Stationary Concentrator Daylighting System

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Project Summary

Timeline:

Start date: 10/1/2016

Planned end date: 9/30/2021

Key Milestones

1. Panels & Mechanics Survive Testing; 12/31/17
2. Panels Achieve >75% of Theoretical Performance 9/30/18
3. Field Installation Complete; 12/31/2020

Budget:

Total Project $ to Date:

- DOE: $1,074,441
- Cost Share: $304,656

Total Project $:

- DOE: $1,080,000
- Cost Share: $270,000

Key Partners: N/A

Project Outcome:

The goal of this program is to scale the Glint Daylight Concentrator into a full-size integrated prototype and evaluate its performance in a field installation.

In this program Glint has developed a full-scale production prototype including internal actuation mechanism, light delivery system, and building interface.

Glint will install systems in a field installation in order to evaluate real-world performance, validate the expected >50% energy savings over a pre-installation baseline, meeting MYPP daylighting goals, attracting potential customers, and further investment in the technology.

Team

- Leading development of innovative optical devices
  - Advanced materials and device designs
  - Unique IP in self-tracking solar concentrators, tunable IR optical devices, and advanced luminaires
  - Unique IP in LED lighting
  - Successful deployment of award winning LED lighting products
- Technical leadership:
  Over 60 years combined experience in materials and device technologies, product development, startup companies
- Expertise:
  Engineering staff from a variety of technical fields.
  Expertise in optical device design, optoelectronics, process development, simulation, optical test
- Facilities:
  Large mixed lab, office, light manufacturing and warehouse space. Located in Burlingame, CA.
- History:
  Founded in October 2010. Over $7 million in government funding.

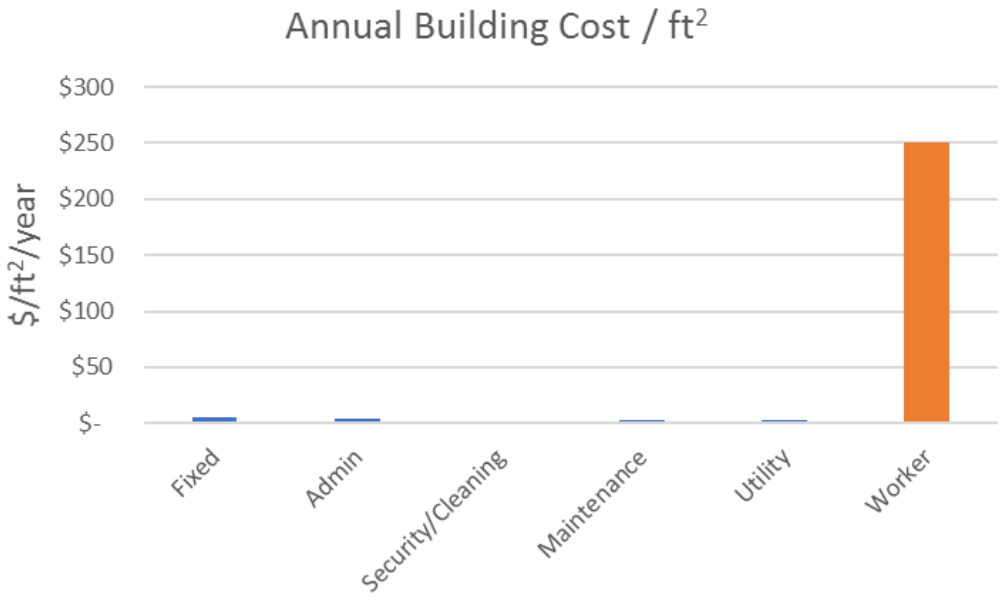
Dr. Peter Kozodoy
Founder & CEO

Dr. Chris Gladden
Director of Engineering

Challenge

Human Costs Dominate Building Expenses

- Human factors offer the biggest cost saving opportunity in buildings
- Total O&M + fixed costs:
  < $15/ft^2
- Typical office worker:
  >$250/ft^2
- Average office utility costs are ~$2.35/ft^2



Increasing worker productivity by 10% could save 10 times more that the total cumulative utility costs.

Challenge

Many building interiors have insufficient daylight

Studies suggest that by adding high quality daylight to buildings:

- Retail sales increase 31%-49% [1]
- Students progress 20%-26% faster in reading and math [2]
- Office worker productivity increases by 13% [3]
- Occupants can maintain healthy circadian rhythm, have increased cognitive performance, and decreased stress levels [4,5]

The Glint Daylight Concentrator is a revolutionary new product that can bring natural daylight deep into the interior of buildings

