# Improving Financial Performance of Existing Buildings thru Energy Efficiency Retrofits

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## **Today's Energy Efficiency Market**

- Wide range of <u>proven EE technologies</u>
- Comprehensive EE programs can <u>reduce expenses by 25-50%</u>
- Variety of contracting methods
- EE projects are <u>self-liquidating "investments"</u>
- Most EE projects <u>amortize within 5-10 years</u>, despite 10-20 year useful life
- EE projects may be <u>subsidized thru monetization of efficiency credits</u>
- Cheaper than buying renewables

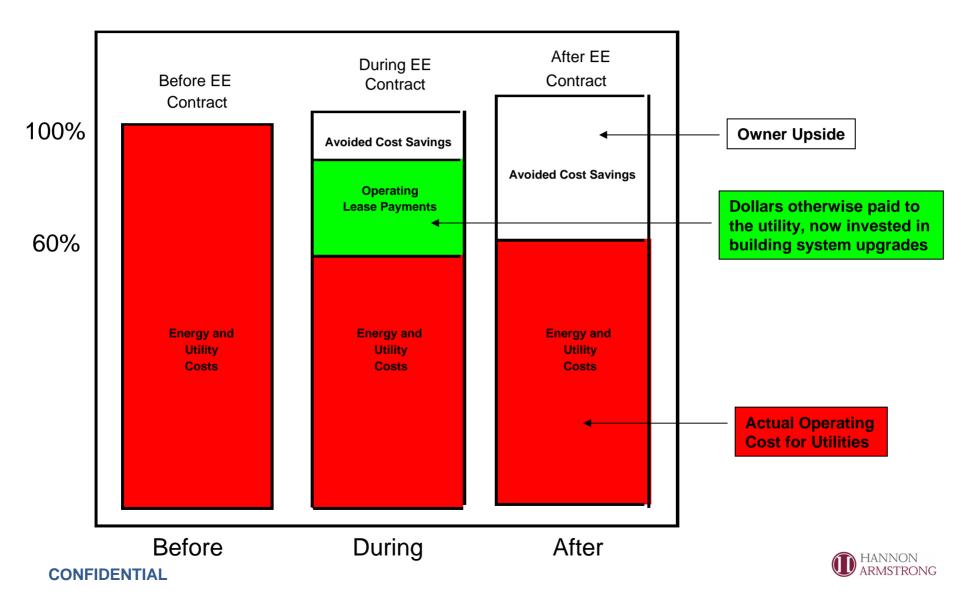


### **Summary of Benefits**

- Enhanced Financial Performance
  - Net Operating Income
  - Occupancy
  - Rents
  - Sales Price
- Cost Management
- Risk Mitigation
- Comfort and Productivity
- Big Step toward Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility



#### **Self-Liquidating Nature of EE Assets**



### **Principal Challenges in Commercial RE**

#### PRIMARY STRUCTURING GOALS:

- Contracting structure that incentivizes the "non-occupying owner"
- Ability to pass-through EE costs under net leases
- Building LLC stands-alone -- no parent guarantee
- No lien waiver from first mortgagee
- Contracting flexibility that doesn't hinder a sale
- Looking past the holding period and using LCC-based decision-making
- Focus on the linkage between reduced expenses and cap value



