

Smart Pods, Smart Cities:

Driving Efficiency, Innovation, and Sustainability

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Smart Pods, Smart Cities Driving Efficiency, Innovation, and Sustainability

- ... **Overview:** This workshop explores how prefabricated bathrooms and kitchens are transforming the built environment. Resia's HybridFabrication approach, an automotive-inspired production system, delivers higher quality, faster timelines, and predictable costs for developers, general contractors, and architects.
- ... HybridFabrication combines advanced automation with proven production workflows, delivering complete bathroom and kitchen modules that are factory-built, code-compliant, and ready for installation. By shifting complex trades off-site into a controlled environment, projects gain faster schedules, reduced labor risk, and more predictable costs.
- ... **Abstract:** As cities expand and construction demand continues to grow, traditional building methods are increasingly strained by labor shortages, rising costs, and sustainability pressures. This session introduces a new way forward: modular prefabricated bathroom and kitchen pods designed and manufactured with automotive-style precision.

... Learning Objectives:

- Understand how prefabricated bathrooms and kitchens accelerate project schedules while improving quality and cost certainty.
- ➤ Modular solutions can reduce labor risk and simplify complex on-site trade coordination.
- Explore sustainability benefits, including reduced construction waste, embodied carbon savings, and measurable ESG impact.

Practical integration insights into multifamily, hospitality, and extended-stay projects

Construction is Shifting From Reactive to Predictive — Digital + Modular is Now

Quick Survey Before Exploring Stakeholder Benefits











ARCHITECTS

- Accelerated speed to
 Maximize ROI through market
- Reduced on-site labor & delays
- Enhanced quality control & consistency
- Greater cost predictability & ROI
- Seamless design-toinstallation workflow

- streamlined timelines
- Predictable outcomes reduce financial risk
- Deliver consistent. market-ready finishes
- Integrated design & manufacturing, eliminates delays & rework

- Simplified coordination with fewer trades
- Off-site production reduces labor dependency & site congestion
- Just-in-time delivery streamlines workflows

- Design without Limits
- BIM-driven design collaboration ensures accuracy & quality
- Factory-level control preserves design intent
- Seamless integration with modular systems

- Vertically integrated model reduces project risk
- Scalable solution supports portfolio growth
- High-quality, repeatable construction method





Resia Manufacturing Prefabricated Bathroom & Kitchen Solutions



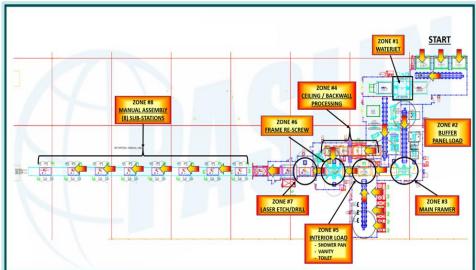


- ... **Expertise:** Specializes in prefabricated **bathroom & kitchen components for all construction modalities**; streamlining timelines, improving quality, and reducing on-site labor with ready-to-install units
- ... Facility & Capacity: 252,000 sf Fairburn, GA facility; vertically integrated for high-volume production with scalability from 10,000 to 16,000+ components annually
- ... **HybridFabrication:** Lean, automated process using **BIM**, **DFMA**, & **conveyor-based** assembly lines to deliver consistent, high-quality bathrooms and kitchens
- ... Automation & Standards: Driving prefabrication forward with robotics, sub-assembly, & rigorous QA/QC to enhance efficiency, compliance, and reliability
- ... Commitment: Focused on quality, innovation, and community development across the U.S., while reshaping multifamily, hospitality, and student housing construction



HybridFabrication Process Revolution Delivering Fully Finished Units





... Problem with Traditional Construction

Traditional methods are slow, fragmented, and dependent on Intensive site labor and sequencing, resulting in cost overruns, delays, and inconsistent quality

... Resia Advantage

HybridFabrication brings automotive-style efficiency to modular and prefabricated construction, delivering standardized, scalable, and quality-controlled results

... Key Differentiators

Faster Output 2–3 pods per hour production vs. the traditional 0.5 – 1, achieving up to 6x greater efficiency

Integrated Systems Plumbing, electrical, and finishes combined in one unified flow, minimizing rework and delays

Repeatable Quality Centralized QA/QC ensures accuracy, precision, and compliance for every unit