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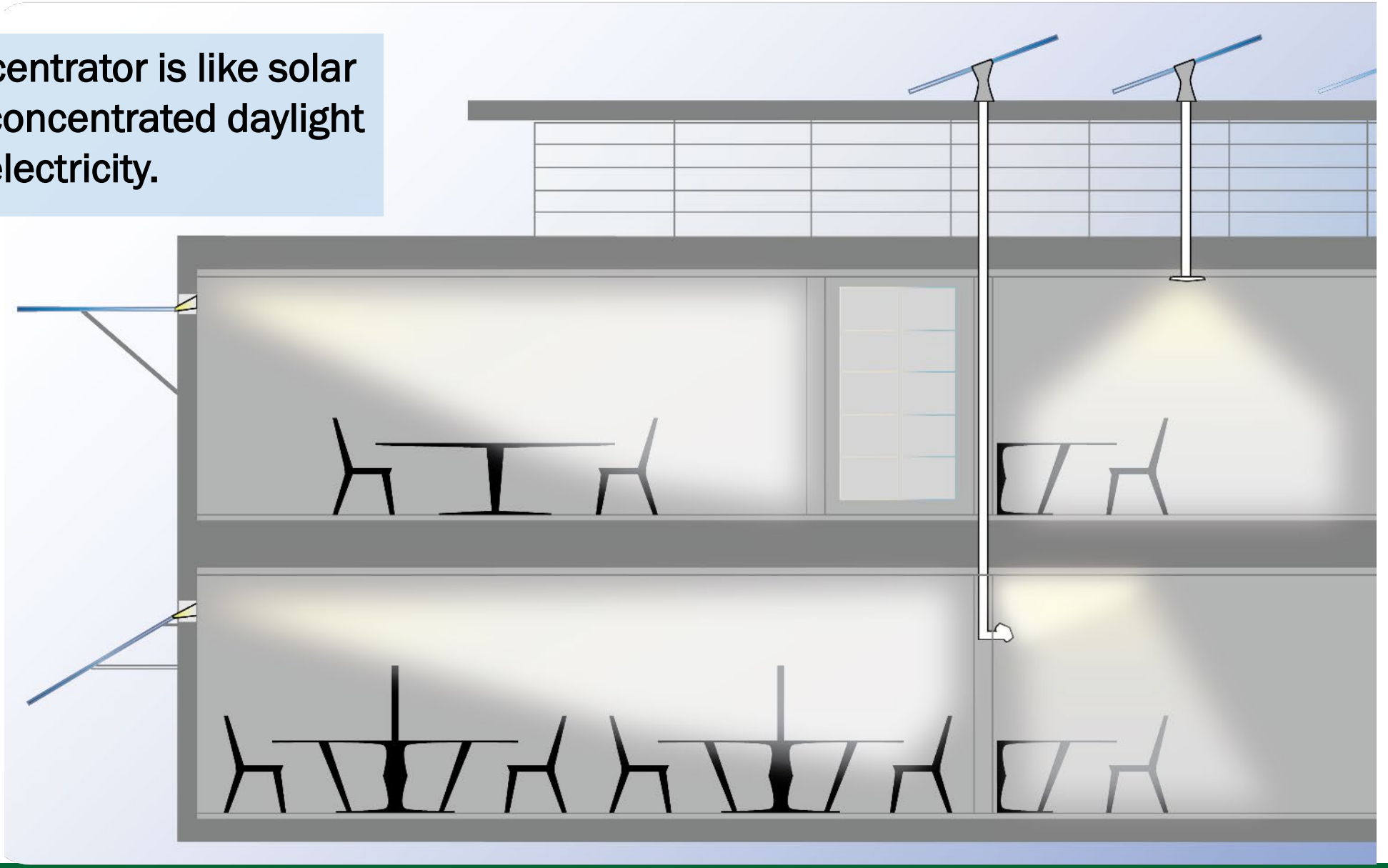
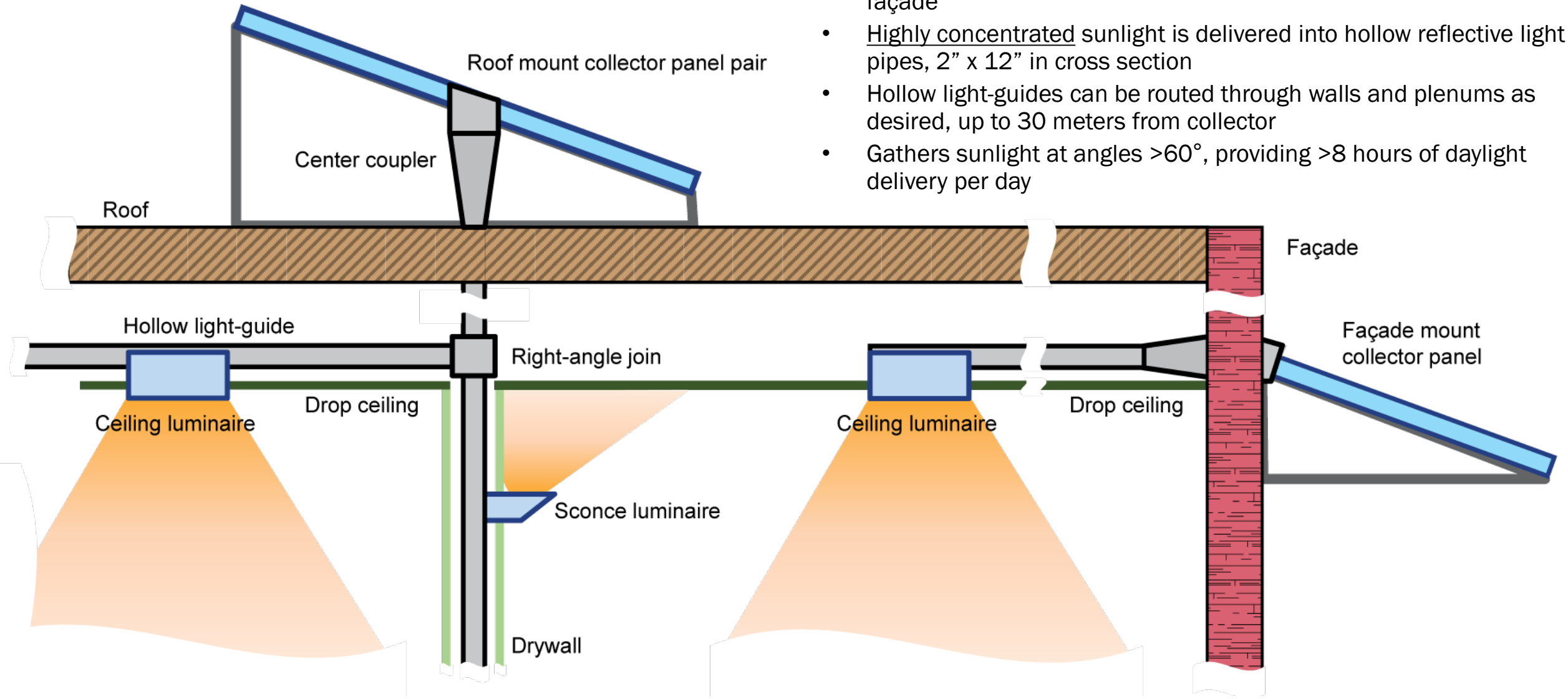
Approach