#### **Principal Contracting Approaches**

**Performance Contracting** 

Leases

**Direct Purchase** 



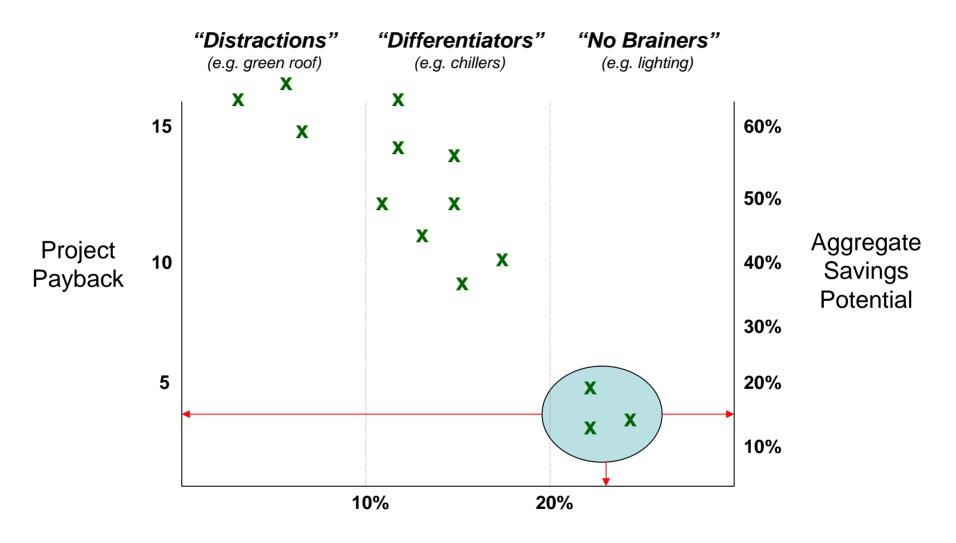
#### **Underwriting Criteria**

#### PRE-CONDITIONS TO FINANCING:

- Building location
- Threshold occupancy
- Proven technologies
- Contract length between 5 and 15 years
- Approved documentation
- Investment-grade contractor

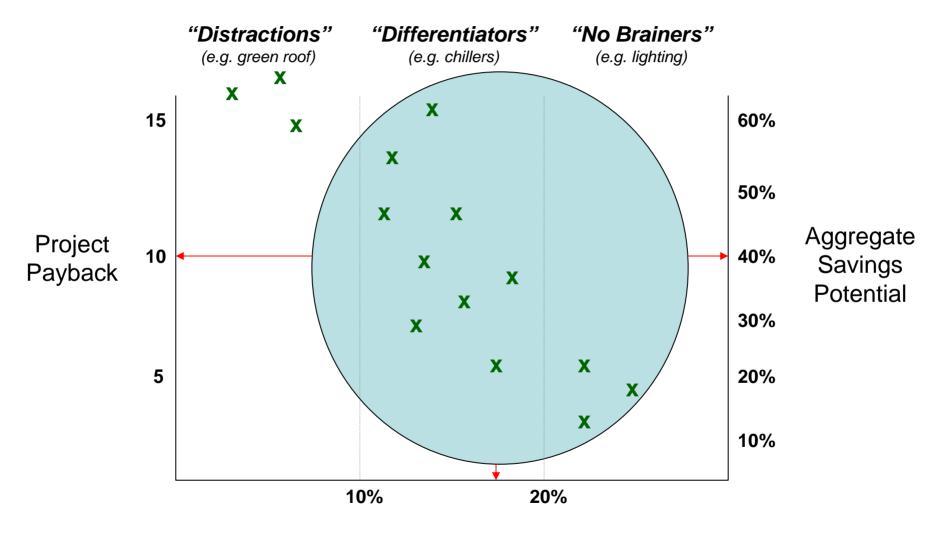


#### **Pursuing Low Hanging Fruit**





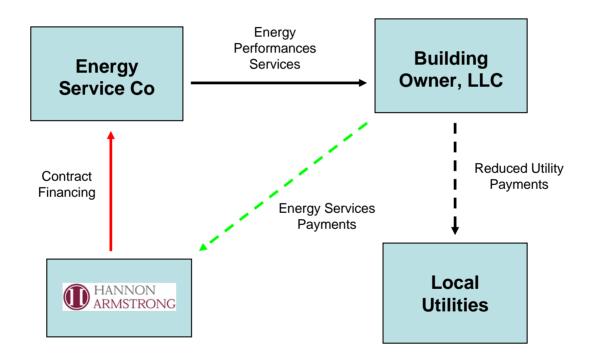
### **Optimum Mix above Hurdle Rate**







#### Flow of Funds and Services -







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