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## ***Better Shelter* Temporary Housing Solution**

The purpose of [Better Shelter housing units](#) is to provide a large scale solution to accommodate displaced people where temporary structures are permitted; and there are not enough housing solutions to supply the demand locally. The units can be disassembled and redeployed to other locations to be reassembled as needed. [Assembly](#) requires 4 to 5 people and takes approximately 5 hours. Separate sanitation arrangements must be made.

These housing units have steel frames that must be anchored to the ground, four windows, four ventilation openings and a lockable door. The panels are made of 5mm poly-

olefin sheets. There is a solar panel on the roof that powers a built in lamp; and can be used to recharge phones or other electronic devices. [Additional product information](#) is available.

The units can be connected end to end. Each unit has a 188 sq ft footprint, and comes with tools to assemble it. The maximum internal height is 8.5ft and the minimum internal height is 5.9 ft. Each shelter is delivered in two packages that can fit in the bed of a pick-up truck. Better Shelters have been used worldwide to provide dignity and safety to those displaced by natural disasters; and to keep families together.

**Proposed Short Term Plan:** One unit will be delivered to Panama City for display and consideration for appropriate local use. A contact person, email, and address are required for delivery of the display unit. The local contacts listed below will engage in discussions of suitability, demand, and appropriate siting. Mitchell Chester, Esq. is in discussion with the manufacturers in Sweden regarding distribution of their product to Florida, due to the increasing numbers of Americans displaced by disasters. He will establish the necessary framework for units to be received in Florida.

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