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DOE Asset Score: Coming to a Building Near You

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Leveraging the Asset Score

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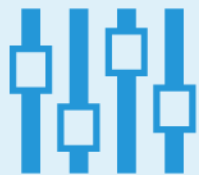
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Why an Asset Score?

Two Dimensions of Evaluating Building Performance



The EPA Portfolio Manager Score informs overall **building performance**



Does a building need a tune-up?

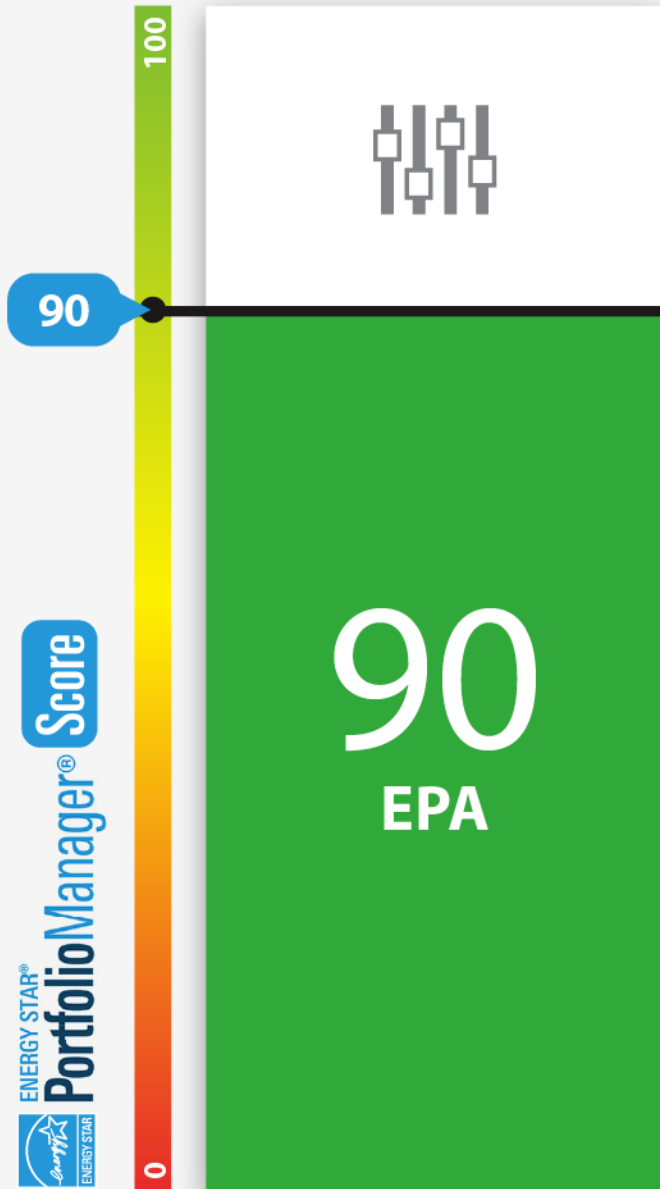


DOE Asset Score informs whether a building will benefit from **capital investments**



Does a building need new equipment?

VS.



ENERGY STAR®
PortfolioManager® Score

The EPA PM quantifies **building performance** using actual energy bills, normalized to adjust for the economic use of the building.

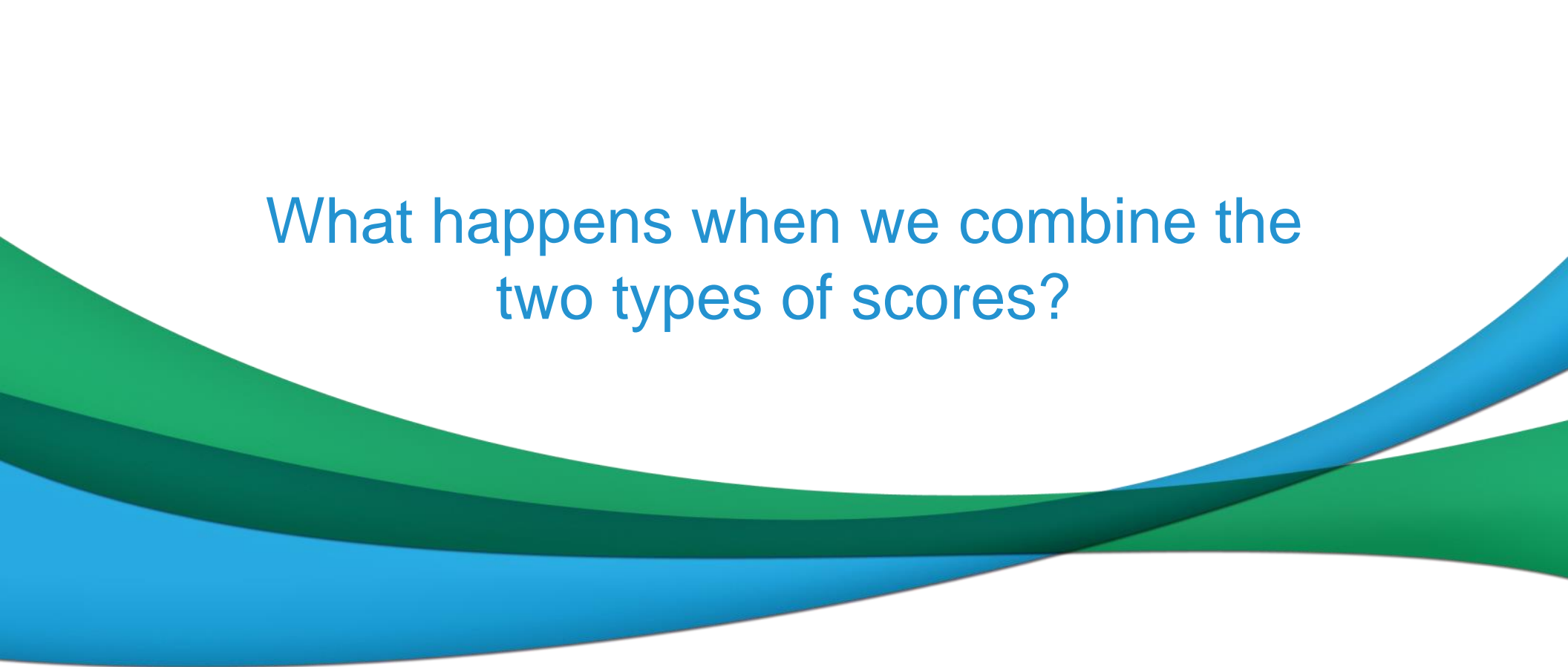
The normalization process in Portfolio Manager uses the analysis results of a nationwide survey of commercial buildings to factor out the influence of economic activity from the score. This means that a building open longer hours with higher occupancy can have the same or better score as a different building of the same use type (retail or school, for example) with open fewer hours and with less occupancy even though the first building has higher energy bills.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY** Commercial Building Asset Score

DOE Score tells you if you will benefit from improving the building with **capital investments.**

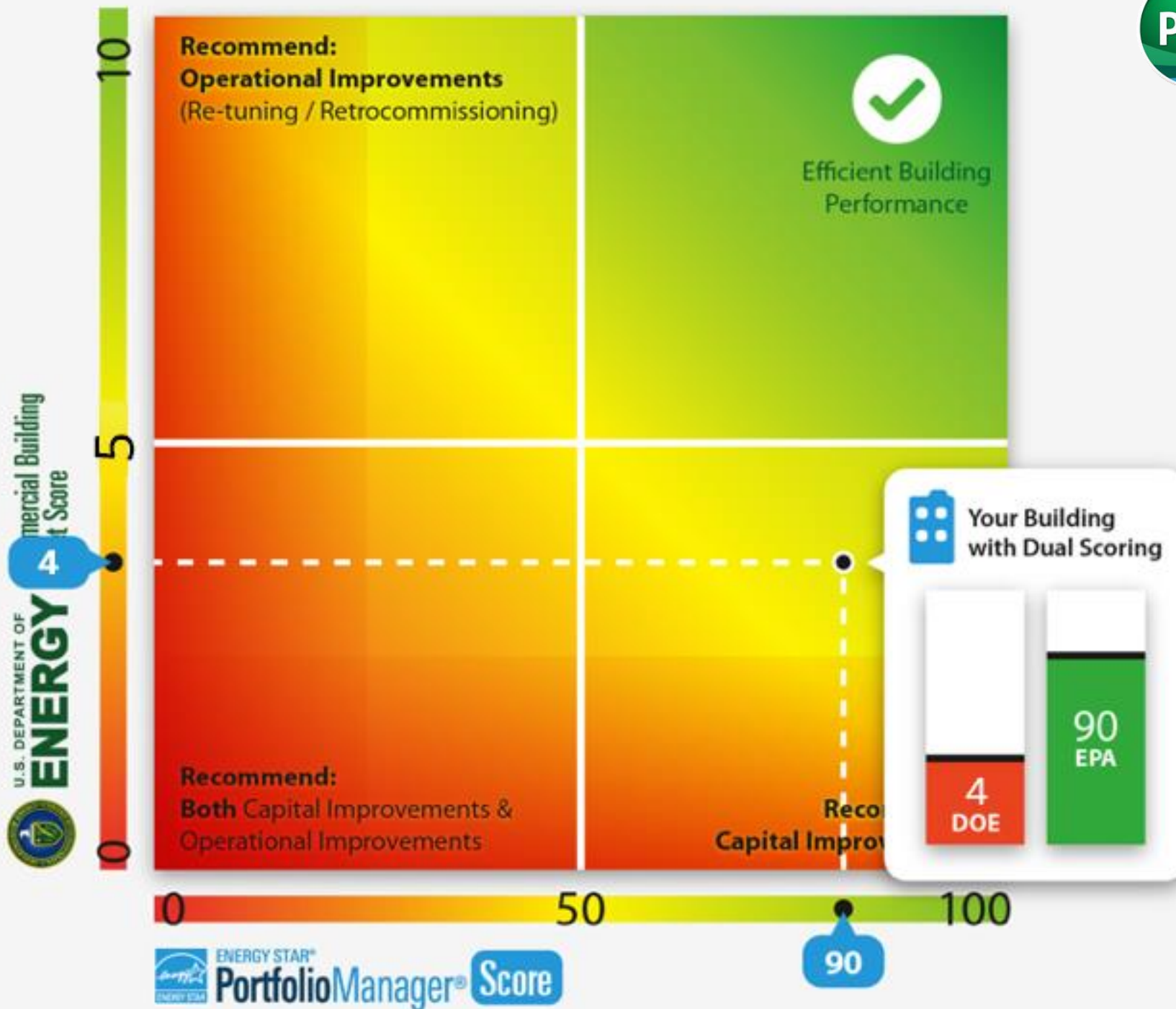
The DOE Asset Score does not use any energy bills, and instead collects information about the building characteristics like mechanical systems and envelope to calculate an expected energy use with standard occupancy. Data like the hours of use of the building do not matter.