Cost Control Pre-staged logistics and trade-specific work zones reduce labor demand and costs



Urban Pressures & Industry Challenges

- ... Cities are Growing Rapidly; Traditional Methods Can't Keep Up
- ... Labor Shortages, Rising Material Costs, and ESG Expectations are Driving Change
- ... These Pressures are Driving Innovation and Accelerating the Shift Toward Modular
- ... "By 2030, the construction industry will face a 1.6 million labor shortfall (ABC)"

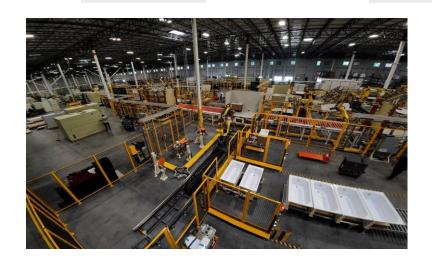
















Urban Growth & Resilience

- ... Prefab supports density, speed, and flexibility
- ... Enables affordable housing and adaptive reuse
- ... Building blocks for sustainable urban growth
- ... Prefabrication enables rapid delivery of dignified, sustainable housing nationwide















Opportunity for Change Why Modular & Prefabrication, Why Now

- ... Modular isn't New, but Its Strategic Value Has Never Been Higher
- ... Developers and GCs are Looking for Ways to Reduce Risk and Gain Predictability
- ... Demand for Faster, More Predictable Projects
- ... Early Adopters are Outpacing Competitors

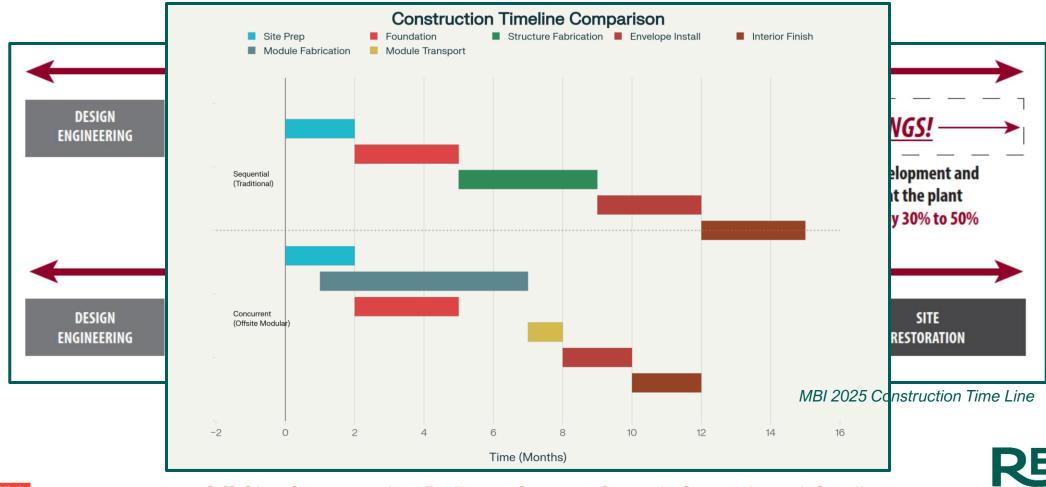






Off-Site Construction Traditional vs Off-Site Workflow

... Off-site construction enables early coordination, parallel workflows, and controlled environments for faster, higher-quality outcomes.



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HybridFabrication Merging Prefab Precision with Conventional Adaptability

