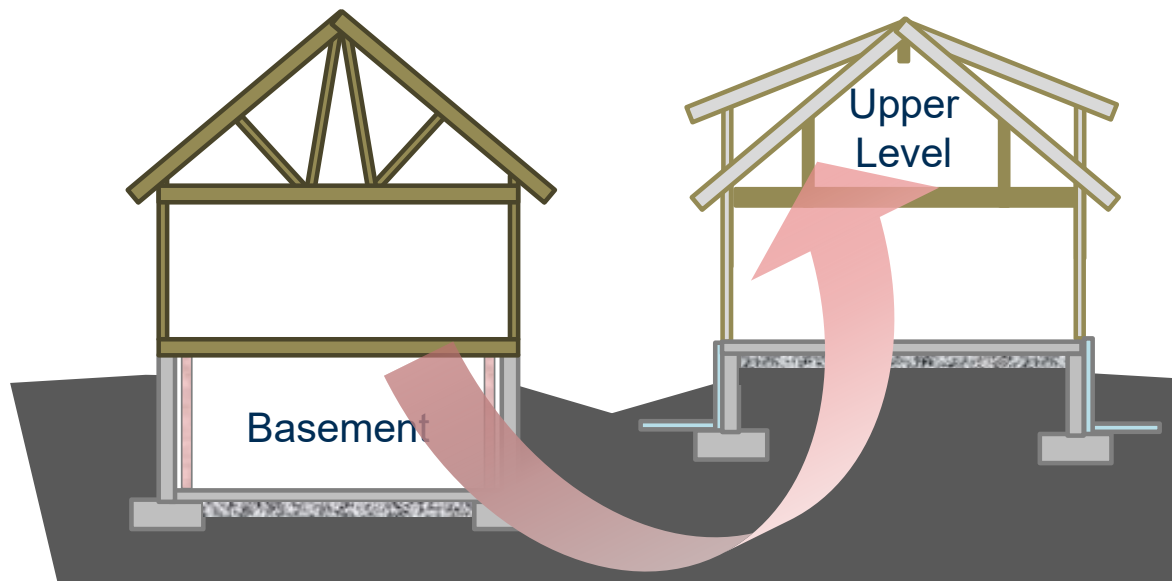


SIP Unvented Attic Solution:
100% Air Barrier

SIPs Attic: Faster, Better, Greater Value



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Framed Roof

Trade Basement for
Upper Level w/ SIPs

¹ "Frost-Protected Shallow Foundations, NAHB Research Center, 4/30/04

Cost Savings

FPS Foundation ¹	up to \$6K
Wall Framing	\$1K - \$2K
Egress Windows	\$1K - \$2K
Air Seal/Barriers	\$1K - \$2K
Attic Venting	\$1K - \$1.5K
Reduced Waste	\$1K - \$2K
Time (5 days)	\$2.5K - \$4K

More Value

2 nd Fl. vs. B'ment	\$80K - \$120K
Resilience	\$2K - \$4K
Quality	\$2K - \$4K

SIPs Optimized Productivity: Reduced Trades

- Trades Eliminated
 - Framing
 - Insulation
 - Air Sealing/Air Barriers
- Trades Reduced Scope of Work
 - Drywall
 - Finishes/Trim
 - Inspections/Testing
 - Site Clean-up/Waste Removal

SIPs Optimized Productivity: Reduced Cycle Time



Total Number of Days on Site

Source: Century Homes and Entekra customers

$\$500 - \$800/\text{day} = \mathbf{\$12.5K - \$20K}$

SIPs Cycle Time Value

Source: Entekra customers and Glenn Cotrell, "Understanding the Cost of Quality," Professional Builder

