# Innovative Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Design for Current and Future Demands

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## Introductions







COOPERATIVE
BUILDING SOLUTIONS

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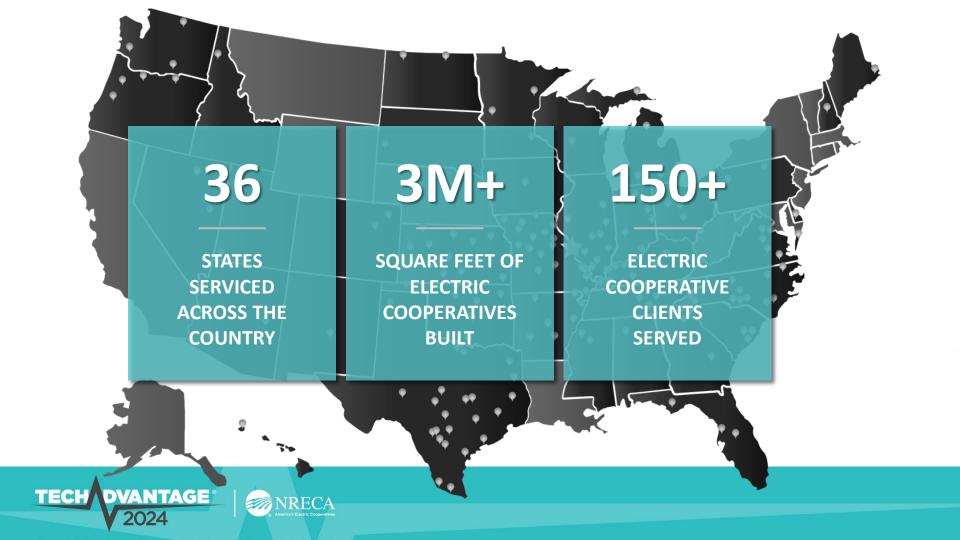




A complete turnkey solution for the planning, design, construction, and support of electric cooperative facilities







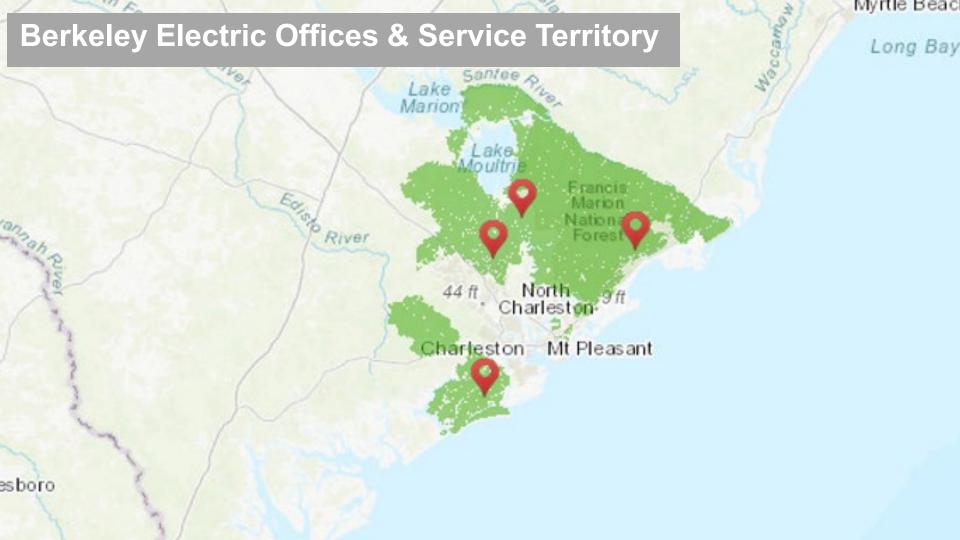
## Co-op Challenges That Led To CBS

- New for most boards, CEOs and staff
- Time consuming
- Working with multiple firms
- Singular event
- Complicated process
- Strong potential for risk

## Berkeley Electric Cooperative - Mike Fuller, CEO

- Headquarters in Moncks Corner, with district offices in Moncks Corner, Johns Island, Awendaw and Goose Creek.
- Benefitting from growth in and around the Charleston, SC area.
  - 2013 = 93,280 meters
  - 2018 = 107,993 meters
  - 2023 = 132,415 meters
  - We expect to continue to grow at 4% annually.