The Glint Daylight Concentrator is like solar panel that can deliver concentrated daylight instead of electricity.



Approach

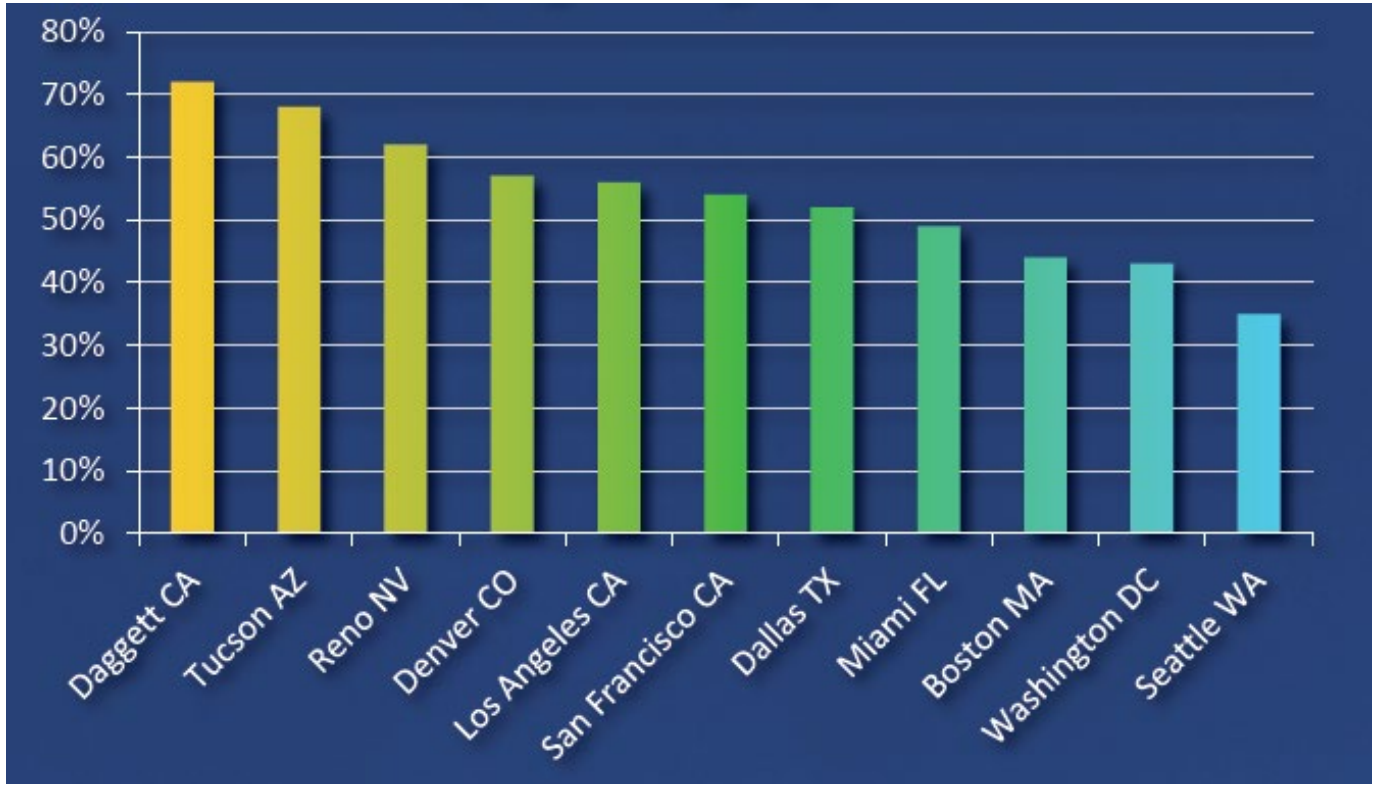
- Thin, flat, stationary collector panel mounted on roof or building façade
- Highly concentrated sunlight is delivered into hollow reflective light pipes, 2” x 12” in cross section
- Hollow light-guides can be routed through walls and plenums as desired, up to 30 meters from collector
- Gathers sunlight at angles >60°, providing >8 hours of daylight delivery per day



