## Multifamily Housing Solutions Using Modular Construction

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Star Apartments Skid Row Housing Trust

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## Factory Built Housing

Manufactured Housing

Modular<br>Housing

Panelized Housing

## WHAT YOU MAY BE THINKING..........



## WHAT YOU SHOULD BE THINKING



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## Manufactured Housing

Manufactured homes are built in factories. They conform to a federal building code, called the HUD code, rather than to building codes at their destinations. Manufactured homes are built on a non-removable steel chassis. Each home is substantially complete when it leaves the factory, with a small amount of work left to be completed on site.
-Formerly referred to as mobile homes or trailers, but with many more style options than in the past.
-Manufactured homes are built on a non -removable steel chassis.

- Sections are transported to the building site on their own wheels.
- Segments are not always placed on a permanent foundation.
-Building inspectors check the work done locally (electric hook -up, etc.) but are not required to approve the structure.


## Factory Built Housing Options



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Manufactured Housing


## Modular Structures

## What is a Modular Structure?

- Modular structures are built in sections at factories.
-Modular structures are built to conform to all state, local, or regional building codes at their final destinations.
-Sections are transported to the building site on (low-boy) truck beds, then joined together by local contractors.
-Local building inspectors check to make sure a modular structure meets requirements and that all finish work is done properly.


## Modular Homes



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## Panelized Construction

## What is panelized construction?

Panelized construction - or panelization - is the process of building wall, roof, and floor sections in an environmentally controlled manufacturing facility and delivering them to the construction site for installation.

Originally popular in the single-family home market, the use of panelized construction techniques is rapidly increasing for multifamily apartment buildings and motel/hotel facilities. These are not just low-budget, small apartment buildings in rural communities, but also large, 100-unit-plus, upscale senior housing complexes in urban settings.

## Panelized Construction



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## Why use offsite construction?

Offsite construction, or construction fabricated within a controlled factory setting, provides many efficiencies that cannot be met with conventional construction.

- Very little waste associated with construction
- Higher standards QA/QC
- Shortens project schedules (in most cases)
- Provides an option for construction in areas where conventional construction timelines are limited due to weather, i.e., snow, rain, ice, etc.
- Decreases job-site safety hazards
- Allows for consistent labor and trade forces.


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## What's in it for General Contractors?

- Versatile options for your clients
- Projects that take fewer subs, less time and less manpower
- Experience in a wider scope of construction
- The existing clients who want modular, need General Contractors with experience


## The Process Schedule

## MODULAR CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



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## Velocity of Capital: <br> Conventional vs Modular

## Permits, Approval and Inspections

## Local work is approved and inspected by Local Authorities

Site Development
Foundation
Utility Connections
Structural Connections
Fire (Sprinkler)Inspections

Offsite work (factory) is approved and inspected by the State (label)

Washington State Labor and Industries
Oregon Department of Housing
Calif. Housing Community Development
Structural Inspections
Mechanical (HVAC) Inspections Electrical Inspections
Plumbing Inspections

## Modular Factory



Inside the Plant


## Temperature Controlled Environment



## Modular Placement and Connection



## Precision Placement



## Exterior Connections



## Connecting the Pieces



## Corridors and Connection Points



## Up to and Including Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment



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## Case Study, Currently in Progress

Breaking Ground in April 2019
Transition Projects, Inc. | Low Income Single Adult Housing Kenton Neighborhood, North Portland

42 Units (72 Beds)

- 35 Studio
- 1 One Bedroom
- 6 Single Residence Occupancy (SRO)

Project Team

- Housing Development Center, Development Consultant
- Holst Architecture
- Walsh Construction, General Contractor
- MODSpdx, Modular Builder



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Boxes

- SRO
- 15'6" x 40'9"
- Studio Building
- $15^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \times 46^{\prime \prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ or $15^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \times 62^{\prime \prime}$

Site Built Components

- Elevator Shaft
- Stairwells
- Common Room, Laundry, Food Pantry, and Two Offices


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## Details to Keep in Mind During Predevelopment

Take time to educate lenders.

- Arrange a site visit to the modular construction plant in advance of beginning talks.

Determine how the modular contract will be packaged.

- In the general contractor's scope or as a separate contract.

Establish values the modular builder will require in advance of closing or at closing.

- Cash deposit to hold time on the production line-if required.
- Upon project approval
- As determined by the team prior to entering into a contract and clearly communicated to lenders, assuming they are allowable.

Agree upon a flow of funds.

- Via the GC or directly to the modular contractor for milestone installments.

Arrange for insurance and custody of boxes.

- In the plant
- In transit
- During installation


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## Top Take-Aways

Start with modular. Don't try to fit a project that's already designed into a modular footprint; you will be paying for the design twice.
Partner early. The modular builder and architect need to be hired simultaneously.
Prepare for a compressed schedule. A modular project is fast-track from day one and never slows down. The team doesn't have the luxury of time to make changes as you do on a stick-frame project.

Expect greater building durability and longevity. Projects using modular are inherently more durable, because the building materials are never exposed to the elements, and the enhanced structure make them stronger than stick-built.
Expect a finished product that looks identical to site-built. At the point of completion, there is no way to tell the two construction methods apart.

"Modular vs. Traditional: In the battle for supremacy, these two distinctly different construction methods often yield indistinguishable results. For many, the battle is lost or won by their ability to deliver quality buildings and ROI quickly." Freshome.com