- We have just completed a multiyear, multi-facility investment initiative, combining six facilities to one central location.
- Engagement with Cooperative Building Solutions.



# Biggest Problems with Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Buildings

- Not Enough Space
  - Growth of the electric business
  - Diversification into broadband
  - Increase with inventory due to supply chain issues
  - Utility vehicles are larger
- Poor Traffic Flow & Safety Issues

- Appropriate Access for Deliveries
  - Loading Dock
  - Overhead Door
  - Pull Thru Capabilities
- Costly Maintenance Issues / Outdated Facilities

## What options do you have?

- Do Nothing
- Renovation
- Addition
- New Construction

## Good Warehouse & Vehicle Storage Space Should Include:

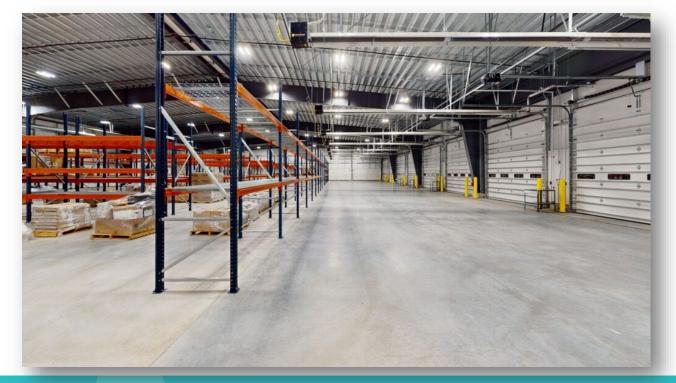
- Reliability Good Quality
- Resilient Flexibility
- Economical

## WAREHOUSE





#### Where Will Materials Be Loaded Onto Vehicles?





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# How Will Materials And Deliveries Be Received At The Warehouse?





## Other Aspects of Warehouse Space

- Work Space / Offices
- Forklift Charging Stations
- In Floor Scale
- Conditioned Space