Approach

Market Opportunity

- 93% of the $6B daylighting market is currently skylights for commercial and institutional buildings
- California commercial buildings
  - 600,000 buildings with 6 billion square feet
  - 120,000 buildings per year perform alterations to improve energy efficiency
- Initial market: Commercial buildings in CA performing window glazing replacement or new construction (~12,000 buildings)



predicted annual lighting energy savings for US locations

Approach

Key Risks & Mitigation

Risk 1 - Mechanical Actuation System Accuracy

- Develop actuation system with mechanical advantage
- Characterize performance with motion capture

Risk 2 - Solar Position Algorithm

- Deploy photodiode based sun tracker
- Long term algorithm testing

Risk 3 - Panel Sealing and Environmental Durability

- Redesign panel sealing interface
- Extended environmental testing

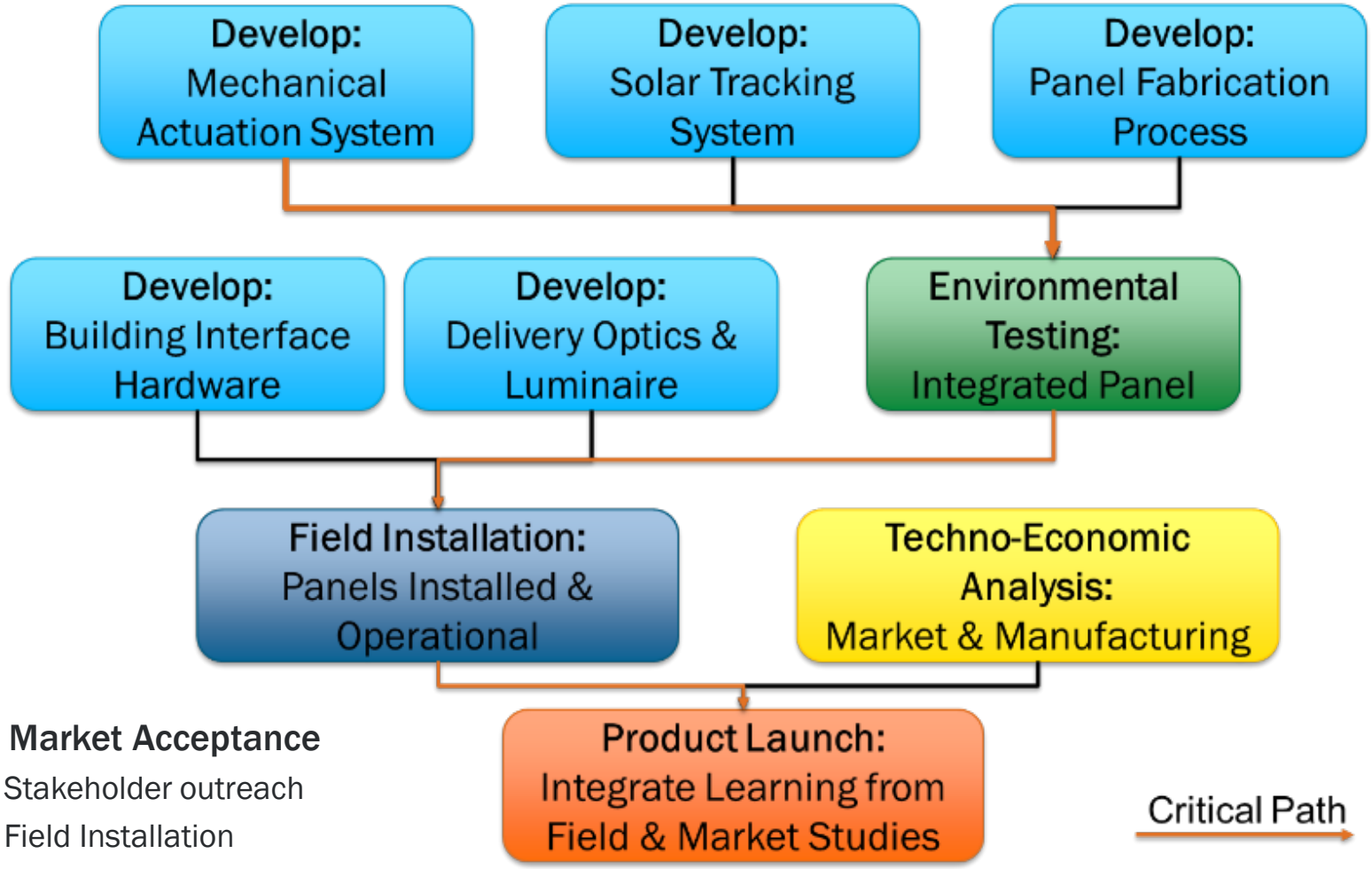
Risk 4 – Building Interface System

- Down-select to roof or façade
- Develop mounting hardware w/ input from field installation

Risk 5 – Market Acceptance

- Stakeholder outreach
- Field Installation
- Techno-Economic Analysis

Project Plan Overview



Impact

Multi-Year Program Plan Alignment

Project aligns with MYPP window light redirection and daylighting goals to reduce cost, improve aesthetics, reduce glare, and improve energy offset with higher efficiency and deeper redirection.

