University of Minnesota: Opti-MN

Strategic Approach:

- Type of Project: Single Family
- Location: Minnesota
- Partners: Mega Homes & RSR
- Design Strategy: A contemporary farmhouse with a simple design, efficient form, good solar orientation, and streamlined mechanicals.
- Technical Strategy
 - Enclosure: 2x4 wall w/ 3" of exterior insulation; vented attic with cellulose and spray foam air barrier; R-5 windows with SHGC tuned to orientation; foundation with R-15 exterior insulation
 - HVAC: Integrated space and water heating with ducted ERV
 - IAQ: MERV 11 filtration, low VOC materials, garage separation; ASD
- Construction Cost Strategy: Use cost savings from the streamlined design and systems to improve the enclosure and upgrade system efficiency.

Technical Specifications:

Wall R-Value: **R-30** Ceiling R-Value: **R-60** Foundation R-Value: **R-15** Window R-Value: **R-5**

Window SHGC: **0.38** (south); **0.17** (rest) Space & Water Heater CAE: **94%** Air-conditioning SEER: **21.0**

Key Statistics:

Location: Minneapolis, MN 2009 IECC Climate Zone: 6

Square Feet: **3456**Number of Stories: **2**Number of Bedrooms: **4**Number of Bathrooms: **3.5**

Estimated Construction Cost: \$360,000

HERS Index Score: 33

Estimated Monthly Energy Cost: \$99