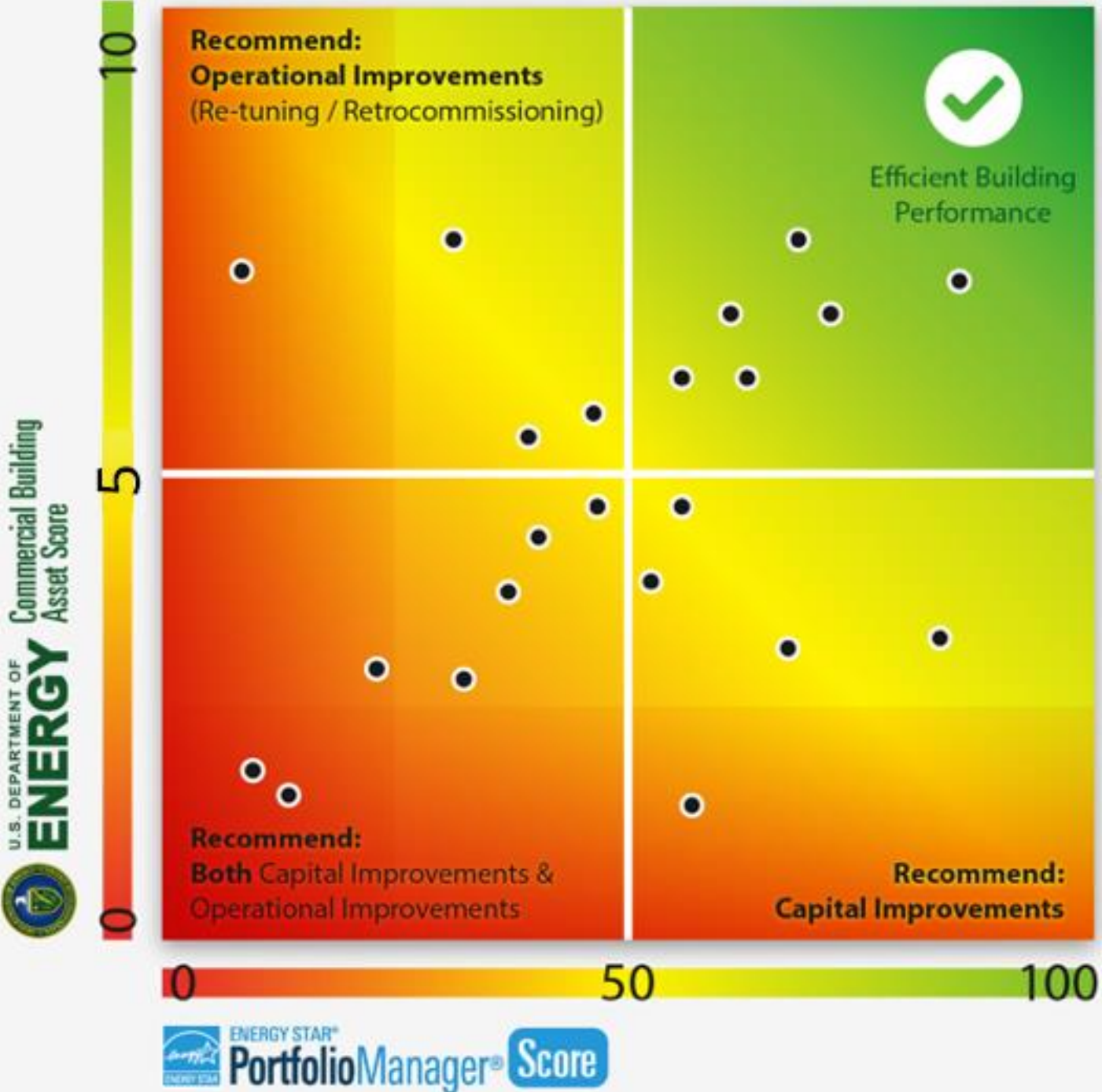
What happens when we combine the
two types of scores?

*Lets look at a portfolio of buildings
that have both scores...*

Creating a Scoring Matrix



Using the Scoring Matrix for Portfolio Assessment

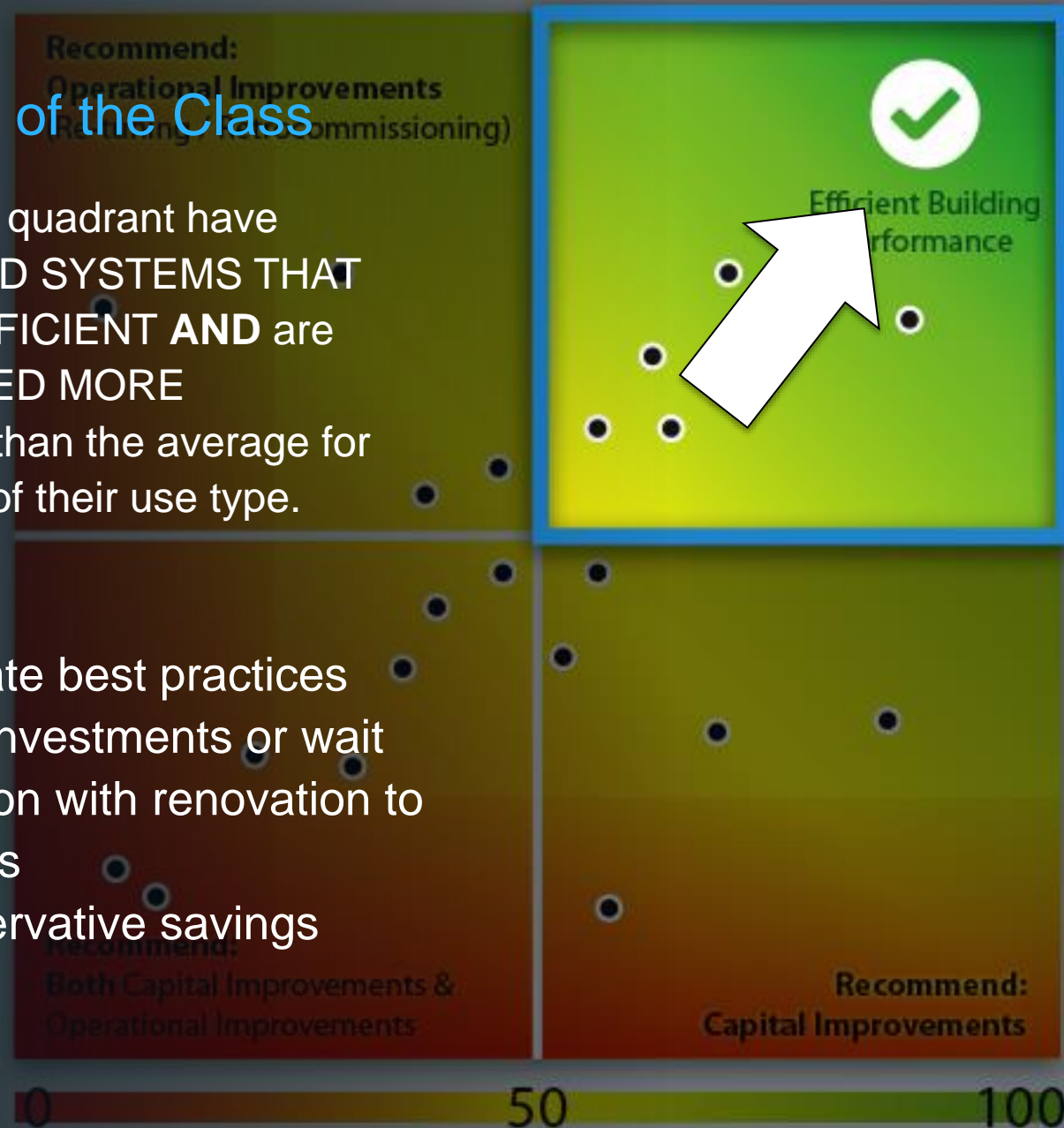


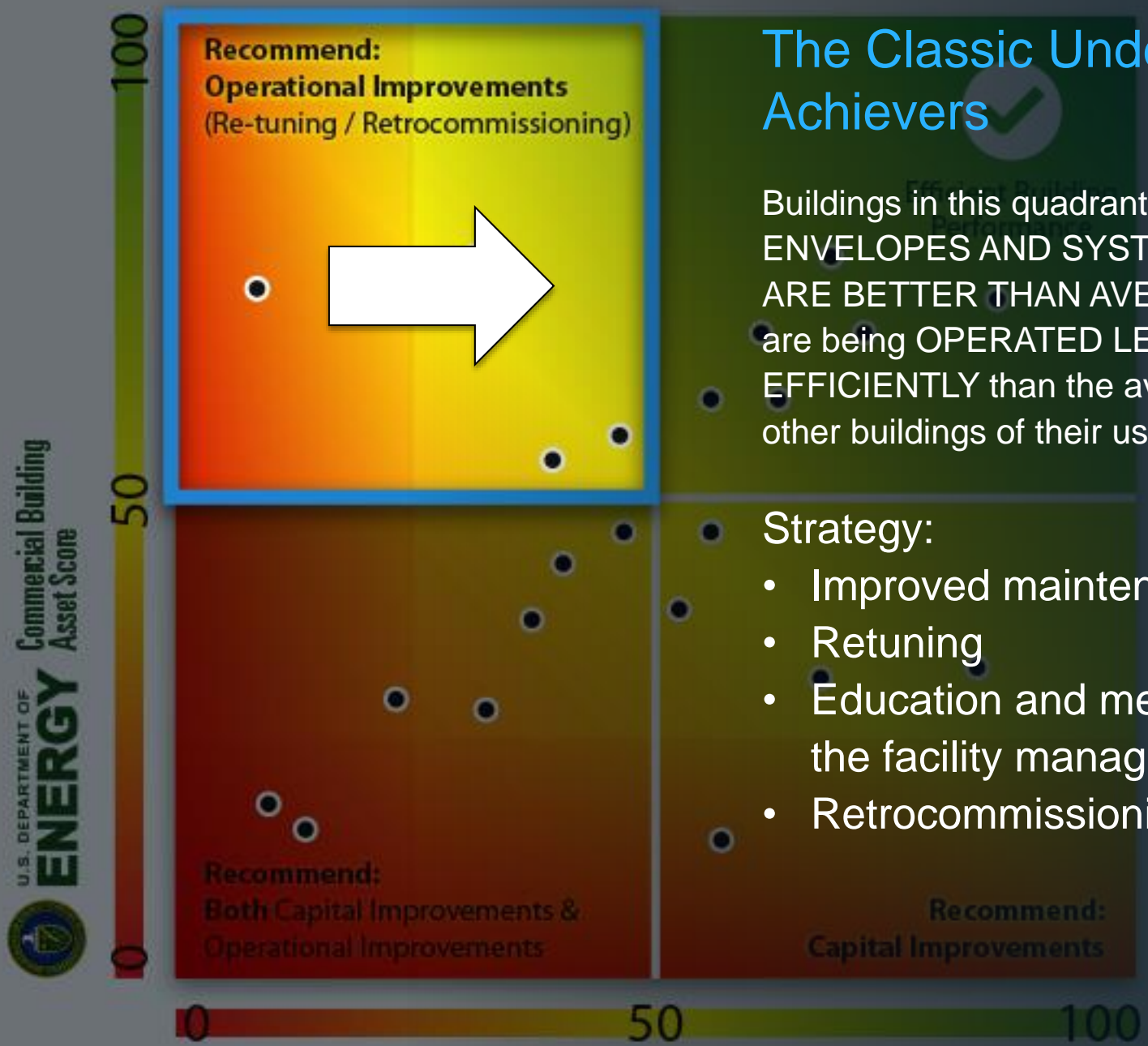
At the Head of the Class

Buildings in this quadrant have ENVELOPE AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE MORE EFFICIENT **AND** are being OPERATED MORE EFFICIENTLY than the average for other buildings of their use type.