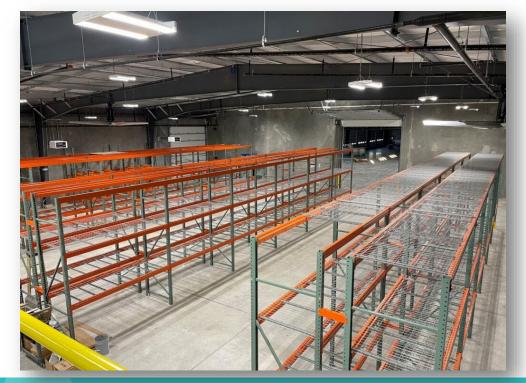


## Secured Material & Equipment Storage



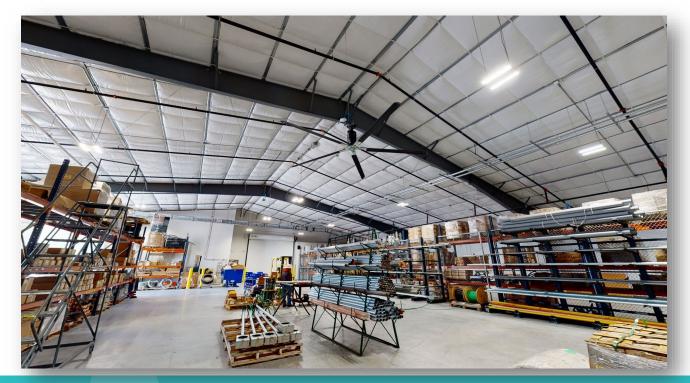


## **Proper Lighting Shown In Aisles**





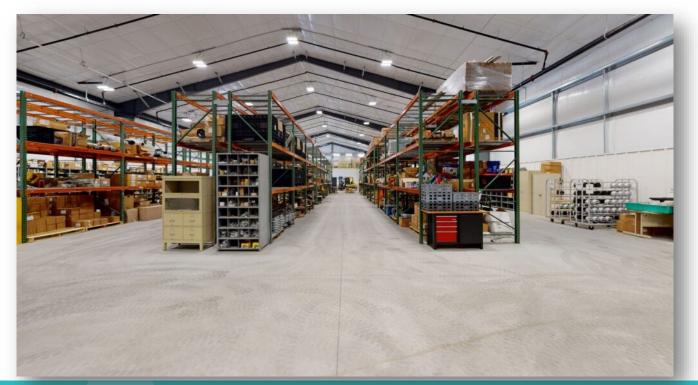
## **Proper Ventilation Using HVLS Fans**







## **Good Circulation Around Warehouse Shelving**





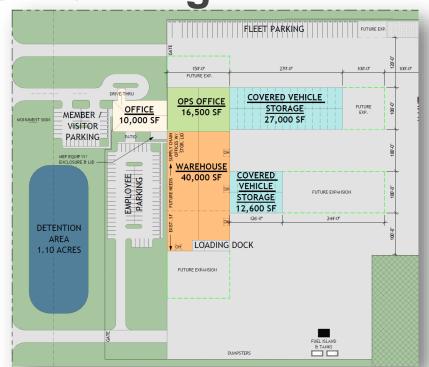
## Office Storage Not Frequently Accessed





Warehouse – Future Planning

- Master Planning
- How to expand in the future?
- Scalability for Operations
- Accommodate Future Initiatives, i.e. Broadband





## **VEHICLE STORAGE**





## **Vehicles Have Changed**











## **Raised Docks**





## **Loading Materials On Grade With A Fork Lift**





## **Vehicle Storage - Options**

- Enclosed (Wider Overdoors 14')
- Covered (Ceiling Soffit Panels)
- No Interior Columns Best Flexibility
- 3 Sided
- Surface Parking Outside
- Impact on Vehicles

## Berkeley Electric (Moncks Corner Vehicle Storage Building)





## Berkeley: Enclosed Vehicle Storage Building





## **Example: Covered Vehicle Storage Building**





## **Example: 3-Sided Vehicle Storage Building**





# Good Circulation And Room For Surface Parking

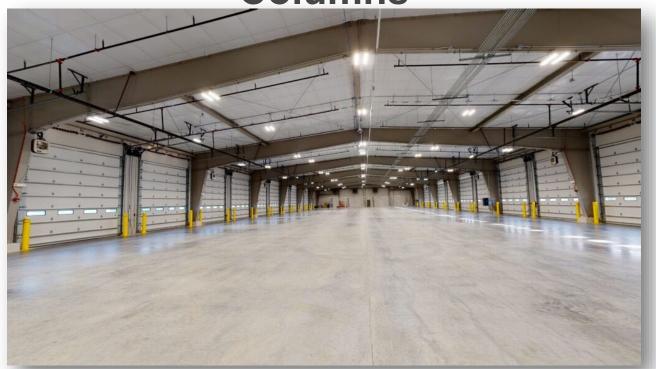




# Vehicle Storage Facilities – Different Design Layouts

- Pull Thru Bay Concept
- Herringbone Pattern Concept
- Designated Area to Distribute Materials

# Pull Thru Vehicle Storage Building – No Interior Columns



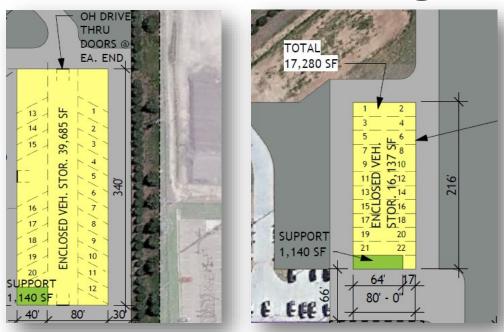


## Herringbone Pattern Parking





## Pull Thru VS. Herringbone



40,800 SF Vs. 17,280 SF





#### **Designated Aisle For Distributing Materials**



#### Other Aspects of Vehicle Storage Space

- Heating
  - In Floor Radiant Floor Heat (Geothermal or Electric Boilers)
  - Unit Heaters
  - Gas Fired Heaters
- Exhaust System
- Conditioned Space
- Proper Drainage Inside
- Vehicle Approach
  - Concrete
  - Gravel
- Electrical Vehicles
- Host Other Events





## **Events in Vehicle Storage Building**





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# How Much Pavement (Concrete / Asphalt ) To Install?