SIPs Optimized Disaster Resistance

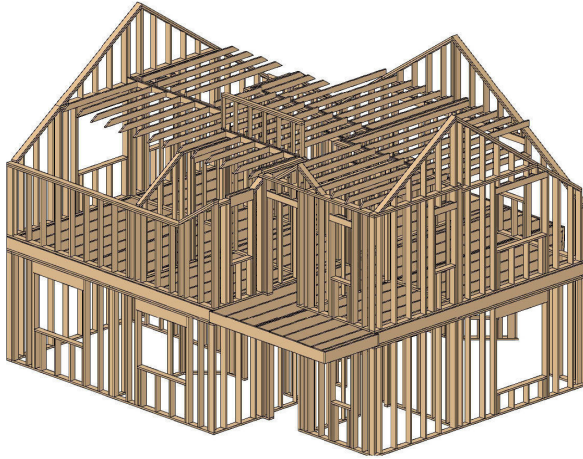


Enhanced Resistance:

- Wildfires
- Impact
- Wind
- Snow Load
- Earthquake

Translating Faster, Better, and Greater Value ZEH Enclosures

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150-Year-Old
Enclosure Technology



Advanced Enclosure
Technology

SIPs vs. Framing Cost Savings

Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framing• Drywall• Trim• Velocity• Inventory Turn
Air Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Sealing• Air Barriers• Attic Venting
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 1 Insulation• Rework (framing, finishes)• Risk (reserves, liability)• Inspections (inherent QA)• Training (MEP, insulation, air sealing)
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framing• Drywall• Trim

Significant hidden cost savings with SIPs do not show up in the bidding process

SIPs vs. Framing Added Value

Enhanced Quality

- Strength/Dimensional Accuracy
- Resilience (fire, wind, impact, pests)
- Higher Appraisals

Enhanced Space

- Thinner Walls Added Space
- Conditioned Attic Added Space
- Conditioned Attic Added Storage
- Raised Ceilings Added Volume

Enhanced Incentives

- 45L Tax Credit
- Utility HPH Rebate
- Home Insurance Discount

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Example

Application:		Costs		# Days	
Scope of Work		Framing	SIPs	Framing	SIPs
TOTAL COST		\$1,359	\$23,497	93.5	29.0
Structure		\$20	\$55,050	30.0	7.0
Complete Above Grade Enclosure		\$40,000	\$55,000		
Roof Framing		\$2	\$8		
W'all Framing		\$3	\$9		
Floor Framing		\$4	\$10		
Structural Beams		\$5	\$11		
Foundation		\$6	\$12		
Insulation		\$33	\$33	1.0	1.0
Whole-House Insulation		\$ 2	\$ 2		
Roof/Attic Insulation		\$ 6	\$ 6		
W'all Cavity Insulation		\$ 3	\$ 3		
W'all Rigid Insulation		\$ 4	\$ 4		
Attic Ceiling/Rafter Insulation		\$ 5	\$ 5		
Band Joist Insulation		\$ 6	\$ 6		
Floor Insulation		\$ 7	\$ 7		
Slab Insulation		\$ 8	\$ 8		
Air Flow Control		\$20	\$220	44.0	11.0
Whole-House Air Sealing		\$5	\$5		
Air Barriers		\$2	\$22		
Air Sealing		\$3	\$33		
Attic Wind Baffles		\$4	\$44		
Attic Vents		\$5	\$55		
House Wrap		\$6	\$66		
Finishes		\$21	\$10	3.0	4.5
Interior Drywall		\$6	\$1		
Interior Cabinets		\$7	\$2		
Interior Trim		\$8	\$3		
Exterior Trim		\$0	\$4		
MEP		\$ 7.00	\$10	5.0	3.0
Schematics for Optimizing MEP		\$7	\$1		
HVAC Cost Differential		\$8	\$2		
Electric Cost Differential with Conventional Framing		\$9	\$3		
Plumbing Cost Differential with Conventional Framing		\$11	\$4		
Quality Control and Lean Construction		\$1,265	\$424	10.5	2.5
Training		\$7	\$2		
Inspections		\$8	\$3		
Rework		\$9	\$4		
Risk (Reserves for Call-Backs)		\$11	\$5		
Waste Removal (Dumpsters)		\$1,230	\$410		
Value of Construction Time Saved vs. Framing			-\$32,250		-\$4.5

