

Daylighting Design Principles and the LightLouver Daylighting System

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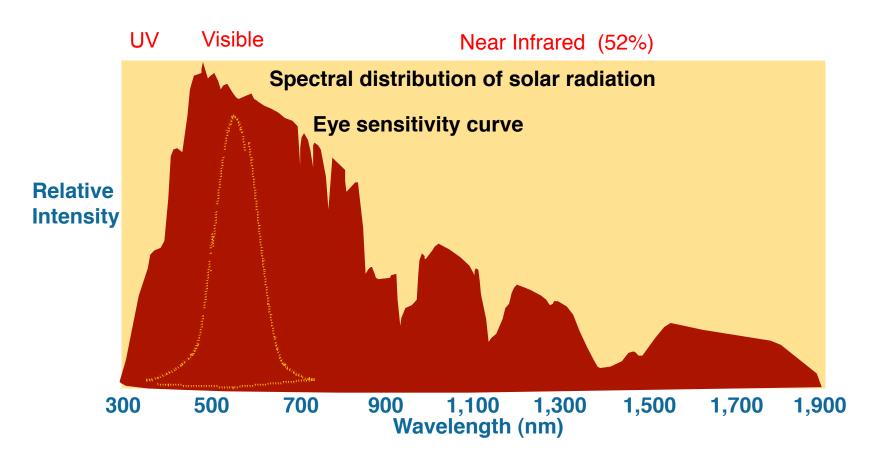


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What is Daylight?



#### The Solar Spectrum



What is Daylight?



- The perfect light source
- Sets our body's Circadian rhythm / biological clock
- Highly variable (location, time & season)
- Controllable through design



# Daylighting Basics What is daylighting?

The purposeful use of sunlight to meet the illumination requirements of an architectural space.







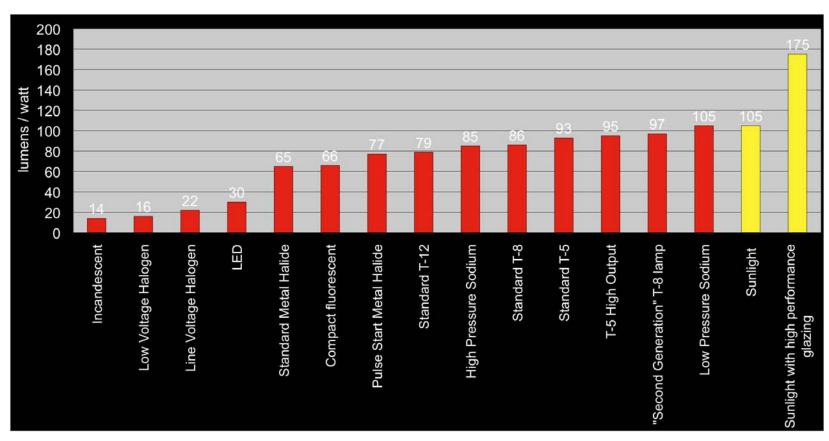






### Lighting efficacy comparison (light to heat ratio)





- Daylight with no low-e coating: 90 120 lumens/watt
- Daylight with low-e coating and LightLouver: 150 250 lumens/watt
- For each 3 watts of lighting energy reduction, you get approximately 1 watt reduction in cooling energy

Why Use Daylighting?

#### Architectural Factors

- Space definition
- Establishes character of space
- Establishes exterior expression

#### Human Factors

- Psychological connection to outdoors
- Improve occupant health and well-being
- Improve worker productivity
- Improve occupant satisfaction with indoor environment

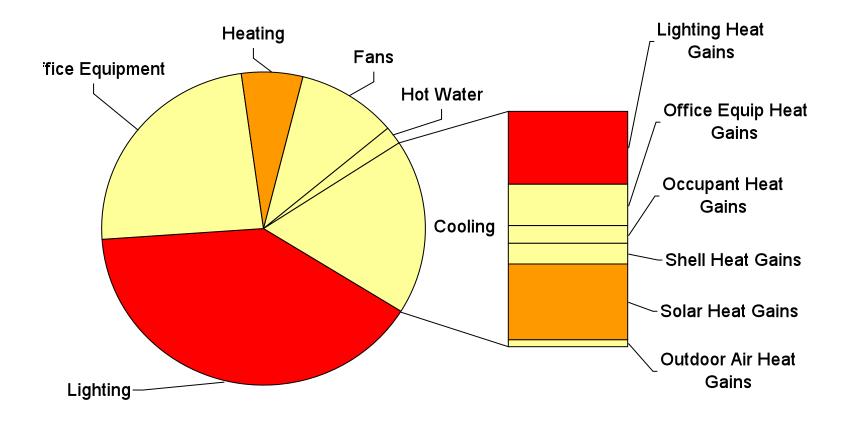
### Energy Efficiency

- Lighting a major building load & cost
- Reduces coincident peak electrical demand



