



2030 COMMITMENT

# ACTION PLAN



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# Firm Commitment

SO Studio decided to sign the AIA's 2030 Commitment to make a larger environmental impact by focusing on energy performance in our architectural designs. To meet this commitment, SO Studio will be integrating more sustainability throughout our business to make a meaningful impact on the clients and markets we serve. We see our AIA 2030 Commitment as a complement to the practice of Architecture for our firm and, most importantly, the value we provide to our clients.

We take seriously our obligations and opportunities as architects to respect, preserve, and help the natural environment. We will continue to create structures that are in harmony with their natural surroundings while better conserving resources and are efficient in use. To exceed industry baseline environmental standards on all of our projects, SO Studio will serve as a catalyst in the movement towards a more ecologically and ethically responsible form of architecture



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# MISSION



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR COMPANY

SO Studio decided to sign the AIA's 2030 Commitment to make a larger environmental impact by focusing on energy performance in our SO Studio strives to design buildings and landscapes that are transformative to their neighborhood and that are both universal and local at the same time. This includes appropriate construction to both its place and its time through understanding the history of inhabitation, climate, and landform adaptation. We focus on preserving local heritage through historic preservation projects and on innovation through modern architecture and urban designs.

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# OPERATION

SO Studio will implement the use of LED light fixtures throughout all projects, along with low flow toilets, lavatories, etc., and rainwater harvesting for re-use in toilets and landscaping.

We will specify cradle-to-cradle approved products for interiors, remove “red-listed” building materials from our library/specs & request alternative products from those reps, source building materials locally, and reduce the total distance of travel for products that can be sourced locally (i.e. lumber, bricks, etc).





# BUSINESS STRATEGY

This section includes the project processes, implementation, and execution.

## PHASE 01 PROCESS

Establish baseline project

Measure new construction against the baseline model

## PHASE 02 IMPLEMENTATION

Calculate how much energy the project will consume

Calculate how much water the project will consume

## PHASE 03 EXECUTION

Led lighting, low flow toilets, and rainwater harvesting, and SPECIFY cradle-to-cradle approved products,

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# OBJECTIVES WITHIN OUR OFFICE

This section includes the methods which we have pledged to use to keep our office eco friendly



- Use digital prints only. When paper prints are required, we will do so with recycled paper.
- Digital notes and agendas
- Encourage employees to walk/bike to work and around downtown by purchasing company bikes.
- Encourage clients to pursue LEED certification.
- Encourage employees to pursue Leed accreditations.

**We shall conduct evaluation activities and use success or performance indicators to measure the progress of our pledge.**

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# STAFF & TEAM MEMBERS

The people behind SO Studio



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## Staff Training

SO Studio understands that successful sustainable building projects depend upon design professionals who are continuously improving their understanding of best-practice methods and the latest technological solutions. We are therefore committed to the continuous education and training of our staff through a variety of methods including quarterly site visits to exceptional sustainable site projects in the state and reviewing as a team while also attending Green Build Conference expositions.