SIP's Improved User Experience	Value
TOTAL ADDED VALUE	\$ 152,600
Enhanced Quality:	
Greater Strength/Dimensional Accuracy	\$2,000
Enhanced Resilience (e.g. Impact, Wind, Vildfire)	\$10,000
Higher Appraisals to Base Price	\$2,500
Enhanced Space:	
Additional Conditioned Sq. Ft. with Thinner Walls	\$5,700
Additional Conditioned Sq. Ft. of Attic Space	\$100,000
Additional Sq. Ft. of Attic Storage	\$ 6,000
Additional Conditioned Sq. Ft. of Vaulted Ceiling	\$ 15,000
Incentives Savings:	
45 L Tax Credit	\$0
Utility Rebate	\$0
Reduced Home Insurance Annual Insurance Cost	\$400

Translating Value: True Cost Case Study

Usher Residence



Addison Homes Greenville, SC

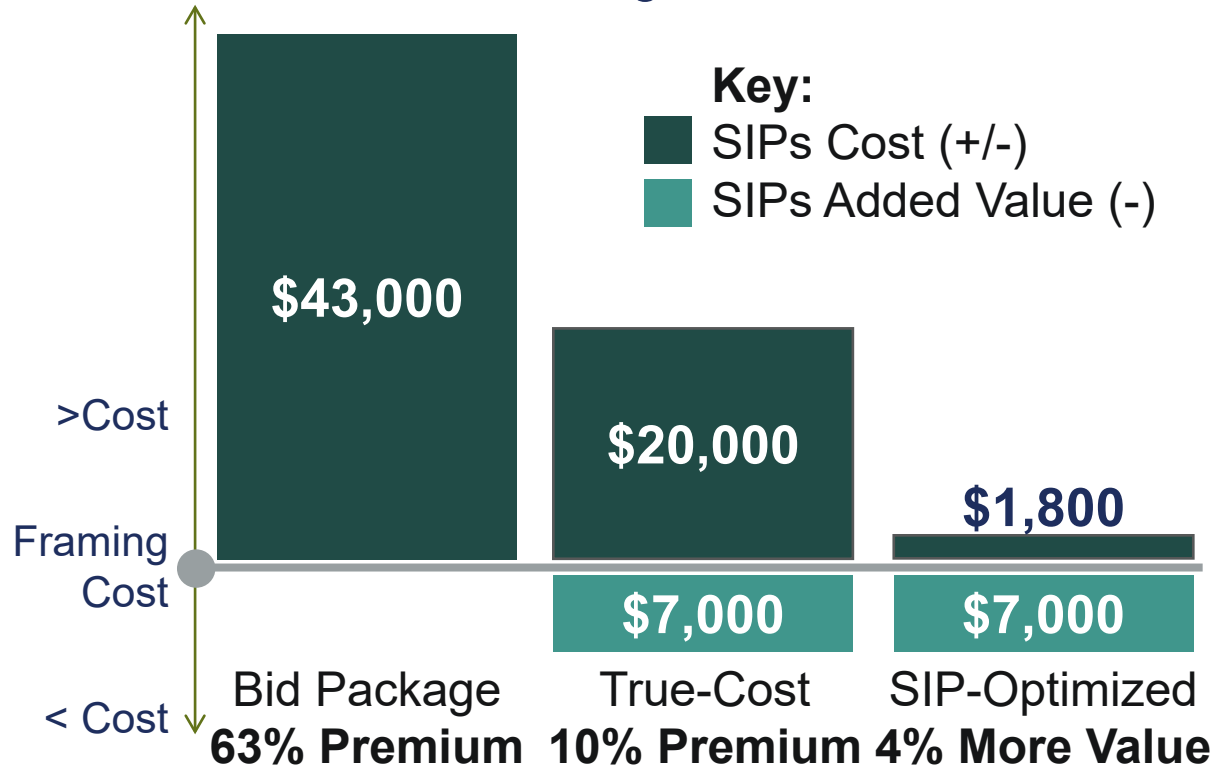
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- \$450,000
- Framed Walls/Roof