#### **Typical Office Building Energy Costs**





Electric lighting accounts for 30 - 50% of a building's annual energy cost:

- Typically 50% or more of total electrical load
- Contributes to cooling load up to 30%

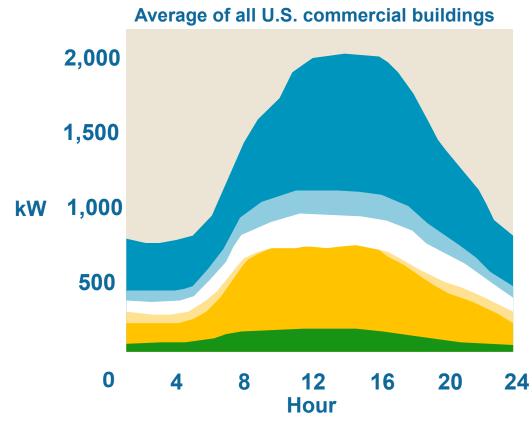
Winter Day Electrical Load Shape





Water heating, cooking, and refrigeration

**Summer Peak** 



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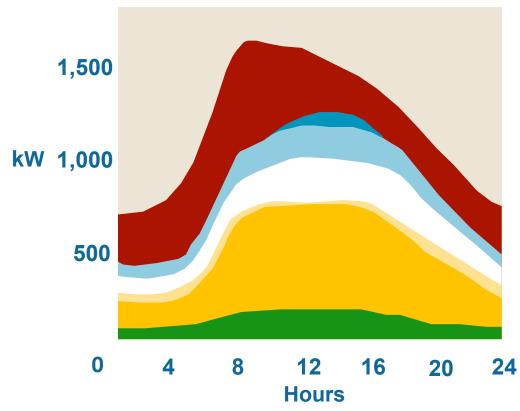


Exterior lighting Interior lighting Other

Water heating, cooking, and refrigeration

**Winter Peak** 

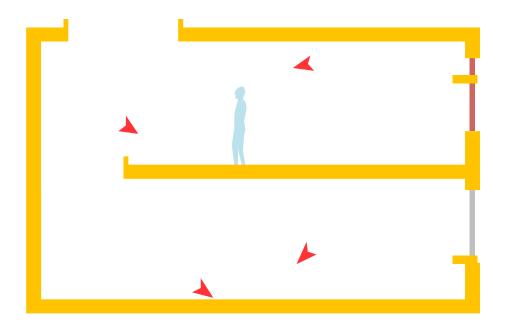




**Architectural Daylighting Strategies** 



#### **Top daylighting**

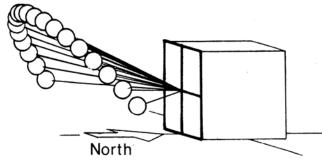


**Side daylighting** 

# Daylighting Basics Side Daylighting Challenges

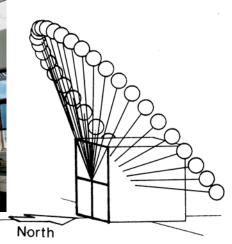
- Dynamic resource: difficult to control
  - Low winter sun angles,
     solar cut-off angle issues
  - Varying sky conditions
  - Reduced resource at higher summer sun angles when need for daylight is greatest
- Access to daylight
  - Deep floor plates
  - Orientation variation
  - Uniform distribution of daylight





Winter sun angles on a southfacing surface

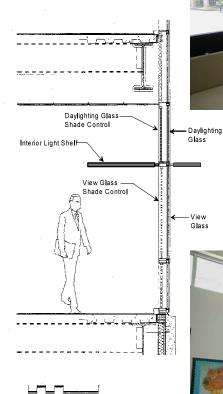




Summer sun angles on a southfacing surface

Limitations of side daylighting approaches

- Lightshelves
  - Expensive
  - Obtrusive
  - Medium daylight distribution (1-1.5x daylight zone)
  - Winter glare (cut-off angle) issues
- Translucent glazing
  - Low daylight transmission
  - Shallow light distribution
  - Glare / contrast ratio issues
- Overhangs
  - Poor summer performance
  - Poor glare control
- Shades and blinds
  - Poor daylight distribution, must have automated control