Strategy:

- Communicate best practices
- Make light investments or wait for integration with renovation to reduce costs
- Make conservative savings predictions





The Classic Under Achievers

Buildings in this quadrant have ENVELOPES AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE BETTER THAN AVERAGE BUT are being OPERATED LESS EFFICIENTLY than the average of other buildings of their use type.

Strategy:

- Improved maintenance
- Retuning
- Education and mentoring of the facility manager
- Retrocommissioning

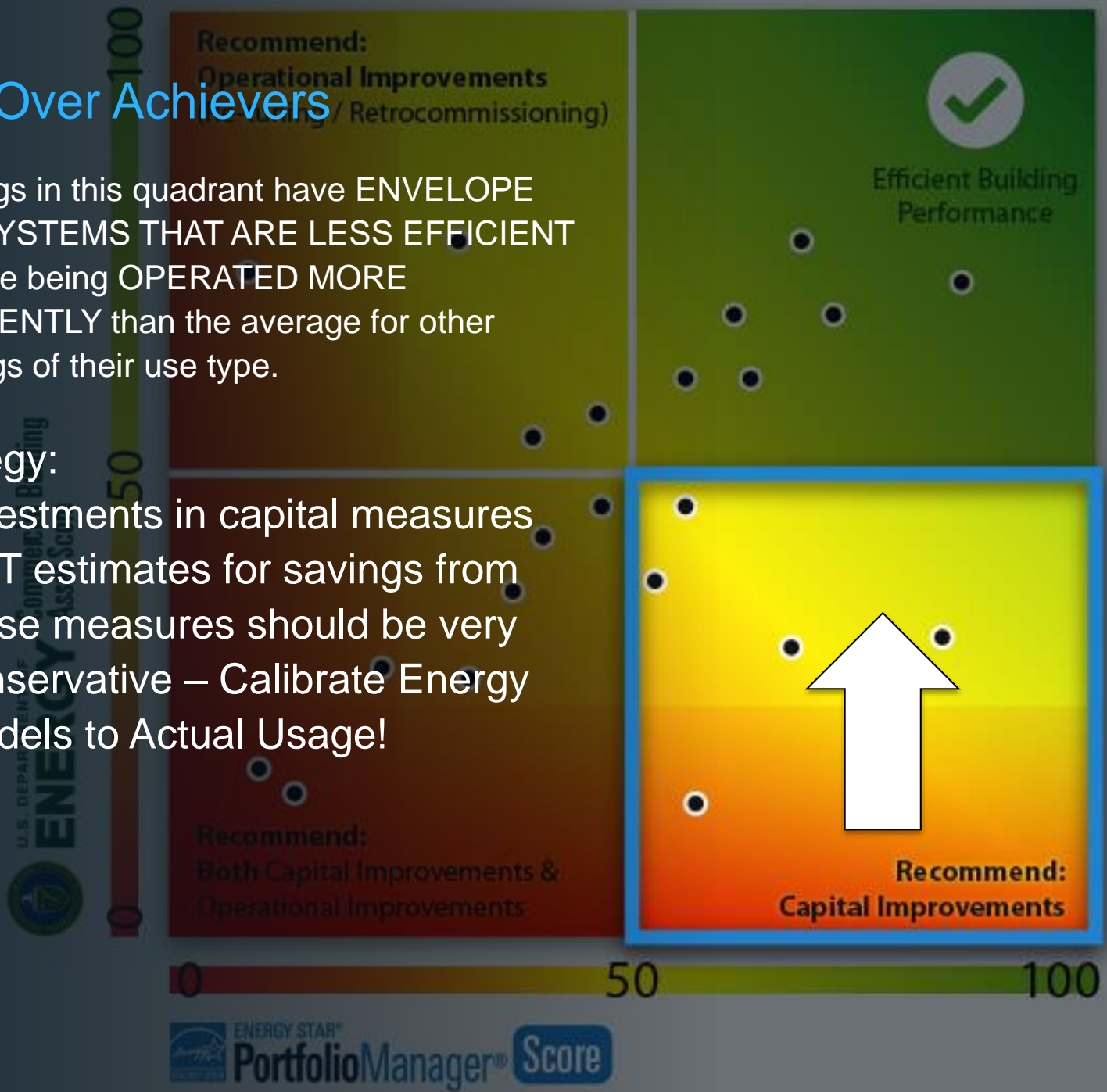
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The Over Achievers

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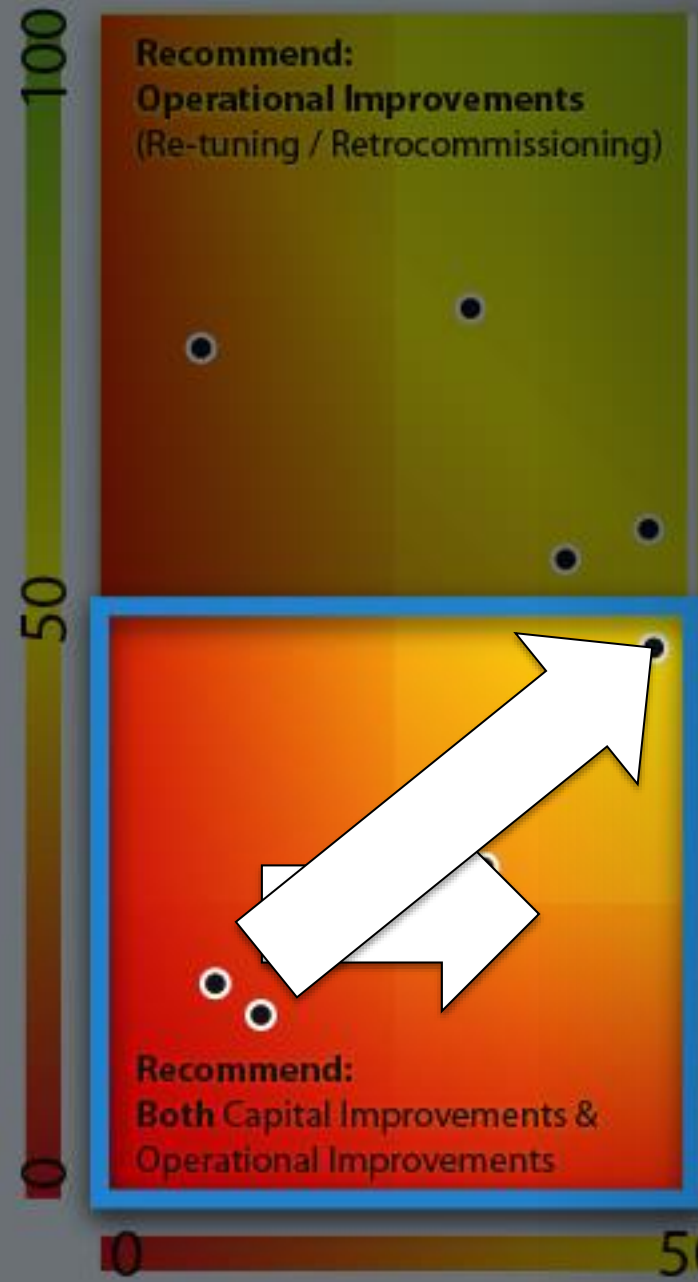
Strategy:

- Investments in capital measures
- BUT estimates for savings from those measures should be very conservative – Calibrate Energy Models to Actual Usage!





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Buildings with Lots of Potential!!!

Buildings in this quadrant have ENVELOPES AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE WORSE THAN AVERAGE AND are being OPERATED LESS EFFICIENTLY than the average for other buildings of their use type.

Strategy:

- Deeper investments and more support
- Internal financing – Start with operational investments to generate cash flow and reduce risk.
- External financing – Combine fast payback operational measures with long payback capital measures to support deeper investments



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Going Farther with the Asset Score

What is Behind the Asset Score?

- Optimized reduced input energy simulation
- Built on OpenStudio platform
- Exports OSM model
 - Code compliance
 - Lite audits
- API available

BUILDING ENERGY ASSET SCORE

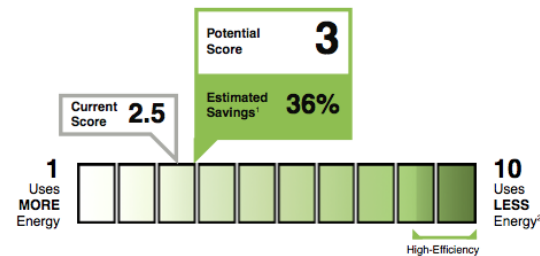
OVERALL BUILDING SCORE

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BUILDING INFORMATION

Multifamily Export
124 Oak Street
Jacksonville, FL 32099

Building Type: **Mixed Use** Score Date: **02/12/2015**
Gross Floor Area: **9,600 ft²** Building ID #: **1718**
Year Built: **1996**



Building Use Types	Estimated Source Energy Use (kBtu/ft ²)	Energy Use Intensity by Fuel Type
Multi-family (4 floors or greater): 8,000 ft²	Current Building 409	Site Energy Use (kBtu/ft ²)
Office: 1,600 ft²	Upgraded Building 263	Source Energy Use (kBtu/ft ²)
This report includes a Score for the entire building as well as individual Scores for each of the separate use types.		Fuel Type [Site EUI , Source EUI]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas [0.7, 0.7] Electricity [130.1, 408.5] District Heating [0.0, 0.0] District Cooling [0.0, 0.0]

The Building Energy Asset Score is a national rating system developed by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Score reflects the energy efficiency of a building based on the building's structure, heating, cooling, ventilation, and hot water systems. The building's Structure and Systems are individually evaluated and ranked. The Upgrade Opportunities page provides recommendations for how to improve the building's energy efficiency, increase the building's Asset Score, and save money.

¹ Savings reflect the reduction in source energy that would result from undertaking all of the efficiency improvements identified on the Opportunities page. Actual savings will depend on a variety of factors including actual operating conditions.

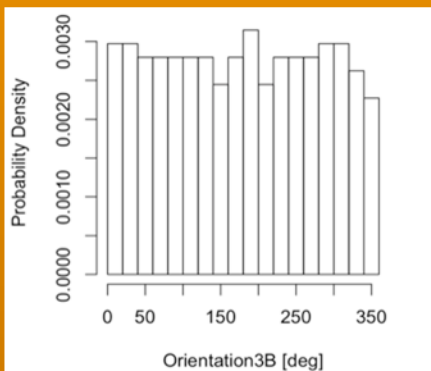
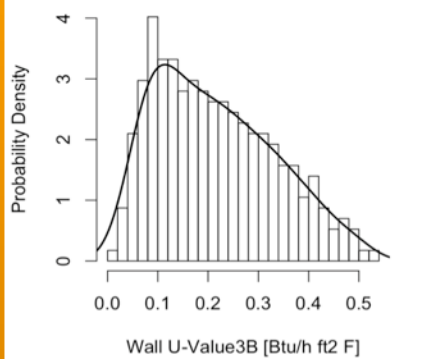
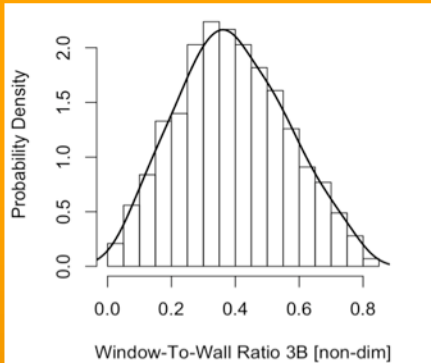
² A score of 10 represents the lowest expected energy usage using current energy efficiency technologies. A score of 8.5 represents a high-efficiency building that uses approximately 30% less energy than a building built to the ASHRAE 90.1-2004 energy code.