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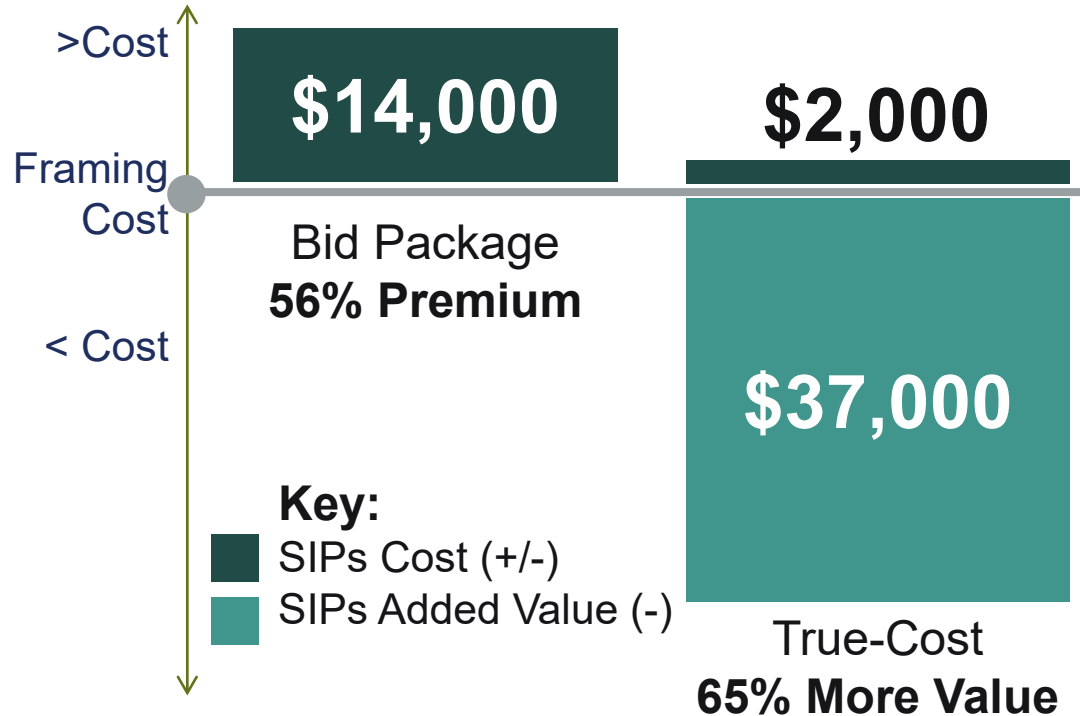
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- 1,600 SF
- \$199,900
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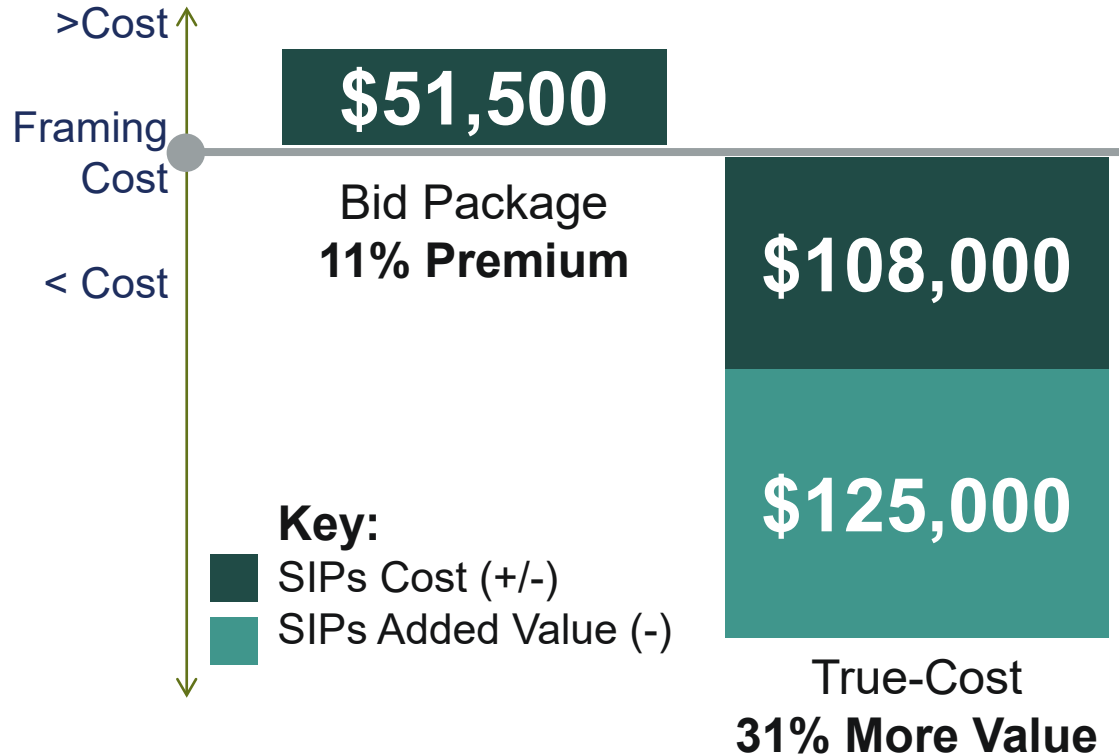
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Translating Value: SIPs Results / Actions