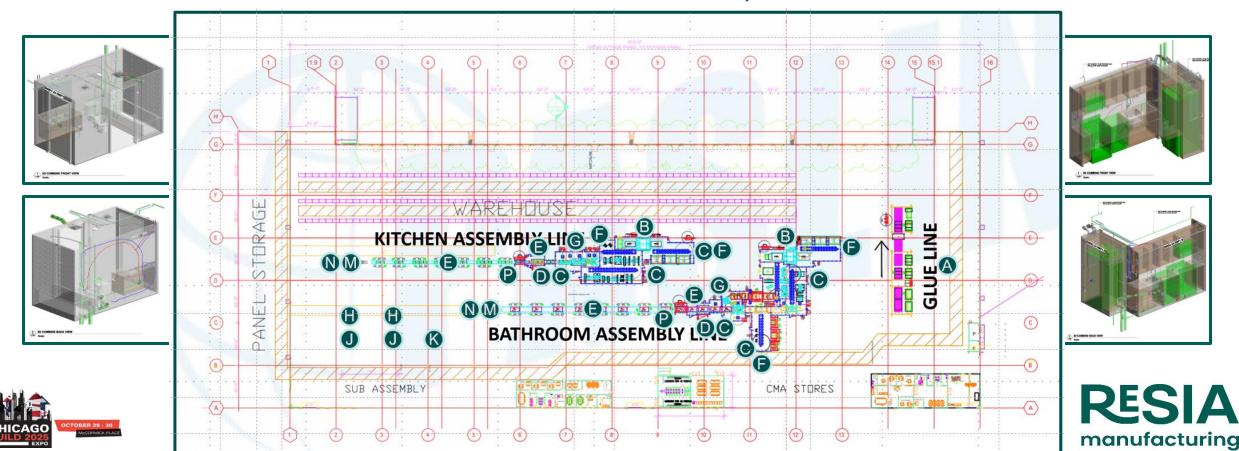
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HybridFabrication Technology Integration

- ...BIM-Driven Coordination + Clash Detection
- ...DFMA engineered for transport and installation
- ... Fanuc Robotics Deliver Precision Assembly and Consistency
- ... Conveyor-Based Production with Integrated QA Checkpoints



HybridFabrication Material Innovations

... Structural Core – Avient Hammerhead™ FR
Panels Replace Traditional Wallboard Over Studs

... Fire Resistance – MgO Board for Noncombustible, Durable Surfaces

... Plumbing – PEX and PVC, lightweight, Durable, and Corrosion-Resistant

... Electrical – Domestically Manufactured MC Cabling

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Quick Contrast	Typical Pods Steel/Drywall	Resia Bathroom & Kitchen Components	Conventional Site-Built
Primary Build-up	CFS Studs + Gypsum	Composite Panels + MgO	Mixed Wood/Steel +
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Matala Europeuna	High (Stool I Connor)	Low-moderate	Moderate-high
Metals Exposure	High (Steel + Copper)	(Domestic MC Only)	(Mix Of Trades)
Fire/IAO	Rated Gypsum	Noncombustible MgO +	Varios By Chan
Fire/IAQ	Assemblies	Cleanable Composites Varies By Spec	
Site Disruption	Medium	Low (Plug-and-play)	High (Sequential Trades)











Sustainability & ESG

... Factory-Controlled Production Reduces Waste and Embodied Carbon, while Supporting Municipal ESG Goals Through Quality Assurance, Traceability, and Compliance























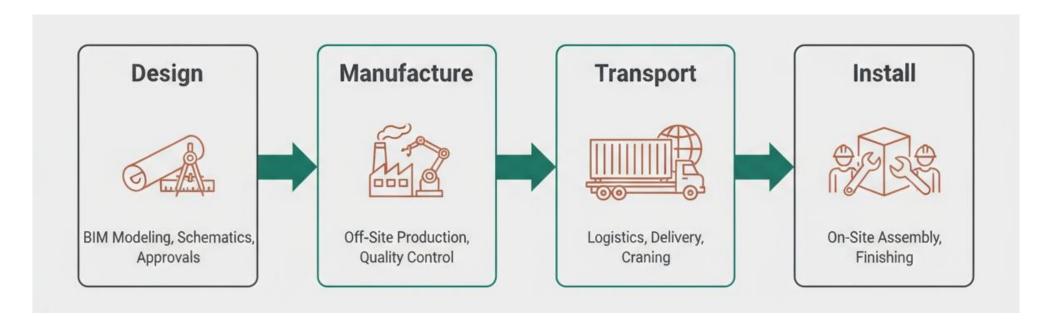






Component Lifecycle How It Works

- ... Walk Through the Process: Design, Manufacturing, Logistics, Install
- ... Controlled Environment and QA/QC Checkpoints
- ...Just-in-Time Delivery and Rapid Site Install
- ... Collaboration Points With Project Teams







Inside the Build What's Included in Factory Built Components

- ... Components: Framing, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Finishes, QA/QC Sign-Off
- ... All Trades Coordinated and Completed Before Delivery
- ... Factory-Tested, Code-Compliant, and Ready to Connect