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# Minimum 20' To 30' Concrete Apron In Front Of Vehicle Storage





## BERKELEY CASE STUDY

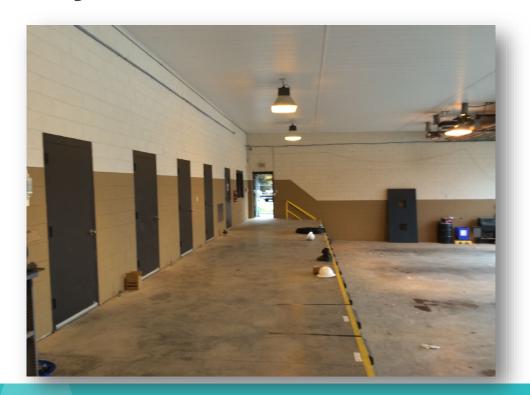




#### Berkeley Electric – Case Study

- Top Issues Berkeley Electric was Looking to Address
  - Operational Efficiency
  - Safety
  - Member Responsiveness
- Top Decisions that Berkeley Electric Made
- Best Advice

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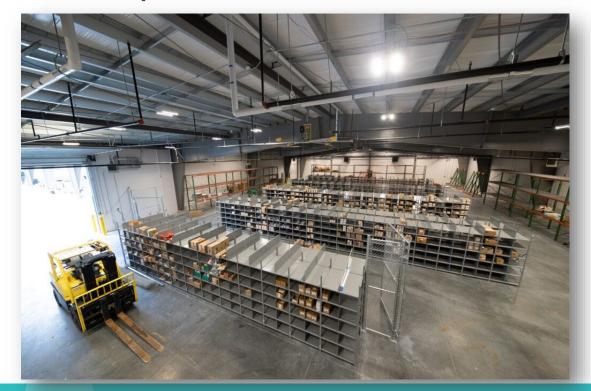


#### **Berkeley Electric Previous Conditions**





#### Berkeley Electric (John's Island Warehouse Building)





#### Berkeley Electric (John's Island Vehicle Storage Building)





#### Berkeley Electric (Moncks Corner Vehicle Storage Building)





## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

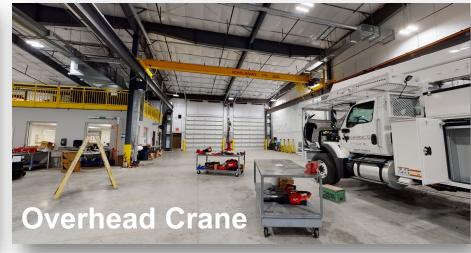




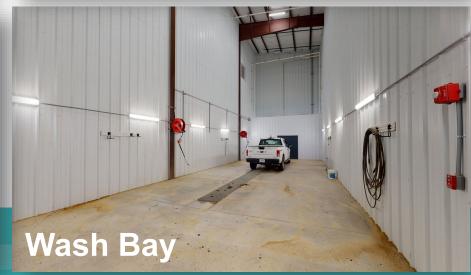
#### **Vehicle Maintenance Space Considerations**

- Do you have a mechanic(s) on staff?
- What type of services will you provide?
- What type of materials will you need to store?
- What type of equipment will you need to perform services?
- Where will you provide services, i.e. location









#### Timeline For a Project

- Items to consider:
  - Project Due Diligence Facility Planning Study
  - Board Approval to Move Forward
  - Financing Requirements & Approval (RUS / CFC / Co-Bank, other)
  - Regulatory Requirements & Approval
  - Planning & Design
  - Building Permitting
  - Construction
  - Relocation

#### **Next Steps – How to Move Forward?**

- Employee Input
- Inform the Board of Directors
- Tour Other Existing Facilities
- Engage an Expert
- Proper Member Communication

## QUESTIONS?