This report is based on self-reported building information.

<http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/commercial-building-energy-asset-score>

Analysis Supporting the Tool Development

Input Parameters



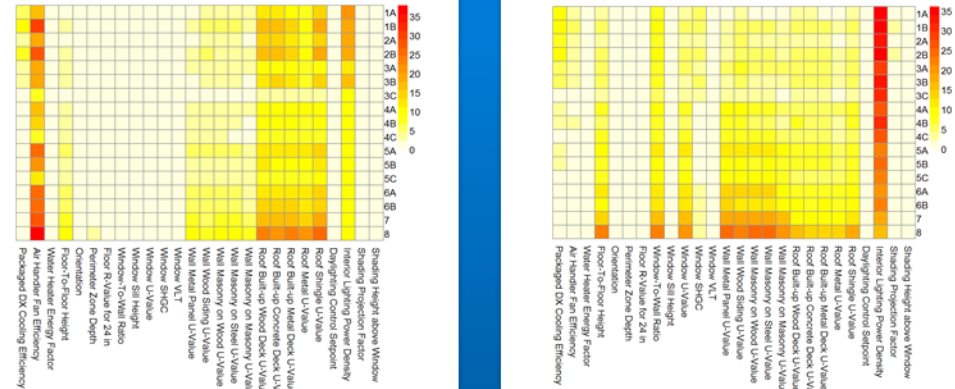
Impact of each variable across all climate zones



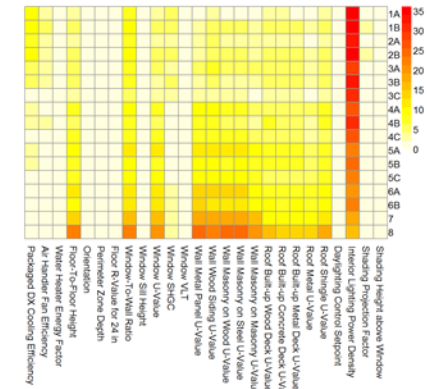
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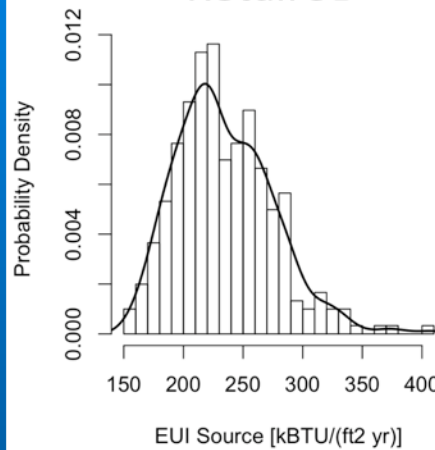
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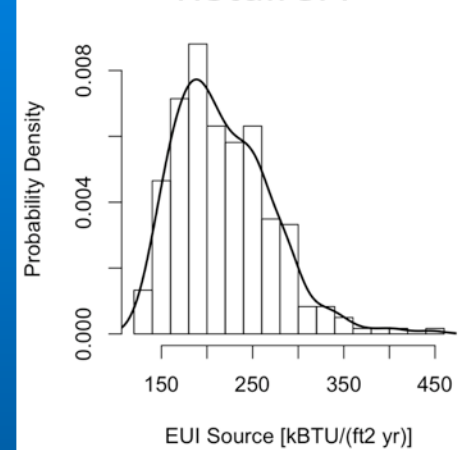
Medium Office



Retail 3B



Retail 5A



Exporting the OpenStudio Model Behind the Score

The screenshot displays the 'BUILDING ENERGY Asset Score' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'My Buildings', 'Home', and a user profile for 'cbalbach@psdconsulting.com'. The 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY' logo and 'Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy' text are on the right. Below the navigation bar, the 'Multifamily Export' section features two buttons: 'Download Report' and 'Download Model'. A large yellow arrow points to the 'Download Model' button. The main content area shows building details: '124 Oak Street, Jacksonville, FL 32009', 'Building Type: Mixed-Use', 'Floor Area: 9,600 ft²', and 'Year Built: 1996'. It also lists 'Report #: FL-1718-4016' and 'Award Year: 2015'. A performance chart at the bottom shows a 'Current Score' of 2.5 and a 'Potential Score' of 3, with 'Estimated Savings**' of 36%. The chart is a 10-bar scale from 1 (Uses MORE Energy) to 10 (Uses LESS Energy).

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Multifamily Export Download Report Download Model

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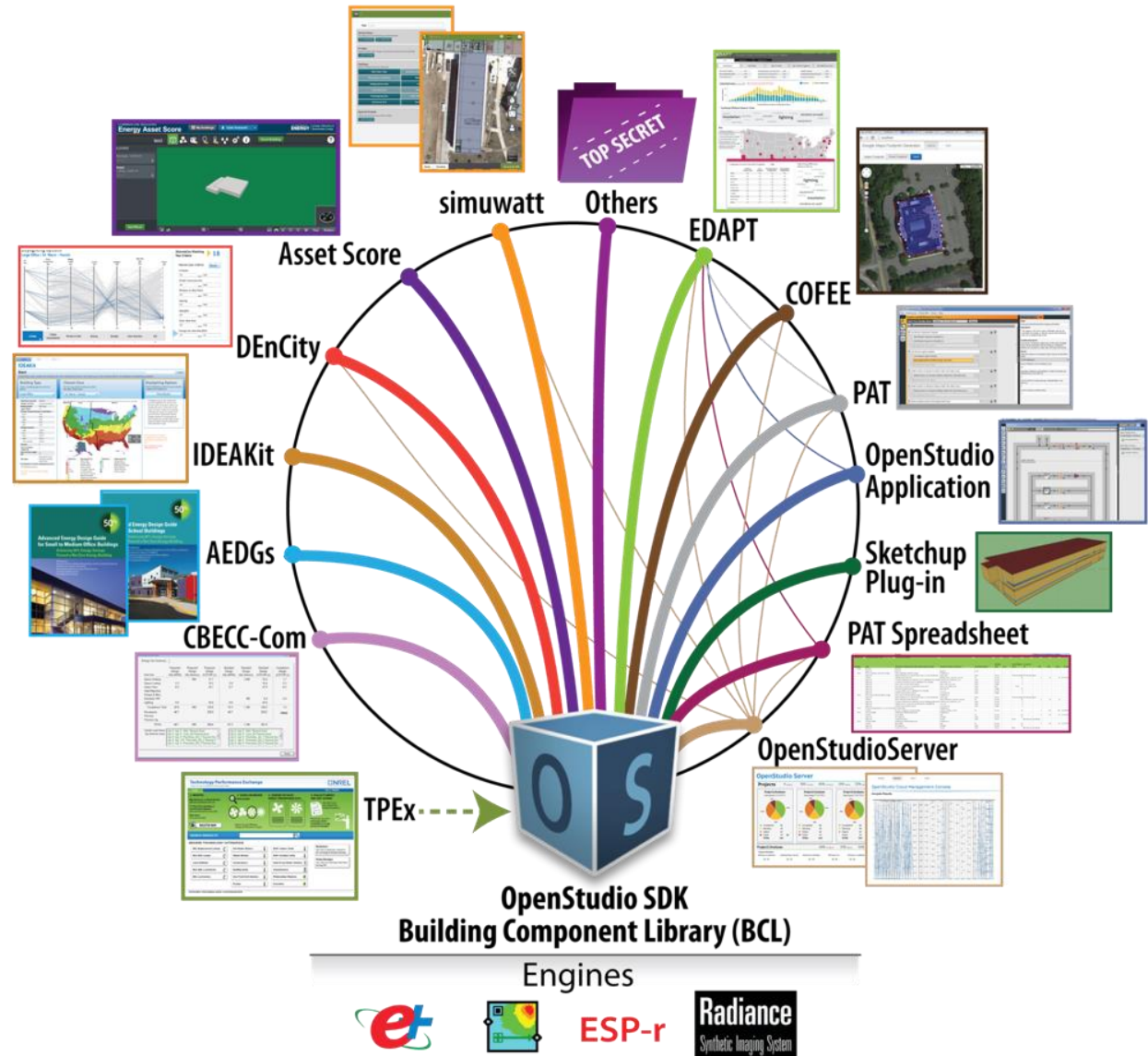
Potential Score **3**
Estimated Savings** **36%**

1 Uses MORE Energy 10 Uses LESS Energy

What is DOE's OpenStudio?

OpenStudio is **BOTH**

- a Software Development Kit (SDK) for building energy modeling tools
- and
- an Open Source Energy Modeling Application
- Developed by NREL

