

## **GROWING CLT TREND:** DEMANDS SOUND FLOOR SOLUTION

CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber) represents a growing trend in North America. The environmental impact is far less than traditional concrete, it's more cost effective and the aesthetic is incredibly appealing to builders and occupiers. But the exposed wood ceilings create sound issues that require a superior flooring solution.

RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) residence hall architects NADAAA knew that CLT was the right approach for design students. However, this was their first CLT project. A USG competitor suggested a rubber mat to address sound issues. But the product was too heavy and expensive. They decided to work with USG to deliver a sound flooring solution.

USG combined three products into a comprehensive solution: Levelrock <sup>®</sup> Brand Sound Reduction Board (SRB), SAM-N25<sup>™</sup> Ultra Sound Attenuation Mat (SAM) and 3500 Green Floor Underlayment. The system met the required 50 STC rating of the building. It contributed to LEED points as the products use recycled and recaptured materials. And it was less than 50% of the cost compared to the competitor. That's a huge win for builders and RISD.

## PROJECT PROFILE

**STUDENT RESIDENCE HALL FLOORING INSTALLATION** PROVIDENCE, RI

### COST AND TIME SAVINGS

The competitor's product (originally specified) would've been impossible to install on time. USG's solution cut installation and cost in half, if not more.

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### PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT

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1 Levelrock<sup>®</sup> Brand Sound Reduction Board (SRB)

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**3** Levelrock<sup>®</sup> Brand 3500 Green Floor Underlayment

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26,000 Square Feet of SRB



#### 26,000 Square Feet of Sound Mat



# GREATEST CHALLENGE

Sound control. The exposed ceiling made it difficult to meet our 50 STC rating. We were able to eliminate the issue with this flooring solution.

#### **ARTHUR CHANG.** Principal Architect, NADAAA



# TRUSTED PARTNER

USG has been one of our best partners in our company history. And we definitely recommend this solution for future CLT project installations. Very pleased.

> **KEVIN HAUGHEY,** President, Flooring Solutions