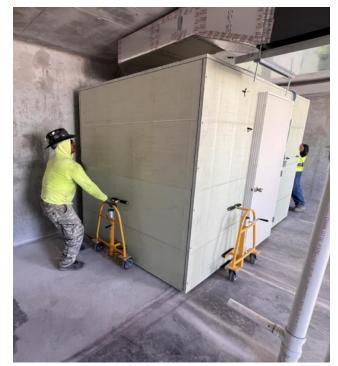


On-Site Installation & Efficiency

- ...On-Site Installation Takes Hours, Not Days Simplifying Coordination, Logistics, and Crane Operations Through Early Planning
- ... One-Day Install— A three-person crew can crane, set, and connect a 2-bed / 1-bath unit in < 4 hrs.







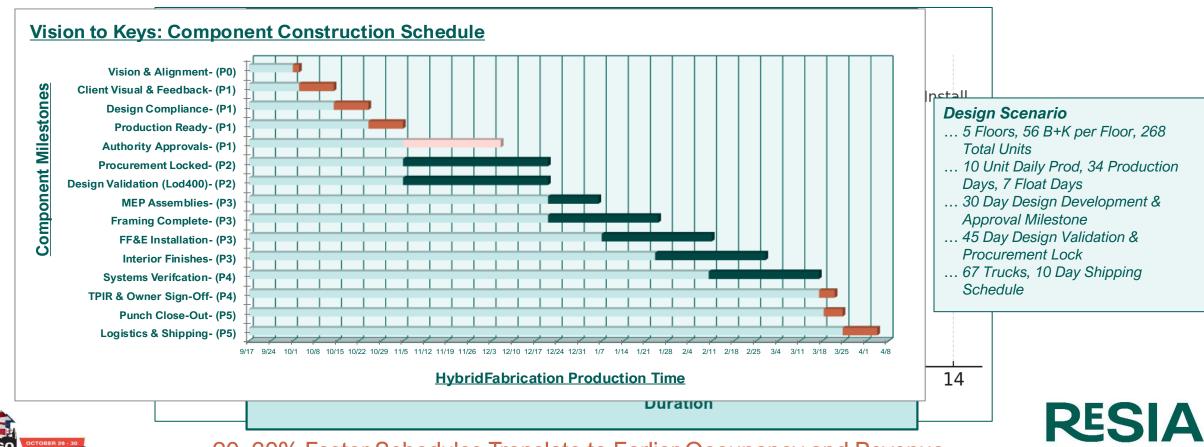






Smarter Construction Schedule/Cost Impact & Compression

- ... Prefabrication + Digital Tools = Next-Gen Delivery
- ... BIM and Automation Provide Speed, Cost Certainty, and Sustainability
- ... Designed to Meet the Needs of Investors, Developers, General Contractors, and Architects



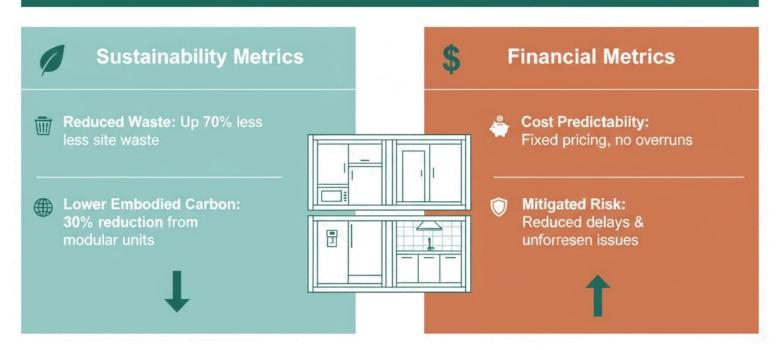




Sustainability & Cost Predictability

- ... Up to 70% Less Site Waste
- ... Reduced Transport, Less Carbon Impact
- ...Improved ESG Performance Helps Secure Financing

Quantifiable ESG + Financial Certainity







Case Study Highlights Multifamily

- ...Golden Glades, 5-story midrise pilot → 1500+ units delivered in 27 weeks, Average set rate of 41.5 units/week, 46-minute bathroom & kitchen installation per apartment.
- ...Key Outcomes → Faster Delivery, Reduced Rework, and ESG Alignment