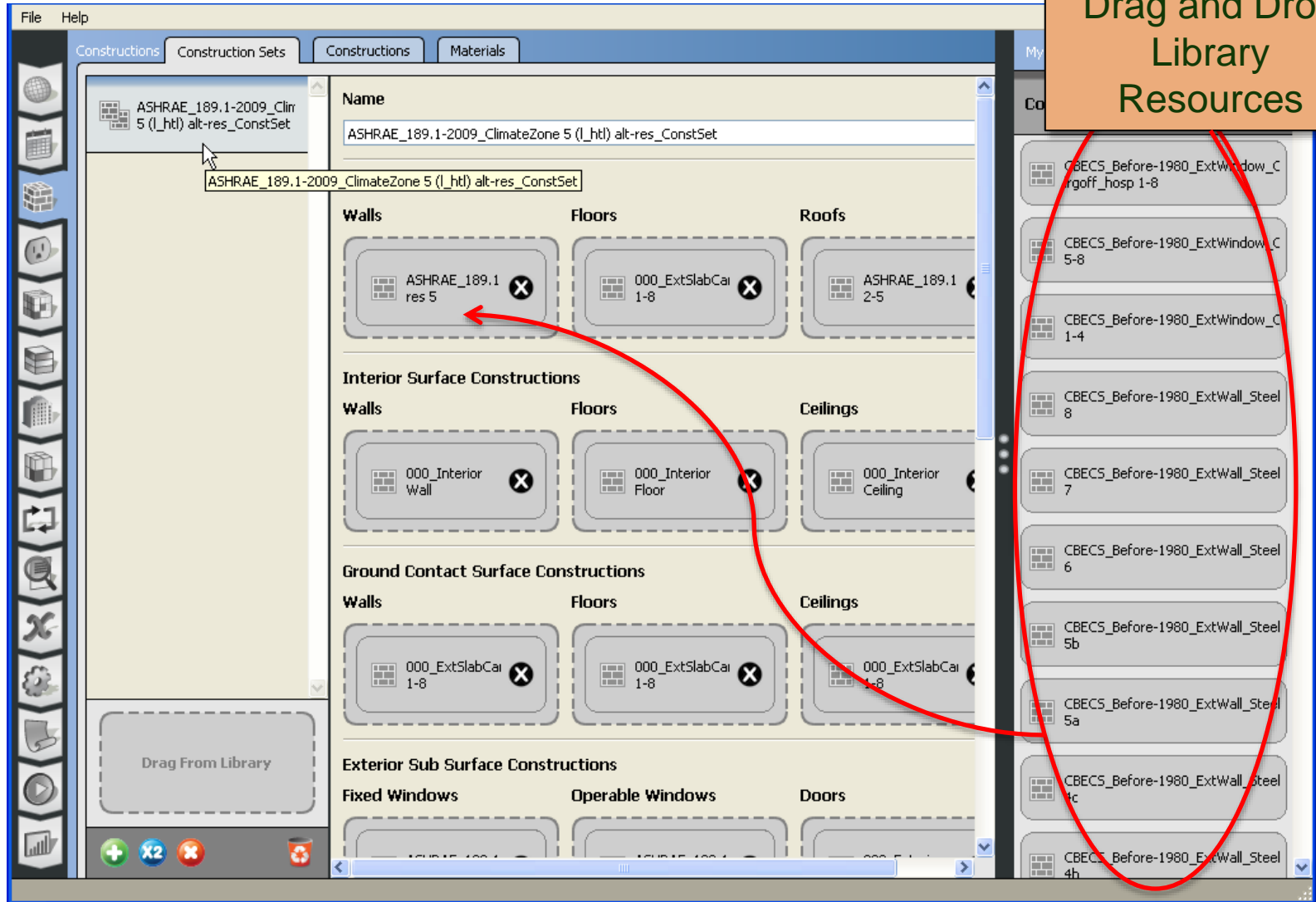


A Quick Intro to the OpenStudio Application

Define
Resources

Workflow

Review
Results



Templated HVAC Systems for Rapid Modeling

The screenshot displays the OpenStudio interface for HVAC system modeling. On the left, a vertical toolbar contains various icons for system components. The main workspace shows a schematic diagram with a dashed line separating 'Supply Equipment' (top) from 'Demand Equipment' (bottom). Three HVAC system templates are listed in the center:

- Packaged DX Rooftop VAV with Reheat
- Packaged Rooftop VAV with Parallel Fan Power Boxes and reheat
- Packaged Rooftop VAV with Reheat

Each template includes a circular icon with a snowflake, a flame, and a fan, and an 'Add to Model' button. A red arrow points from the first template to the main workspace. A grey box on the left contains the following instructions:

1. Pick a System
2. Add Your Zones
3. Done

On the right, the 'Properties' panel is open, showing the following settings:

- OS:Node: Name: OS:Node 13
- OS:SetpointManager:SingleZone:Reheat: Name: OS:SetpointManager:SingleZone:Reheat 1
- Minimum Supply Air Temperature: -99 F
- Maximum Supply Air Temperature: 99 F
- Control Zone Name: OS:ThermalZone 4

The OpenStudio Parametric Analysis Tool

OpenStudio Parametric Tool
File Preferences Help

Organize and Edit Measures for Project

Select Your Baseline Model:

▼ Model Scripts/Measure Groups

▼ Change Window-to-Wall-Ratio

- 0.1 Window-to-Wall Ratio
- 0.2 Window-to-Wall Ratio

Applied In Order from Top to Bottom

▼ Rooftop Unit Switch

- Rooftop Unit 1
- Rooftop Unit 2
- Rooftop Unit 3

▼ New Group

▼ IDF Scripts, Pre EnergyPlus Groups

- Applied to Baseline Model Script 1

▼ New Group

▼ IDF Scripts, Post EnergyPlus Groups

Local Library Edit Measure

Change Window-to-Wall-Ratio

Description

Set the building's window-to-wall ratio to [Window to Wall Ratio] on the (Facade) site of the building.

OpenStudio Parametric Tool
File Preferences Help

Create and View Reports Summary Details

Select Report Type:

▼ OpenStudio High-level Comparison

Baseline Model

Name	baseline_model_file_name.osm
Annual Total Energy Cost (\$)	\$100,000
Annual Electricity Use (kWh)	500,000 kWh
Annual Electricity Peak Demand (kW)	\$100,000
Annual Natural Gas Usage (Therms)	25,000 Therms
Site EUI (kBtu/ft2*yr)	100 kBtu/ft2*yr

Name	Measures Applied	Annual Energy Cost Reduction (\$)	Annual Electricity Use Reduction (kWh)	Annual Electricity Peak Demand Reduction (kW)	Annual Natural Gas Usage Reduction (Therms)	Site EUI Reduction (kBtu/ft2*yr)
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alternative2 file ...	M1.3-0.3 WWR on North Facade	\$4,000	4%	\$10,000	2%	6
alternative3 file ...	M1.4-0.4 WWR on North Facade					
alternative3 file ...	M2.4-0.4 Other Measure Name					
alternative3 file ...	M3.2-0.4 Other Measure Name					
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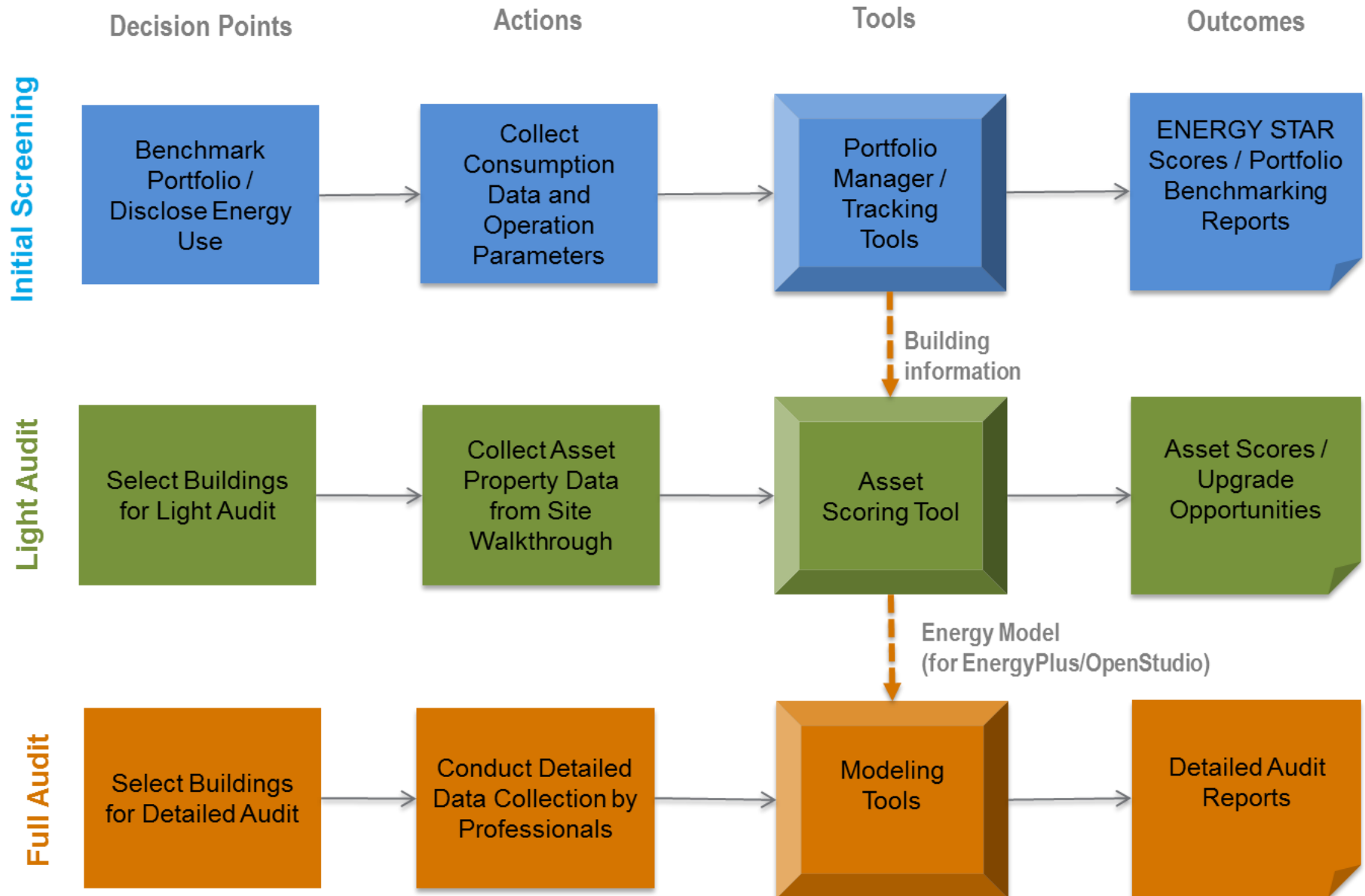
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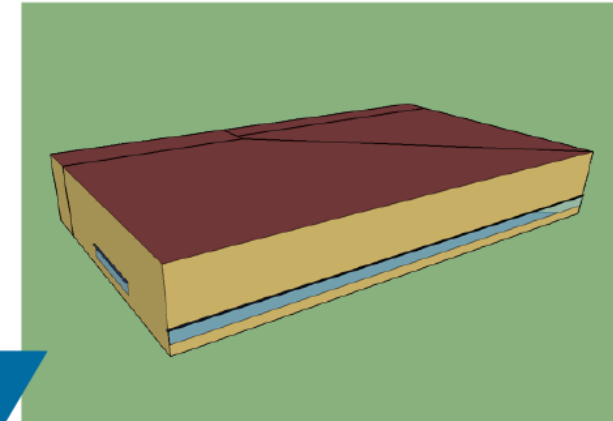
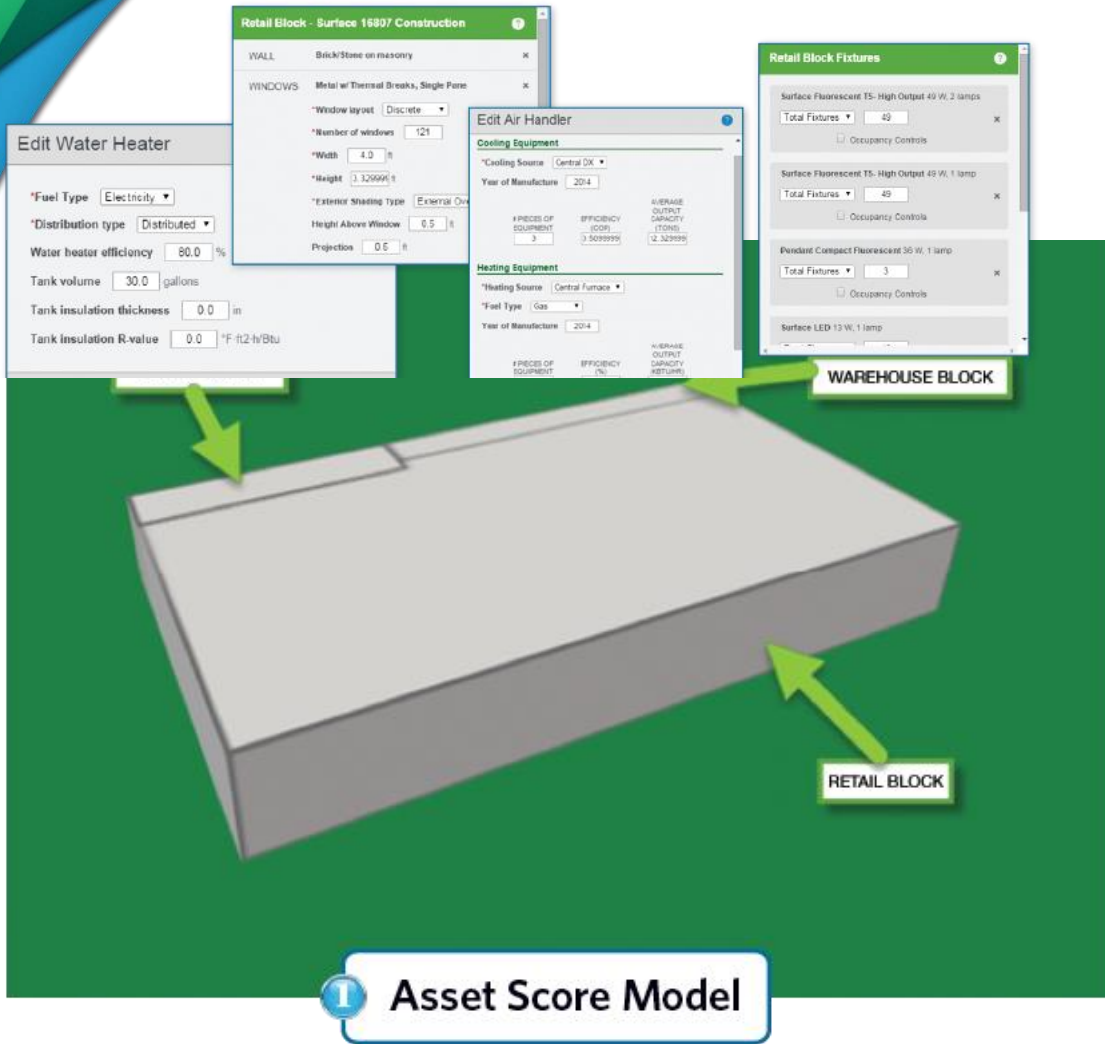
Compare energy performance, cost reduction, and paybacks