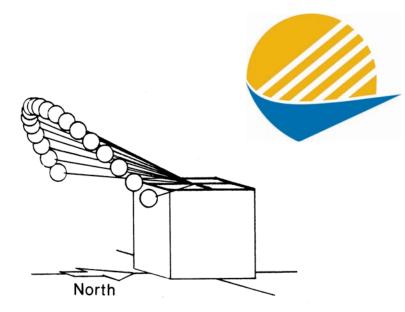
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#### Skylights

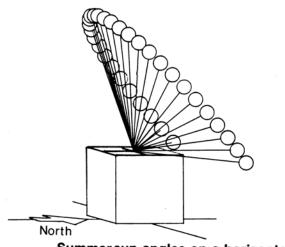
- Peak solar heat gain occurs during summer months, adds to the peak cooling load
- Minimal solar heat gain during winter months, with corresponding greater heat loss
- Limited to upper floor of a building

#### Clerestories

- Difficult architectural integration
- Potential costly structure
- Limited to upper floor of a building
- Roof openings prone to leaks



Winter sun angles on a horizontal surface



Summer sun angles on a horizontal surface

# Elements of an Integrated Daylighting / Electric Lighting Design Solution



- "Daylight" aperture (glazing material properties)
  - Window, skylight, clerestory, fabric roof structure, sunlight concentrator
- Daylight distribution
  - LightLouver optical slats, fiber optics, lightshelf, light guide devices
- Daylight target
  - Ceiling, walls, floor, work surfaces
- Electric lighting system
  - Lighting fixtures, circuiting, controls
- Electric lighting system controls
  - Daylighting dimming controls for daylight harvesting
- Exterior aperture shading
  - Reduce solar heat gain on "vision" glazing
- Interior aperture shading
  - Control direct sunlight penetration and glare



### Daylighting Design Goals / Characteristics



#### Quantity

Daytime ambient lighting provided by daylight for the majority of the year

#### Quality

- Uniform distribution of daylight to reduce uncomfortably high brightness ratios, and increase "daylit" area
- Control of direct sunlight to reduce glare and visual discomfort
- Solar heat gains utilized to reduce heating loads when beneficial

#### Useability

- Ensure access to adequate daylight for all occupants
- Ensure views / connection to the outdoors for all occupants

#### Building Integration

- Fully integrated with the architectural design
- Synergistic with other building systems mechanical, lighting, etc...

#### Economics

- Integrated with daylight responsive electric lighting controls to maximize "daylight harvesting" and energy savings
- Minimize first costs to reduce payback period from energy savings

### Daylighting Design Process



Climate Analysis

Site Analysis

Design/Energy Goals

Env. Perform. Criteria

Mass Modeling

Identify Daylit Spaces

Develop Strategies

Preliminary Modeling

Detailed Modeling

Recommendations

Electric Lighting Integration & Control

LightLouver

**Glazing Selection** 

Review

...or, as a retrofit in existing

commercial buildings with

Specifications

Pre-Design

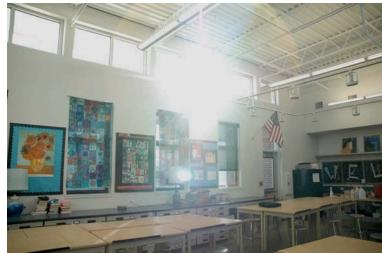
Schematic Design

Design Development Construction Documents

### Typical Daylighting Design Problems



- Glare visual discomfort
- Poor daylight distribution
- Ineffective electric lighting system integration
- Ineffective interior window treatment
- Inappropriate interior design and furniture selection