- ... Schedule Reduction
- ... Labor Coordination Simplified
- ... Quality Outcomes Exceeded On-Site Benchmarks
- ... Repeatable Design Made Pods Ideal

- ... Predictable Delivery Improved Project Certainty
- ... Faster Occupancy Improved Financial Returns
- ... Developers Could Scale Portfolios Faster





Case Study Highlights Prefabrication vs Traditional Construction

... Side by Side Construction Results

Bathroom Prefabrication vs Traditional

Feature	HybridFabrication	Traditional Construction
Total Installed Material	\$14,500 ¹ (average)	\$18,750 ² (midrange)
Materials	Included	\$5,000
Labor	\$335	\$11,000
Installation Time	< 4 hours	≈ 15 days
Installation Scope	Plug-and-Play Single Crew	HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, & Finish Trades
Risk Exposure	Low-Moderate (Factory Controlled)	High (Schedule/Quality /Cost)
Scalability	High	Low-Moderate

Kitchen Prefabrication vs Traditional

Feature	HybridFabrication	Traditional Construction
Total Installed	\$13,500 ¹	\$24,000 ²
Material	(average)	(midrange)
Materials	Included	\$9,250
Labor	\$605	\$11,821
Installation Time	< 7 Hour	≈ 17 days
Installation Scope	Plug-and-Play, Single Crew	HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, & Finish Trades
Risk Exposure	Low-Moderate (Factory Controlled)	High (Schedule/Quality /Cost)
Scalability	High	Low-Moderate

Power Infrastructure Low Voltage vs Line Voltage

Feature	Low Voltage	Line Voltage
Wire Type	18/2 – 18/5	12 /2
wile Type	(Low voltage)	(Romex/metal clad)
Fixture Longevity	20+ years	6 years
Installation Time	Fast	Slow
IIIStaliation Time	(No hot work)	(licensed electric)
Energy	48%, centralized	Less efficient
Energy use	AC to DC	(Fix level conv)
Safaty	Class 2	Class 1
Safety	(< 60V DC)	(120V AC)
Cost Savings /	≈ \$1,500	Deceline
Apt	(50%-70% savings)	Baseline
Cada Camuliant	NEC chap 7,	NEC chap 2/3
Code Compliant	Art 411	(More complex)
Smart	Native	Additional controls
Integration	compatibility	required





¹HybridFabrication (all labor, inspection, and setting/installation included)

²Traditional (materials + GC markups + shop/field coordination + Inspections)

Application: Factory Built Electrical Panel

Pre-Assembled, Tested, and NEC-Compliant Panels With Balanced Circuits & Labeled Harnesses; Built, Tested, and Certified in a Controlled Factory Environment

- ... Streamlined Installation: Modular Wiring Reduces Setup From ~10 Hours to ~1 Hour, Pre-Labeled Circuits & Snap-In Connectors Eliminate Wire Pulling and Field Terminations
- ... Labor & Cost Efficiency: up to 78% Labor Savings and 25–35% Total Installed Cost Reduction Versus Traditional Cable Wiring
- ... Reduced Risk: Factory QA/QC ensures breaker torque accuracy, wiring integrity, and NEC load calculation compliance
- ... Smart Integration Ready: Expandable Architecture supports low-voltage LED lighting, sensors, and IoT-control integration







Application: Low Voltage Power Solution

Class 2 DC Low Voltage Backbone Creates a Safer, More Energy-Efficient Platform for Lighting, Fans, USB Devices, and Smart Automation

Key Differentiators:

- ... Safety: NEC Class 2 Eliminates Shock Risk, Arc Hazards, & Conduit
- ... **Efficiency:** up to 48% Energy Savings by Centralizing AC-to-DC Conversion
- ... Cost Reduction: Smaller 18/5 LV Cable Cuts Copper Use by 50–70%.
- ... **Reliability**: Centralized Drivers Extend System Lifespan and Simplify Maintenance
- ... **Installation Speed:** 97% Fewer Skilled Labor Hours; 2–3x Faster Commissioning, Simplified Inspections With No Fixture-Level Drivers

Applications:

- ... Bathrooms: LV Recessed Cans & Humidity-Sensing Fans
- ... Kitchens: Tunable Under-Cabinet Strips + USB Charging
- ... Apartments: Smart-Ready Cans, Sconces, Mirrors
 - . Accessories: LV Fans, Exhaust, Backlit Mirrors