Fitting the Tool Set into a Whole Building Upgrade Process



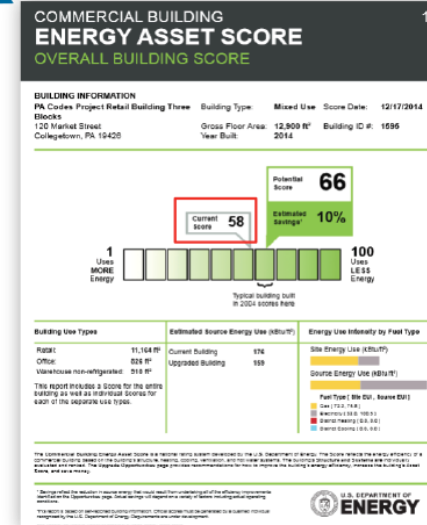
PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Using Asset Score Generated OpenStudio Models to Support Energy Code Compliance

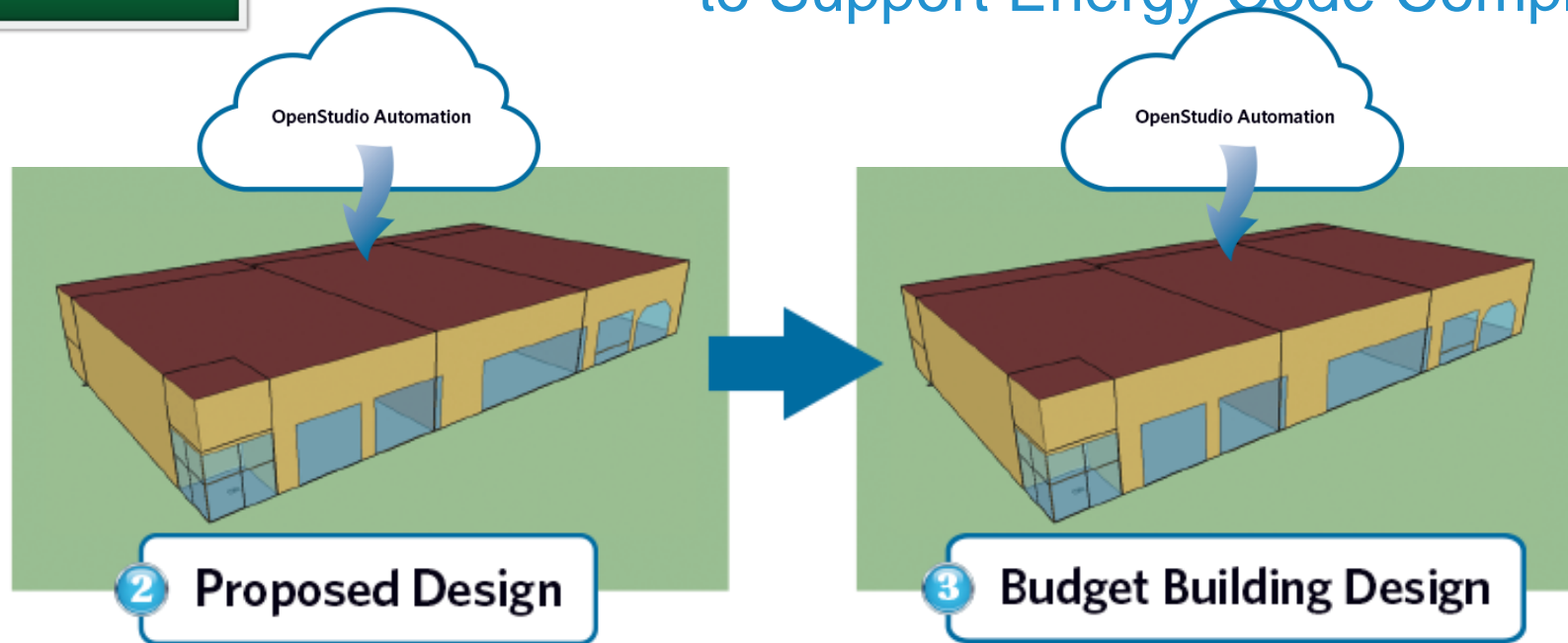


OSM FILE

REPORT



Using Asset Score Generated OpenStudio Models to Support Energy Code Compliance



- Create Proposed Model Envelope and Space Load Resources
- Refine Space Loads descriptions for specific OpenStudio Spaces
- Create Proposed Model HVAC Transformations
- Create Proposed Model Service Hot Water Transformations
- Debug Simulation
- Apply OpenStudio Tariff measure to determine Design Energy Cost results

- "Save As" a version of the Proposed Model to create a Budget Model
- Create Budget Model Envelope and Space Load Resource Transformations
- Create Budget Model HVAC Transformations
- Create Budget Model Service Hot Water Transformations
- Debug Simulation, check for thermal zone Unmet Hours
- Apply OpenStudio Tariff measure to determine Energy Cost Budget results

COMPLETED PROPOSED MODEL



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COMPLETED BUDGET MODEL

Accessing OpenStudio Training

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www.OpenStudioTraining.com

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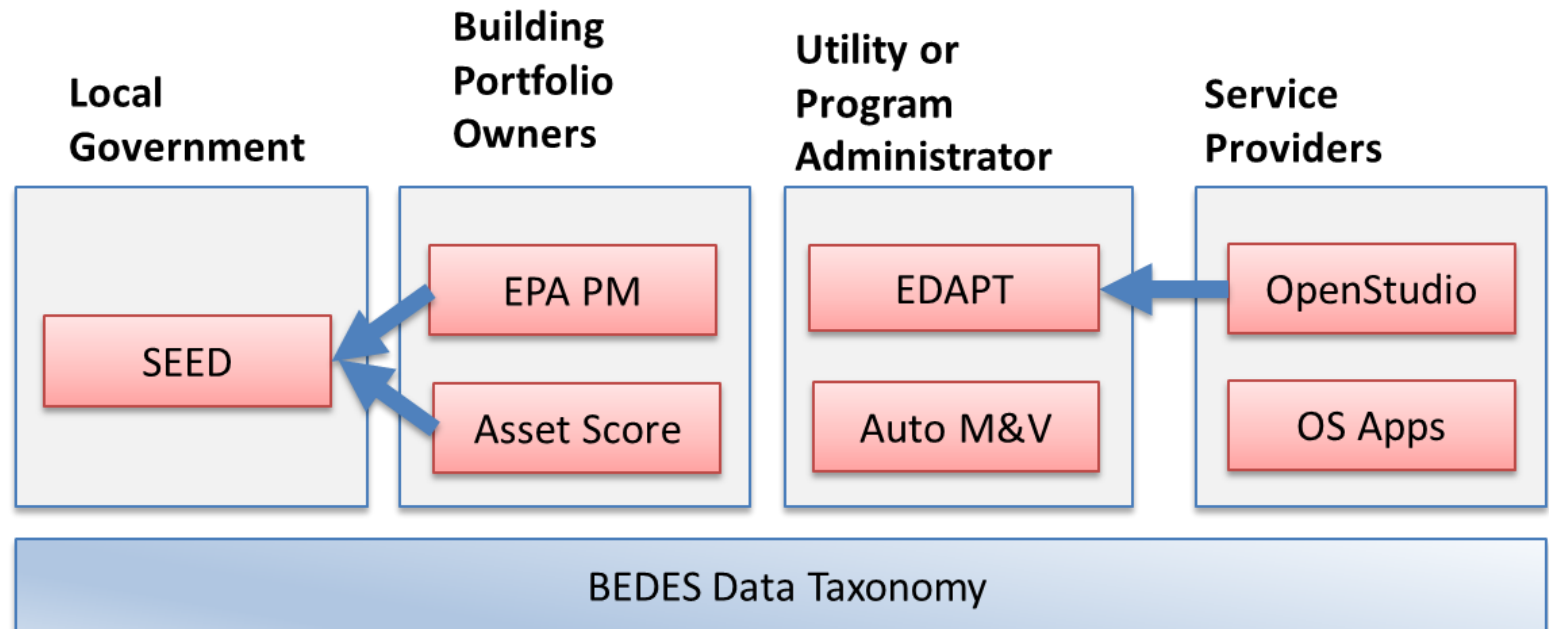


Your Destination for OpenStudio Training & Support



OpenEfficiency: Putting It All Together!

