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design process and considering lifecycle cost modelling, Chant says that in her experience, there are two critical steps in ensuring a cost-efficient sustainable design. First, the owner needs to establish a clear set of OPRs [owner’s project requirements] for the building before hiring a consultant. The OPR should detail the functional requirements of a project, with measurable performance criteria, and include how it will be used and operated.

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