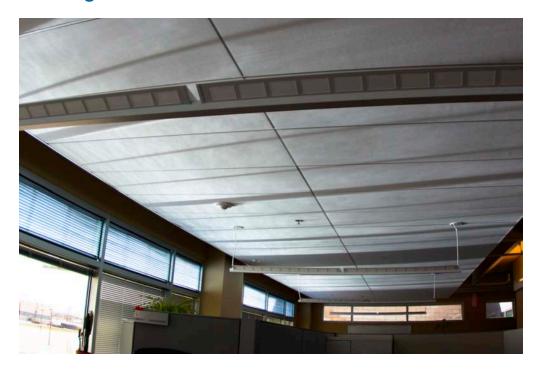


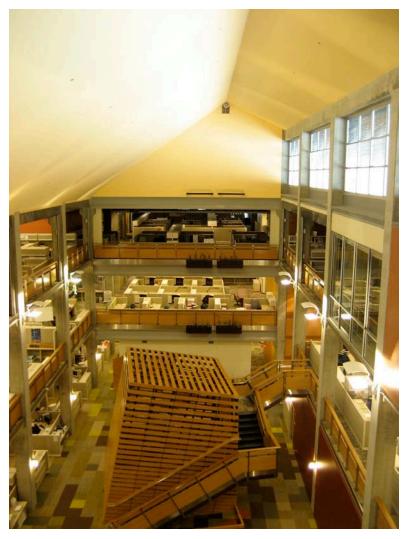


### LightLouver Daylight System



A patented, passive optical side-daylighting device, mounted inboard of the "daylight" window, that intercepts and redirects sunlight onto the ceiling and deep into the interior space of a building, reducing glare and the requirement for electric lighting and mechanical cooling





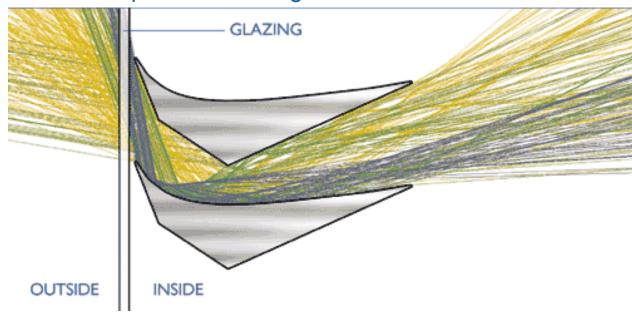
# LightLouver Daylighting System



#### LightLouver Unit



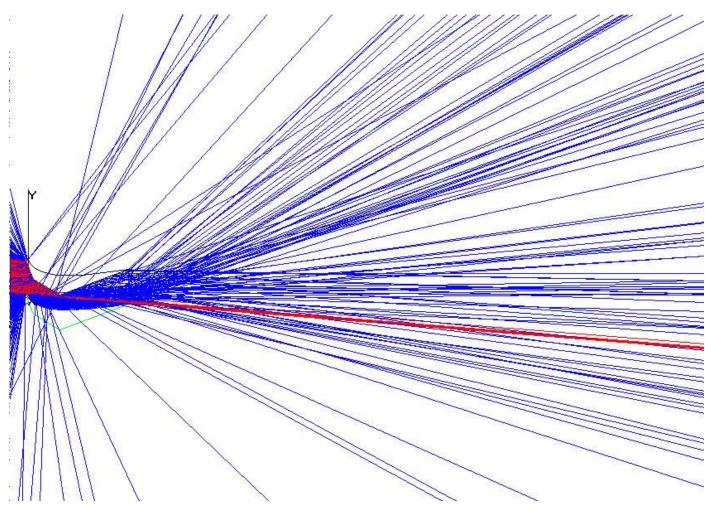
#### Patented Optical Slat Design



Raytracing diagram illustrating performance under all sun angles

# LightLouver Daylighting System





Dynamic raytracing simulation of all sun angles

# LightLouver Daylighting System





# Benefits of LightLouver Glare control







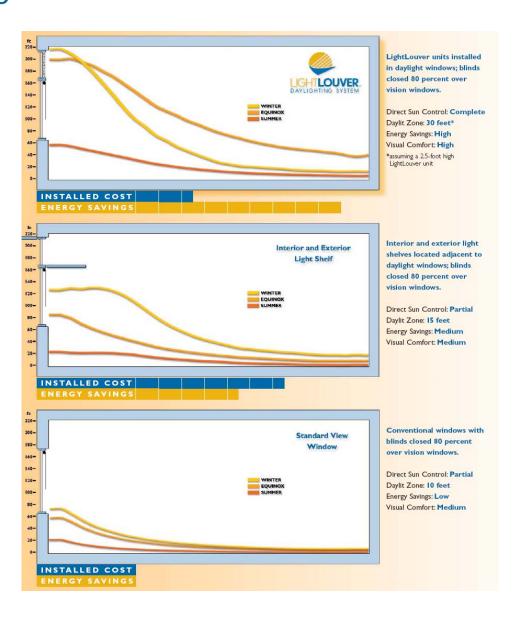
LightLouver reduces window brightness while increasing room surface brightness