Results:

- 15% to 100+% total costs missing without true-cost comparison
- SIPs is lowest true cost than framing with optimized single- and multi-family homes

Actions:

- Always get a true-cost bid for enclosures
- Integrate SIPs optimization with the design process for substantial cost savings
- Develop SIP-optimized house plans with UX optimized expert designs

Key Finding:

Faster, better, and greater value high-performance home decisions are not being made in absence of true cost assessment and optimized designs

SIPs High-Performance Resources

SIPs Resources: www.SIPs.org



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- In depth *Best Practices* and *Connection Details*

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Building with SIPs – Need to Know

BUILDING CONSIDERATIONS

High-performance building envelopes use SIPs

SIP performance is based on more than its stated R-value

HVAC system rightsizing reduces costs and enhances comfort and performance

SIP structural capabilities cater well to virtually any design

SIPs are typically factory cut for accuracy, quality and reduced on-site labor

SIPs are manufactured using "SIP shop (or panelized) drawings"

SIPs are customized to varying levels depending on client needs

Roof and wall assemblies

Factory cut electrical chases reduce electrician time in the field

Design plumbing into interior walls

Resource to better understand the science of building with SIPs

CHECKLIST

High-Performance Building Envelope ...

HVAC Systems

Structural Capabilities

SIP Sizes

Shop Drawings

SIP Fabrication

SIP Installation

Roof and Wall Assemblies

Electrical

Plumbing



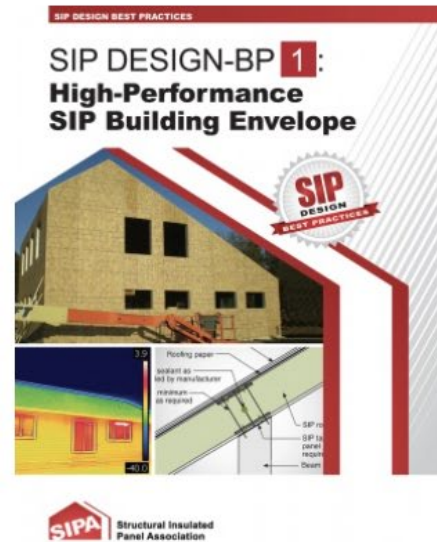
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