Daylighting Technologies	Lighting energy use (% reduction) 50 ft. floor plate;	16%	35%	50%
	Installed cost prem. incl. sensors & controls ($/sq. ft.)	$9	$13	$5

MYPP (pg. 83)

"Window light redirection technology reduces the amount of energy consumed for interior lighting, but the reach of the technological benefits is currently limited due to high cost of installations and aesthetic issues. The Sub-Program's focus is on reducing the high cost of daylighting and improving deep light redirection technologies at a low cost and without glare. Demonstrations related to appearance, the energy savings impact based on season and time of day, and appropriate integration with building controls and operation in coordination with R&D will help drive the technologies to the market." (MYPP pg. 82)

Field Installation

- Originally planned field installation had to be relocated due to COVID-19 and construction timing related issues
- Field installation was performed at Glint's facilities in Burlingame CA
- Close access to installation allows more detailed measurement of performance and diagnosis of issues

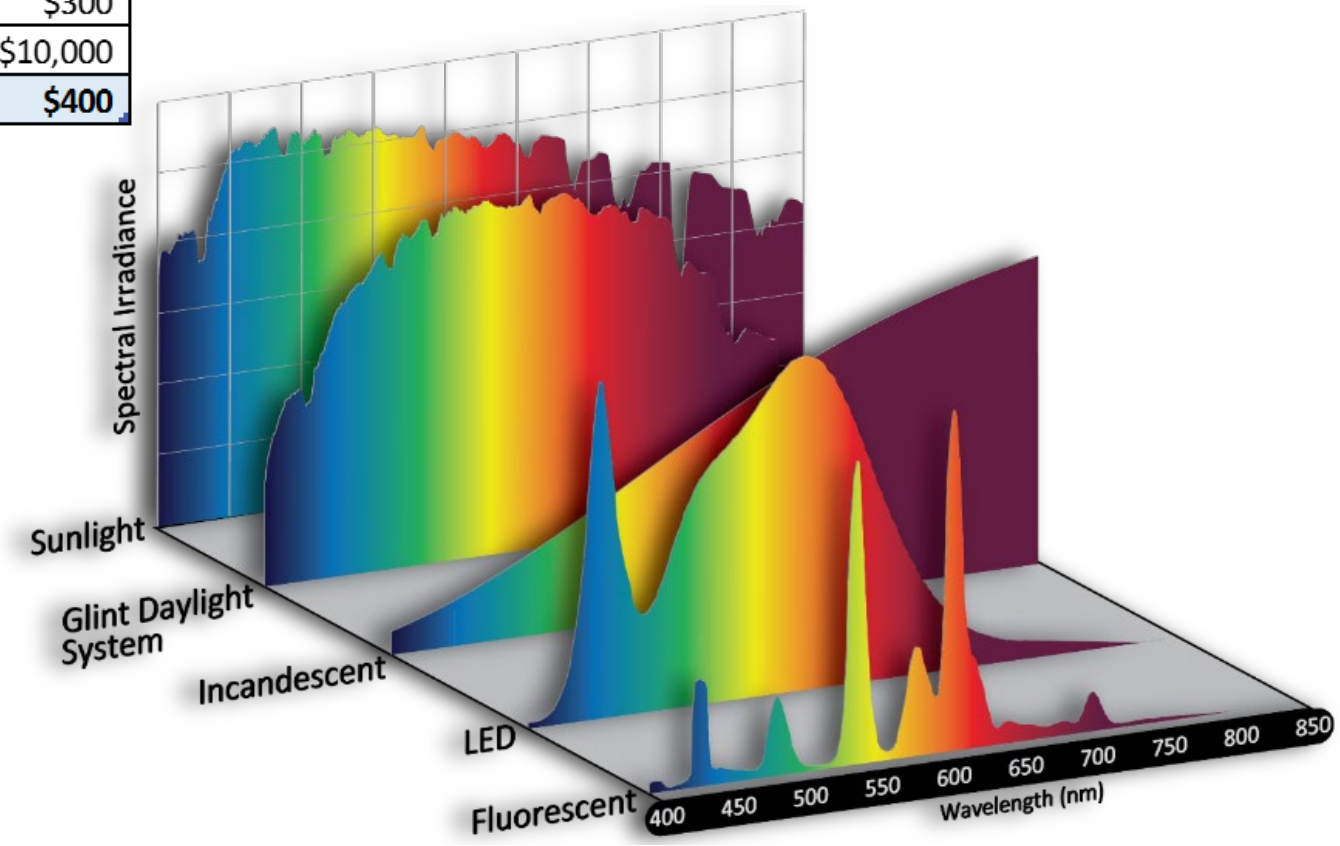
Impact

Cost and Performance Advantage

Daylighting system	Routing capability	Roof penetration area (sq ft)	Peak lumens	Cost
Skylight in drywall shaft	None	8.00	30,000	$2,500
Tubular daylighting device	Limited	1.10	8,000	$300
Concentrator with fiber optics	Flexible	0.05	4,000	$10,000
Glint daylighting device	**Flexible**	**0.17**	**13,000**	**$400**