- Reduce transaction costs
 - Service provider and building owner
 - Program admin
 - Open source
- Improve data quality and usability
 - Data analysis
 - Incentive award
 - Evaluation risk reduction



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Case Study: Utilization of the Department of Energy's Asset Score Tool

Presented by: Aaron Mehta, Director of Energy Information

FS Energy Background

Energy Subsidiary of FirstService Residential

- Largest residential property management firm in North America
- 6,500 properties, 1.5 million units
- \$3-4 billion in managed energy spend / year




FirstService
RESIDENTIAL

Benchmarking Strategy

- Monthly utility bill cost and consumption
- Building characteristics

Back Interface **Welcome ! Aaron Mehta** 1:53:00 PM Lock Box

WISDOM
Powered by FirstService

Search 
Advanced Search

Welcome To Typology [Choose Property](#)

Property Name: Bentley Beach Condominium Association Inc 0% Form Completed

General Information >>

General Information

Page Status: Incomplete

Building Code * : 0001

Building Address:

Street Address * : 101 Ocean Drive

City/Town * : Miami Beach

County * : Other

State (FL/TX ...) * : FL

Zip Code * : 33139

Country * : US

Number of Buildings in Complex * : 1

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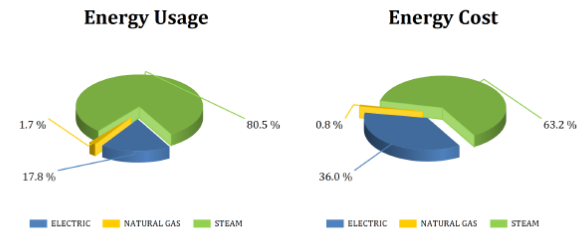
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Energy Report Cards

- Show historical energy cost and consumption information in charts
- Identify anomalies
- Identify trends and potential areas for improvement

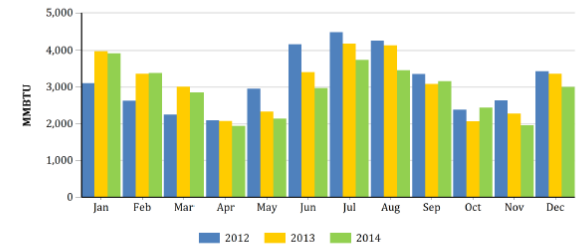
ENERGY USE AND COST BREAKDOWN

These graphs show the breakdown of each energy component in 2014.



WEATHER NORMALIZED ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Energy consumption varies due to fluctuations in the temperature from one year to the next. By factoring out weather conditions that affect efficiency, we have normalized the data to provide a fair comparison and analysis.



	2012	2013	2014
Energy Consumption (MMBTU)	37,723	37,262	34,959
% Change From Previous Year		-1.22%	-6.18%

Limitations

- Piques stakeholder interest, but does not provide a tangible next step to take
- Identify buildings with relatively high Energy Use Intensity (EUI)
- Can identify the commodity or season where higher energy usage is taking place

Asset Score Utilization

- End-use analysis of energy consumption
- System-level evaluations
- Efficiency Improvement Opportunities – Cost/ROI

Operational Challenges Obtaining Data

- Gaining stakeholder engagement to collect pre-requisite information to utilize the tool
- High level of technical knowledge need to fill in certain sections
- Substitute services - in-person energy audit performed by an energy engineer

Tiered Approach

- Enter easy to obtain building and energy data from publicly available data sources
- Utilize existing on-site building engineers, supers, resident managers to fill in the next level of building characteristics
- Utilize engineers and architects who perform work at the sites to obtain the remaining information
- Share data with all stakeholders to drive value creation opportunities for the building and motivate everyone to continue obtaining data for other buildings

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DOE Building Energy Asset Score



Overview

National, free software tool for assessing the *physical and structural* energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily residential buildings

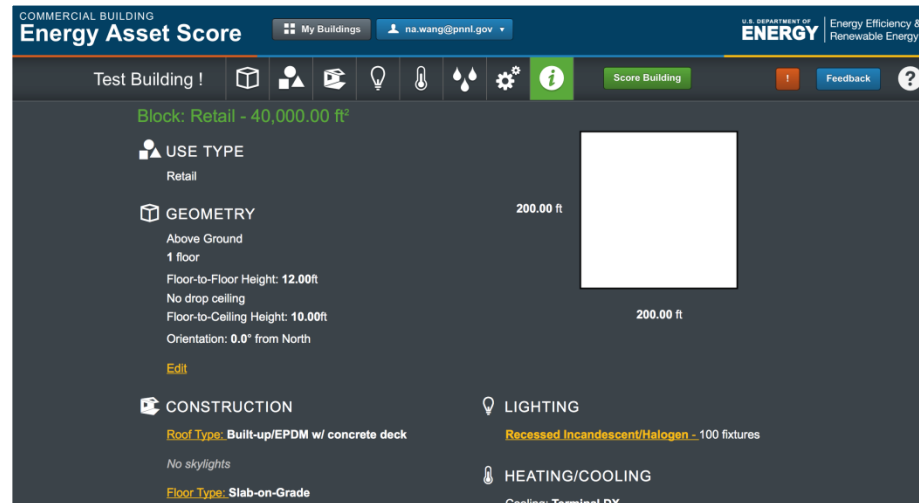
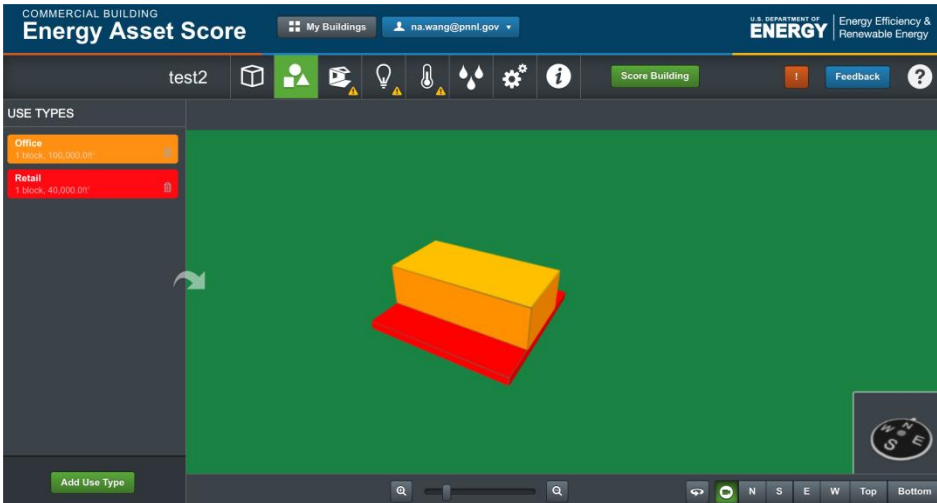
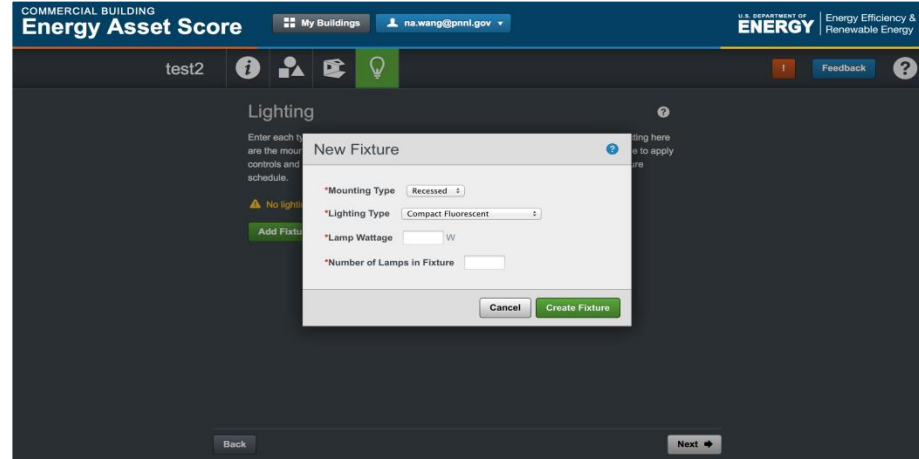
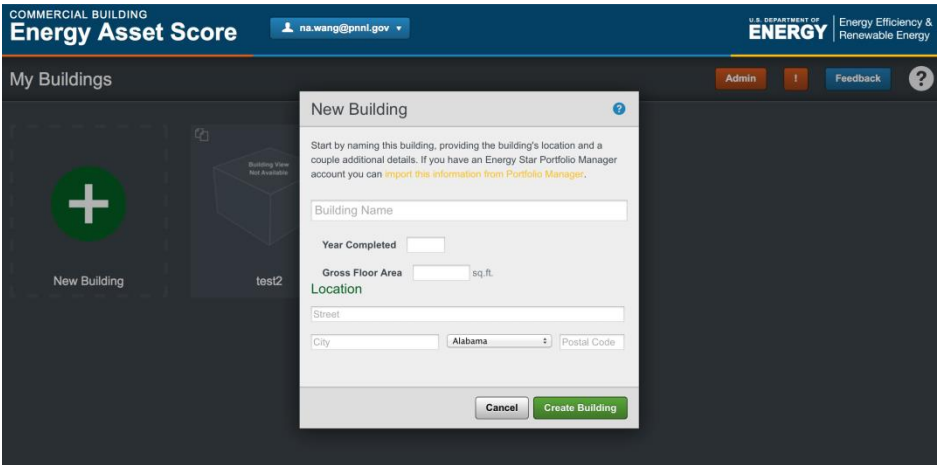
- Envelope (roof, walls, windows)
- Major systems and equipment (mechanical, electrical, service hot water)

How it Works

Asset Score runs an *energy simulation* using a powerful building energy modeling engine (EnergyPlus)

- The simulation normalizes for building operations, occupancy and tenant behavior
- Users (owner, operator, service, provider, etc.) enter building information through an web interface
 - General information: # of floors, footprint dimension, orientation, use type
 - Envelope components: Roof, exterior wall, floor types, insulation levels
 - Fenestration: Skylights, windows, shading
 - Lighting: Fixture types, # of fixtures or % of served floor area, lighting controls
 - Mechanical components: Cooling/heating types, controls, equipment efficiency
 - Service water heating: Fuel type, distribution type, equipment efficiency

How it Works



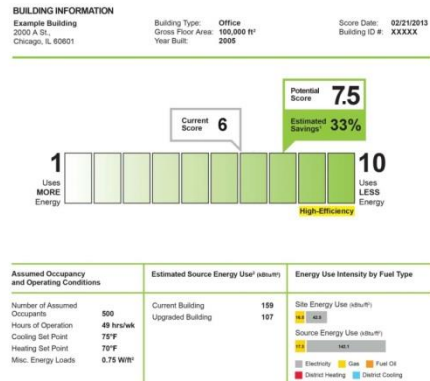
Types of Buildings

Asset Score assesses the following *new and existing* building types:

- Multifamily (low/high-rise, 3+ units)
- Office
- Retail
- Assisted living
- City hall
- Community center
- Courthouse
- Educational (including K-12 schools)
- House of Worship
- Library
- Lodging
- Medical office
- Parking garage
- Police station
- Post office
- Senior center
- Warehouse (unrefrigerated)
- Mixed-Use (of the above types)

Asset Score Report

COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY ASSET SCORE OVERALL BUILDING SCORE



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COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY ASSET SCORE UPGRADE OPPORTUNITIES

Building ID #: XXXXX Gross Floor Area: 100,000 ft²

COST EFFECTIVE UPGRADE OPPORTUNITIES

Building Envelope	Energy Savings*	Cost†
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add roof insulation in Office Learn More Upgrade windows in Office with high performance double pane windows Learn More 	Medium	\$5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade fluorescent T8 lighting system in Office to compact fluorescent lighting system Learn More 	High	\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade cooling system in Office with high efficiency electric DX cooling system Learn More Add supply air temperature reset to HVAC system in Office Learn More 	High	\$55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade service hot water system in Office with electric heat pump water heater Learn More 	Medium	\$5

HVAC Systems

Hot Water Systems

*Energy savings are based on the assumed occupancy and operating conditions. The savings are based on the assumed occupancy and operating conditions. The savings are based on the assumed occupancy and operating conditions. The savings are based on the assumed occupancy and operating conditions.