Deeper daylight distribution





#### Performance





#### Ease of installation

- Easy to install, 8 12 units per hour
- Valence aligns support brackets in window frame for ease of installation
- Unit slips into support brackets and locks in place, while still allowing unit to pivot to clean the daylight window behind









#### Ease of maintenance

- Dust as often as the daylight windows are cleaned
- Use Poly-duster for general cleaning of slats
- Use Swiffer 360 and cotton cloth for fingerprints and smudges







#### Improved lighting



### Quality of light

- Excellent color rendition
- Less eye strain / high contrast ratios
- Psychological benefits
- Improved employee productivity

### Lower energy use

- Very high luminous efficacies
- Lowers energy cost, eliminates coincident peak demand

### Increasing environmental regulations

- Complies with stringent energy codes and standards
- Enables achievement of LEED daylight and energy efficiency credits

#### **Economics**



### Example: 30' x 30' classroom or office area

#### **Electric Lighting**

- 30 fc ambient lighting at 1.1 W/sf
- 2,000 kW/yr, \$240/yr, \$0.27/sf **per year** electric lighting costs

#### Daylighting with LightLouver

- 24 " high LightLouver units provide 30 fc annual average ambient light
- 50% + reduction in electric lighting costs plus reduced cooling energy costs
- \$2.20/sf of floor area single upfront cost

#### Return on Investment

- 6 8 year simple pay back
- Improved indoor environmental quality
- Heat gain (cooling load) associated with lighting reduced in half
- Improved productivity and educational performance

Office Building -- Unitized curtain wall system







Old National Bank Headquarters

Engineering Offices — Punched daylight window with "view" window overhangs and an open structure