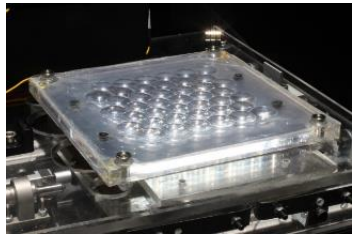
The Glint Daylight Concentrator provides significant cost and performance advantages over incumbent technology.

- More light delivered through a smaller roof penetration
- Reduced installation cost
- Increased routing flexibility
- Greater annual energy savings
- Excellent spectral quality

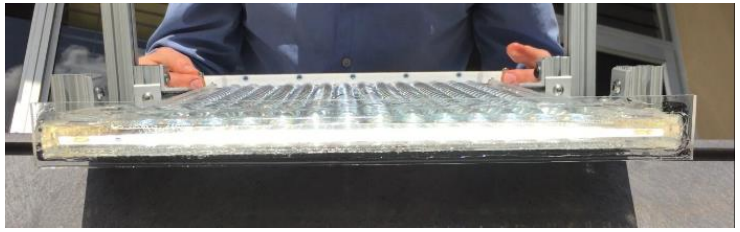


Progress

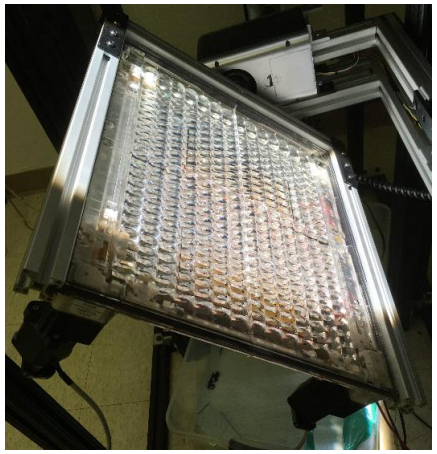
- Project is currently nearing end-point
- Extended vendor delays and quality issues delayed project by 2 quarters, additional vendor delays and COVID-19 related work interruptions delayed project further
- BTO BENEFIT funding will support development from 2016 to September 2021



2016 – 20 in^2



2017 –Manually Actuated 170 in^2



2018 – Fully Automated 170 in^2

2019 - 2020 – Field Installation w/ Dual Automated Panels

Technology featured in Scientific American, MIT Tech Review, CleanTechnica, TechSpot, Gizmodo and more.

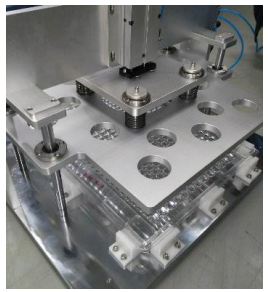
Progress

Major Accomplishments

- Actuation system developed and tested for durability
- Solar tracking hardware developed and tested
- Worked with molded optics vendor to develop improved molding process
- Significant market interaction with lighting designers and daylighting experts has validated the value proposition
- Completed field installation and uncovered various design issues with panels
- Prepared new design concept to address issues with current panels

