







The EC3 tool is about more than quantifying embodied carbon...



It's changing the way we work with our design teams.

Perkins and Will and Webcor are using the Newark Civic Center in Newark, CA as a case study to pilot the EC3 Tool. We are also working with Sellen to test the EC3 Tool on The Hub, an office campus Mountlake Terrace, WA.

Piloting the EC3 tool in California & Washington

Informing our decisions about supply chain.

We're comparing methods to gather takeoffs for the EC3 Tool & collaborating to establish a process for low-carbon materials procurement.

Some options for inputting takeoffs:

BIM 360 direct import:

• EC02e at a glance

Tally analysis + import:

• LCA + embodied carbon procurement

Direct input from takeoffs

Recommended best practice



Reducing Embodied Carbon

Takeoffs: Import from BIM 360



Reducing Embodied Carbon

Takeoffs: Import from Tally Analysis



Reducing Embodied Carbon

Concrete Mix Refinement:

Collaborate with contractor, subs & local plants to optimize mixes

Alternative & recycled options:

Use EC3 to find lower carbon products, compile info from spec. writers, designers, & researchers

The timber industry:

Procure certified lumber, reach out to local mills to request EPD's, & perform Life Cycle Assessment for impact comparison

Market transformation

Select materials with Environmental Product Declarations; contact manufacturers to request increased transparency and share-back procurement success stories



Informing our decisions about material selection.

We're using these takeoffs to better understand the embodied carbon content of our projects' materials and assessing how the EC3 Tool can influence design on future projects.

Some options for specification:

- Establish a different dialogue from the get-go
- Bid out & procure from responses
- Procure specific materials and provide alts
- Require EPD's
- Set EC02e thresholds

Newark Civic Center.





Low-Carbon Procurement as an Iterative Process



Next Steps

- Establish an embodied carbon working group
- Case studies and benchmarking
- Work EC02e metrics into our existing sustainability goals
- Develop a workflow manual through comparative analysis