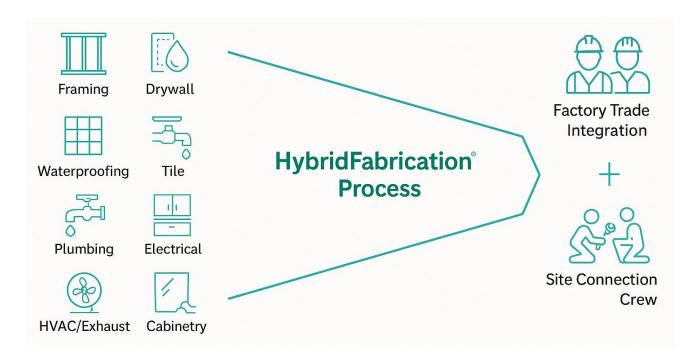






Trade Coordination Simplified

- ... Trade Consolidation: 12+ trades \rightarrow 2 coordinated touchpoints
- ... Labor Efficiency: 80–90% fewer on-site skilled labor hours
- ... Risk Reduction: Fewer dependencies, fewer delays
- ...Quality Assurance: Factory-inspected before shipment
- ... Predictability: Repeatable scope and labor certainty for GCs







Integrated Design, Planning, & Logistics

Early Collaboration Drives Predictable, Efficient Delivery

- ... Engage Modular Partners Early for Structural and MEP Alignment
- ... Design for Manufacturing to Reduce Rework
- ... Plan Logistics Early—staging, Trucking, Crane Ops
- ... Use Digital Tools to Streamline Coordination and QA/QC
- ... Apply Just-in-Time Delivery to Keep Sites Efficient



Progressive Coordination & Continuous Improvement (Insight for Future Optimization)





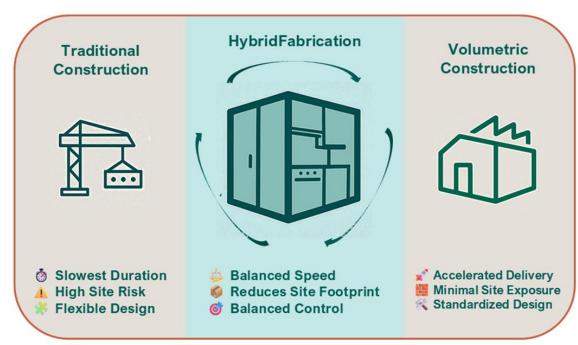
ROI – Developer & Investor

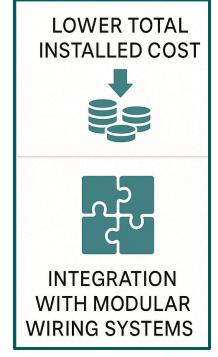
- ... Faster Occupancy

 Early Revenue Recognition ... Labor savings

 97% fewer skilled site hours
- ... Reduced Risk and Improved Margins
- ... Stronger Financial Models and Faster Payback
- ... Schedule reduction \rightarrow **4–6 months**
- ... IRR improvement \rightarrow +180 basis points for developers
- ... Aligns with built-for-rent demand: privacy, speed, high ROI
- ... Prefabrication accelerates the build and occupancy











Future Proofing

- ... Modular is the Backbone of Smart, Connected Buildings
- ...Robotics, AI, and Digital Twins are Next
- ... As Cities Evolve, Prefabrication Remains at the Core of Scalable Development
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 manufacturing

- ... Scalability Across Multifamily, Hospitality, Student Housing, and Adaptive Reuse
- ... Balances Standardization With Design Flexibility
- ... Embeds leadership values and community resilience, building more than structures







Call to Action Roadmap Engage • Visit • Explore

Let's Build Smarter Together

- ... **Start Small:** Pilot modular components on one project
- ... **Scale:** Standardize design and procurement
- ... Standardize: Create repeatable delivery models

... General Contact & Factory Tour

Contact Us To Learn How Resia Can Support Your Next Multifamily, Hospitality, Or Institutional Project With High-Efficiency Modular Solutions

... Request a Quote or Start Your 30-Day Design Development Today

Whether you're interested in visiting our state-of-the-art facility, evaluating modular bathroom/kitchen components for your project, or requesting concept design and preliminary pricing, our team is ready to engage



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