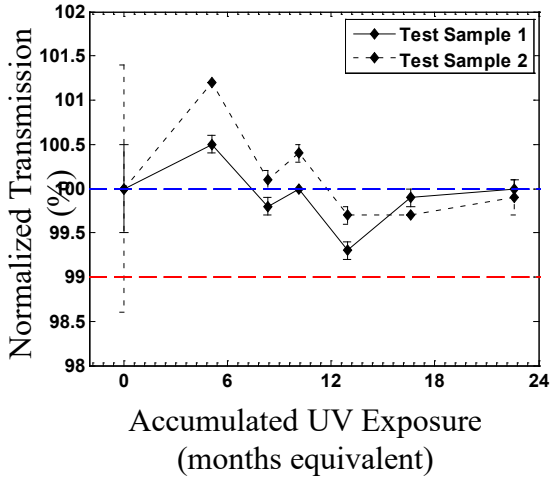
Field Installation

Optical Molding

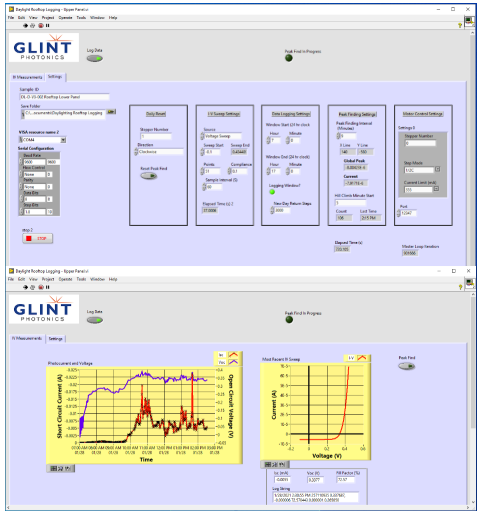


Mechanical Actuation

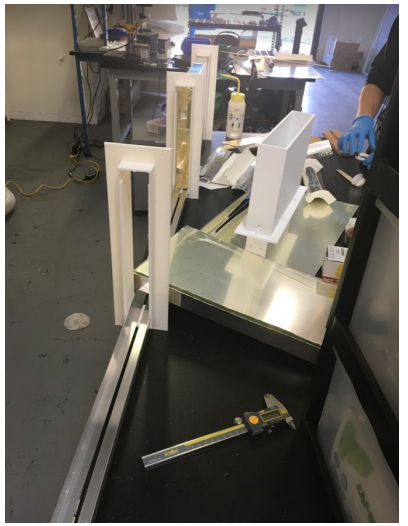
Environmental Testing



Solar Tracking Software



Delivery Optics



Stakeholder Engagement

- **Project nearing end-point**
- **Glint has established itself as an optical innovator in the LED luminaire industry**
- **Glint continues extensive interaction with lighting designers and industry experts:**
  - George Loisos, Principal at Loisos + Ubbelohde, an Oakland-based architectural design firm. Offered offices for field installation site.
  - Eight Inc., a San Francisco-based "experience design" firm that designs high-profile retail, hospitality, and commercial spaces. Met with a group of 10 designers.
  - Jeremy Steinmeir, a leading lighting designer at the San Francisco office of the architectural design firm Gensler.
  - Dane Sanders, Principal at Clanton & Associates, a Boulder-based lighting design and engineering firm.
  - Earl Armstrong, a builder and developer in the Santa Barbara area active in the construction of schools, museums, and office space.
  - Konstantinos Papamichael, Co-director at California Lighting Technology Center, UC Davis.
- **Glint has also established a network of external sales reps that have begun to sell Glint's LED lighting products, this network has also proved a valuable source of customer feedback.**

Stakeholder Engagement

- **Industry engagement has directed several key decisions:**
  - Informing what aspects of the current design need improvement to meet market demands
  - Plan to target new construction or buildings with planned window replacement/retrofit
  - Emphasize aesthetic appeal of product to improve adoption by lighting designers and architects
  - Develop attractive/unique internal luminaires to distinguish product
  - Design optical system to eliminate glare as much as possible (downfall of many previous daylighting system)
  - Solar tracking / mechanical actuation system must be automated, robust, and self correcting (many previous daylighting trackers eventually stop tracking the sun)

Remaining Project Work

Key Risks Remaining

Risk 1 - Mechanical Actuation System Accuracy (COMPLETE)

Risk 2 - Solar Position Algorithm (COMPLETE)

Risk 3 - Panel Sealing and Environmental Durability (COMPLETE)

- Redesign panel sealing interface (COMPLETE)
- Verification of component durability (COMPLETE)
- Extended environmental testing (COMPLETE)

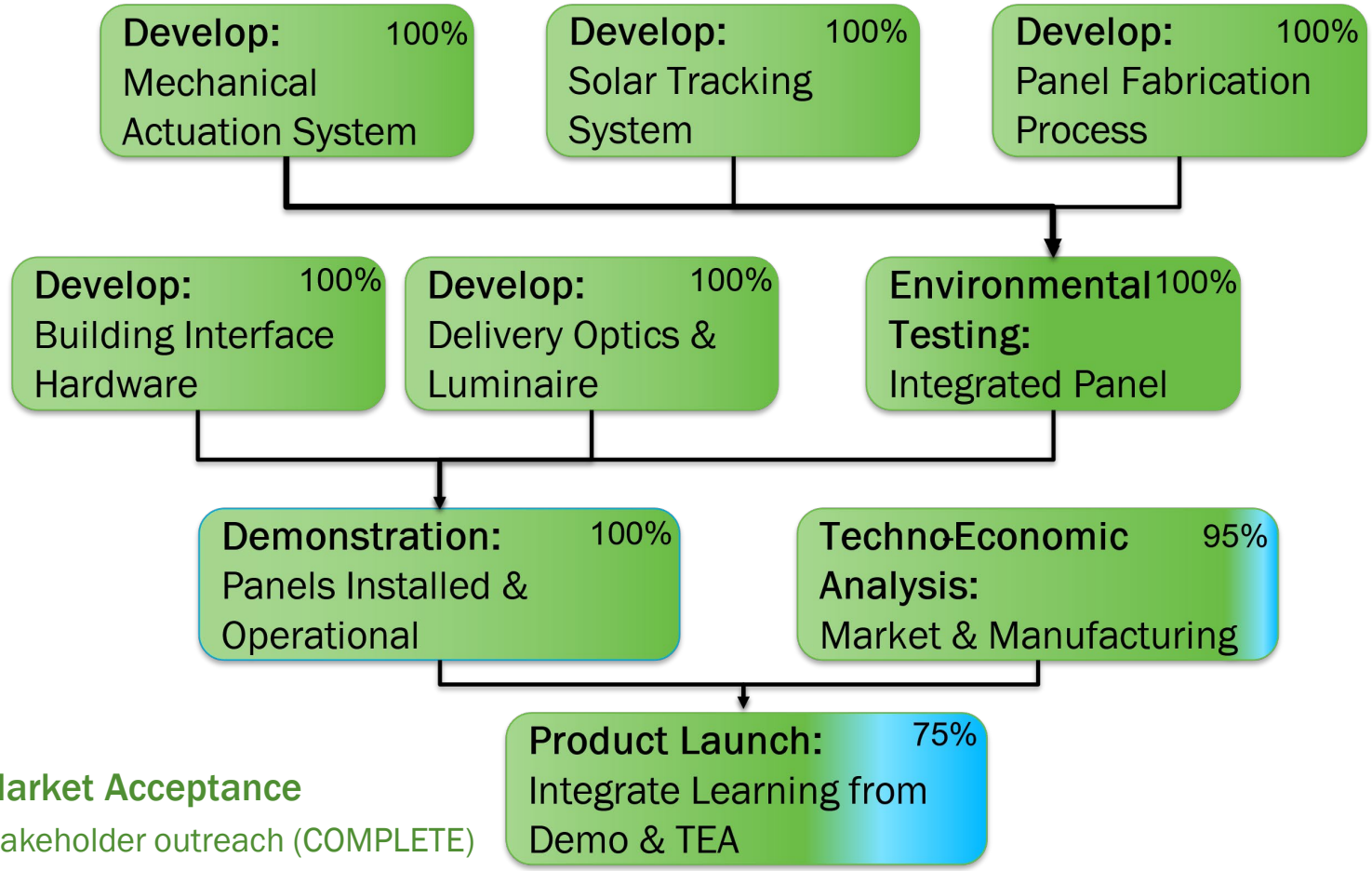
Risk 4 – Building Interface System (COMPLETE)