**HB&A** Headquarters

Engineering Offices -- Punched windows - Illustrates

retrofit application



**DuBois and King Corporate Headquarters** 



### Research Laboratory / Offices -- Storefront system









CDC Building 18 Laboratory / Office

Municipal Office Building -- Storefront system with "view" window overhangs

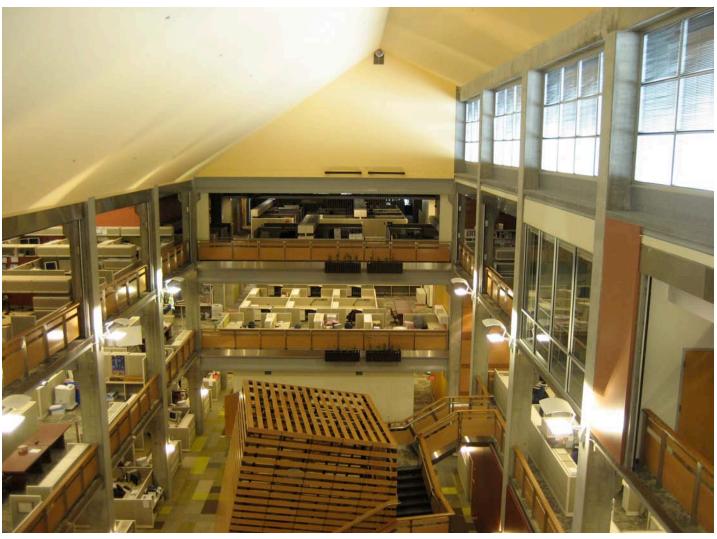




Commerce City Civic Center

State Agency -- Clerestory windows above 3 story atrium





Caltrans District 3 Headquarters

Middle School -- Punched window





Kinnard Middle School



#### Middle School -- Continuous storefront system





Aspen Middle School





#### Elementary School -- Continuous storefront system





AIA 2010 COTE Top 10 Project

Manassas Park Elementary School

Elementary School -- Continuous storefront system







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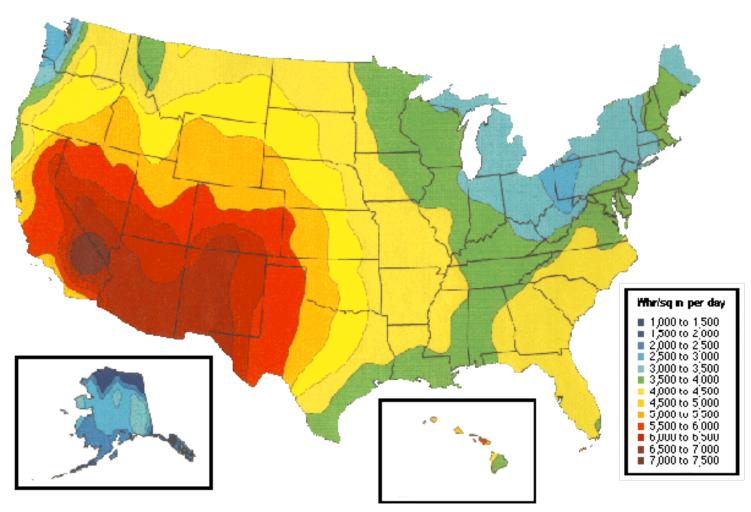






# LightLouver Design Guidelines Direct Sunlight Resource





# LightLouver Design Guidelines New Construction



#### LightLouver Location

- Side window walls
- Minimum of 7' AFF
- Continuous window preferred East, West and South facades



#### **New Construction**



#### LightLouver Unit Sizing

- One vertical foot of LightLouver unit provides uniform ambient light for a 12' – 14' daylit zone
- Minimum "Daylight" window opening height = 12"
- Window opening heights should be divisible by 1"
- Interior mullion depth >1.5"



#### **New Construction**



#### **Daylit Space Types**

- Optimal performance in large open spaces with minimal obstructions above 7' AFF
- Good east, west and south exposure to the sun with minimal shading from neighboring objects, such as trees, buildings, etc...





#### **New Construction**



# Electric Lighting System Integration

- Best with indirect lighting, both of which work best with a smooth reflective ceiling surface
- Provides ambient (20-30 fc) level of illuminance and integrates best with an ambient / task electric lighting design scheme providing the same ambient illuminance level
- Can use open and closed loop photosensor control system



Photosensor

#### Ideal glazing and surface recommendations



- Daylight glazing
  - Visible light transmission,
     Tvis = 0.6 0.9
  - Low solar heat gain coefficient, SHGC < 0.45</li>
- Vision glazing
  - Tvis = 0.3 0.5
  - SHGC < 0.35
- Smooth white, highly reflective ceiling surface
- Fabric shade cloth over
   "vision" windows: 3 –
   5% openness factor



# Benefits of LightLouver Summary of features

- Distributes daylight deep and uniformly into the daylit space
- Works at any latitude
- Provides annual ambient light levels of 25-30 fc
- Unique self-shading design provides complete solar cut-off and glare control
- Can be used on east, west and south facades
- No moving parts or daily /seasonal adjustments
- Custom fabricated to fit specified window size and system
- Quick and easy installation
- Provides significant energy savings
- Low lifetime maintenance costs
- Less costly then other options, yet provides better daylighting and solar control performance in one product
- Made in the USA





### LightLouver Design Assistance

#### Support services



#### **Daylighting Design Assistance**

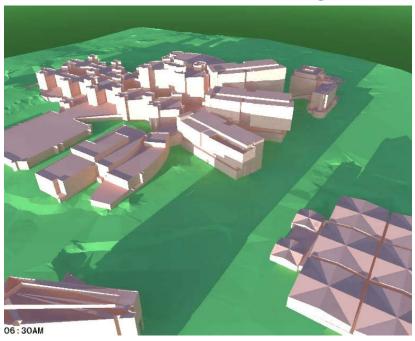
- Site shading and solar exposure mass modeling
- Daylighting concept design development
- Daylight modeling
- Solar control analysis
- Glazing selection and specification

LightLouver Unit Integration Assistance

**Lighting System Integration Assistance** 

LightLouver Application Design Reviews

Troubleshooting





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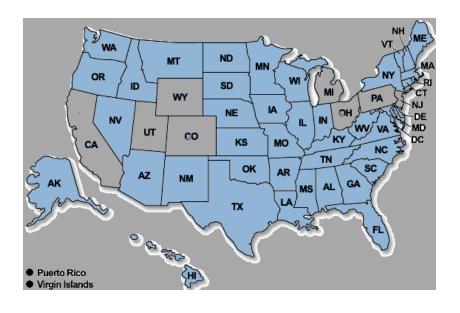
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