- Down-select to roof or façade (COMPLETE)
- Develop mounting hardware w/ input from field installation (COMPLETE)

Risk 5 – Market Acceptance

- Stakeholder outreach (COMPLETE)
- Field Installation (COMPLETE)
- Techno-Economic Analysis (IN PROGRESS)

Project Plan Progress



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Performing Organization(s)

PI Name and Title

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REFERENCE SLIDES

Project Budget

Project Budget: $1.08M DOE, $270K cost-share (CEC)
Variances: No major variances aside from NCE
Cost to Date: 99% of 1,080,000 DOE Spent, >100% of Cost Share
Additional Funding: ARPA-E MOSAIC DE-AR0000644, CEC EPC-14-040

Budget History					
10/1/2016 – FY 2020 (past)		FY 2021 (current)		FY 2021 – 9/30/2021 (planned)	
DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share	DOE	Cost-share
$964,845	$304,635	$109,596	$0	$5,558	$0

Project Plan and Schedule

- Vendor delays for molded optical panels resulted in program wide delays
  - Mechanical system changes required mold revision
  - Vendor had 3 month delay in completing mold revisions
  - Molded part planarity issues required additional 3 months of work
- Six-month no cost extension was used to re-align project schedule
- During Budget Period 2 we experienced additional delays due to vendors unintentionally shipping old out of spec stock
- This supply issue was quickly followed by the COVID-19 shutdown, which halted in-person work and prevented the installation of the panels
- An additional 6-mo NCE brought the program back into alignment
- All slipped milestones are a result of these delays

	Task Name	Status	Start	Finish
1	5.2.1 - Roof mounted panel tested for 6 months		10/12/20	09/10/21
2	Panel mechanical construction	Complete	10/12/20	11/06/20
3	Panel mechanical validation	Complete	11/09/20	11/13/20
4	**Panel sealing & dosing**	**Complete**	**11/16/20**	**11/25/20**
11	**Panel testing & tracking**	**Complete**	**11/16/20**	**12/09/20**
18	**Solar Data Collection**	**Complete**	**11/16/20**	**12/10/20**
27	**Panel Install**	**Complete**	**11/16/20**	**11/27/20**
32	Collect 1 month of data	Complete	12/10/20	01/12/21
33	Collect 3 months of data	Complete	12/10/20	03/10/21
34	Collect 6 months of data	Complete	12/10/20	06/10/21
35	Collect 9 months of data	In Progress	12/10/20	09/10/21
36	5.3.1 - New panel design finalized	In Progress	12/10/20	05/12/21
37	Concept testing	In Progress	12/10/20	01/20/21
38	Optical design	In Progress	12/10/20	01/20/21
39	Part and process update	In Progress	01/21/21	03/03/21
40	Design for manufacturing/cost	In Progress	03/04/21	04/07/21
41	Final design review	Not Started	04/07/21	04/07/21
42	Design freeze and release	Not Started	04/08/21	05/12/21
43	5.3.2 - New hardware and delivery optics finalized	In Progress	05/13/21	09/15/21
50	6.2.3 - Analysis of Energy Savings	In Progress	01/13/21	09/17/21
55	6.2.4 - Revised design and documentation	In Progress	09/16/21	09/29/21
58	6.3.4 - Transition Plan	Complete	06/16/21	06/29/21