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY ASSET SCORE STRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS

Building ID #: XXXXX Gross Floor Area: 100,000 ft²

ABOUT THE BUILDING SYSTEMS

Ranking†	Ranking†
Interior Lighting: Fair	Roof U-Value, Non-ABC: Good
Heating: Good	Floor U-Value, Mass: Good
Cooling: Good	Walls U-Value, Framed: Good
Overall HVAC Systems: Good	Windows U-Value: Fair
Hot Water: Fair	Walls - Windows U-Value: Fair
	Window Solar Heat Gain Coefficient: Fair

ENERGY USE INTENSITY BY END USE

Legend: Current Building (Green), With Upgrades (Blue)

The information on this report is based on the data provided by the building owner. The information is based on the data provided by the building owner. The information is based on the data provided by the building owner.

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY ASSET SCORE BUILDING ASSETS

Building ID #: XXXXX Gross Floor Area: 100,000 ft²

BUILDING SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS SUMMARY

Geometry

Above Ground	2 floor	Current Building
Below Ground	0 floor	
Floor-to-Floor Height	14 ft	
Floor-to-Ceiling Height	8 ft	
Overhang	0 ft from North	
Use Type	Office	

Shading

Exterior Shading Type	External overhang
Height Above Window	0 ft
Projection	0 ft
Daylight	
Daylight Included	No

Roof

Roof Type	Built-up/Flat Insulated Deck
Roof U-Value	U=0.06 (R16.7)

Walls

Exterior Wall Type	Mixed Veneer/CMU Concrete
Wall U-Value	External*

Floor

Floor Type	Slab-on-Grade
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Windows

Window Frame Type	Wood
Glaze Type	Single pane
Gas Fill Type	None
Window Layout	Continuous
Window to Wall Ratio	0.4
Window U-Value	U=0.81 (R1.23)
Window SHGC	0.8
Window VLT	External*

Indoor Lighting

Lighting Type	T8
Lighting Type	Fluorescent
Percent of Total Floor Area Served	100%
Occupancy Control	Yes
Daylighting Controls	No
Lighting Power Density	External*

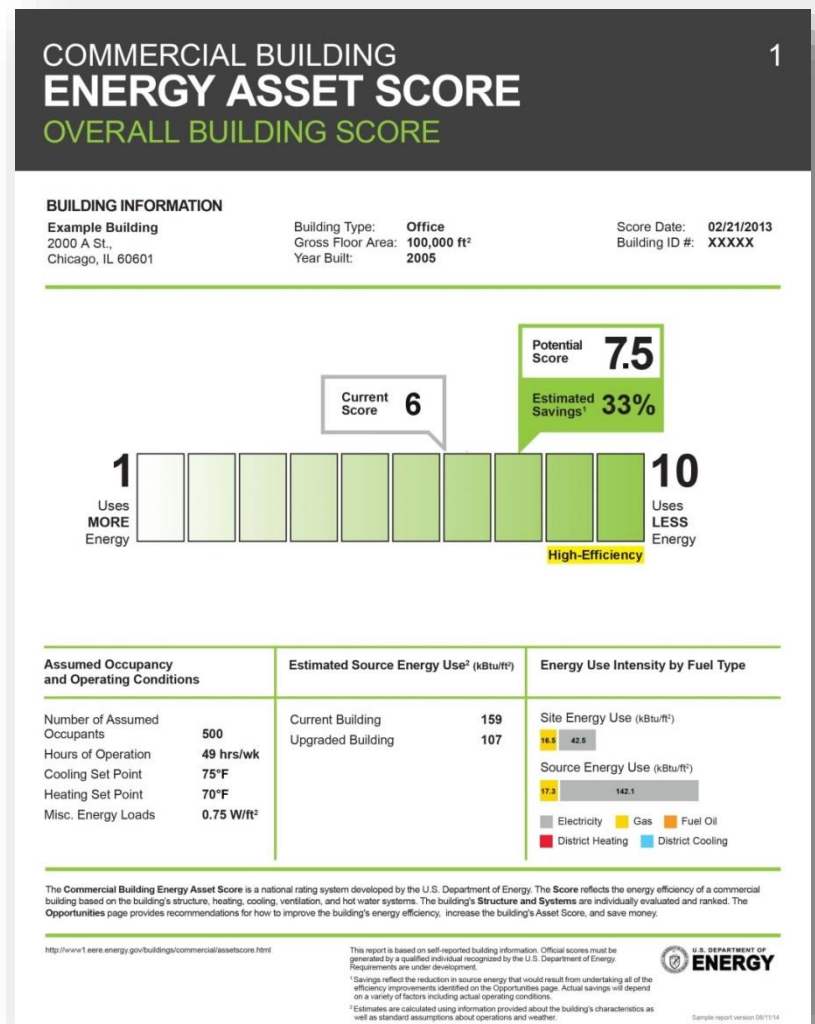
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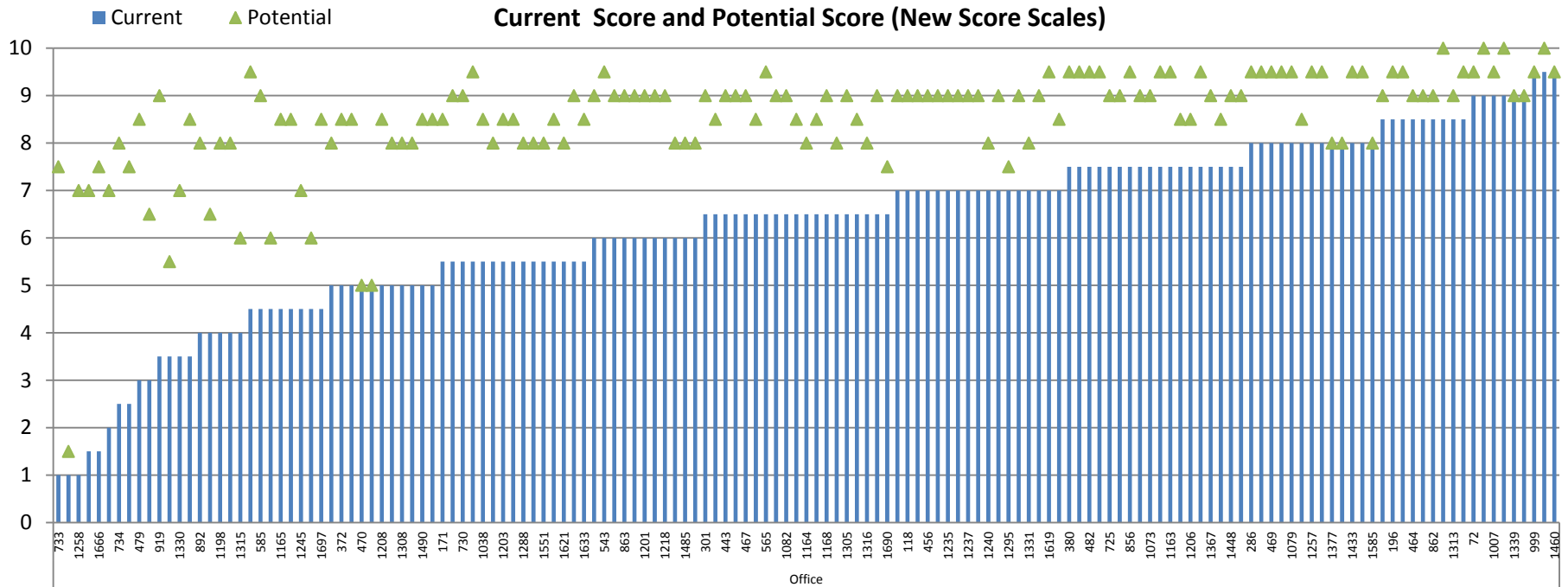
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10-point scale based on predicted EUI

- Recently transitioned from 100-point scale
- Current and Potential Scores
- “10” represents lowest expected energy usage using current EE technologies
- Weather normalized
- Scale moves in half-point increments

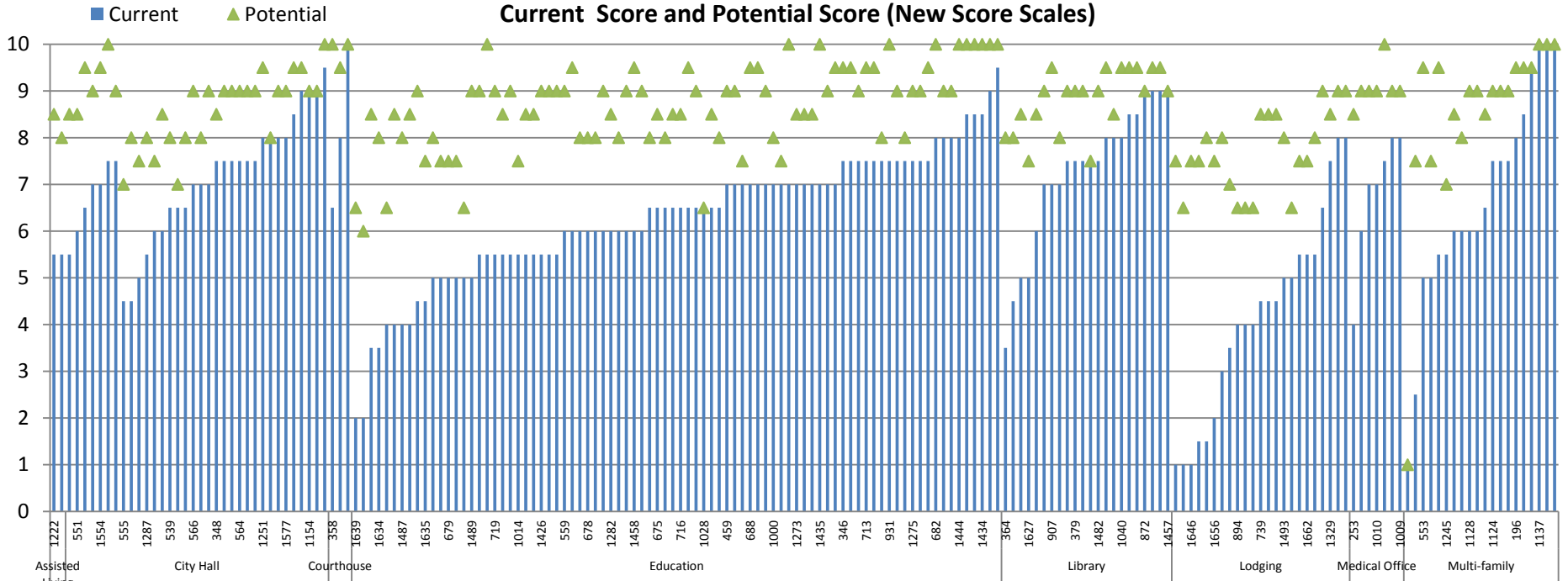


Score Distributions - Office



Score Distributions - Other

Current Score and Potential Score (New Score Scales)



Asset Score Report

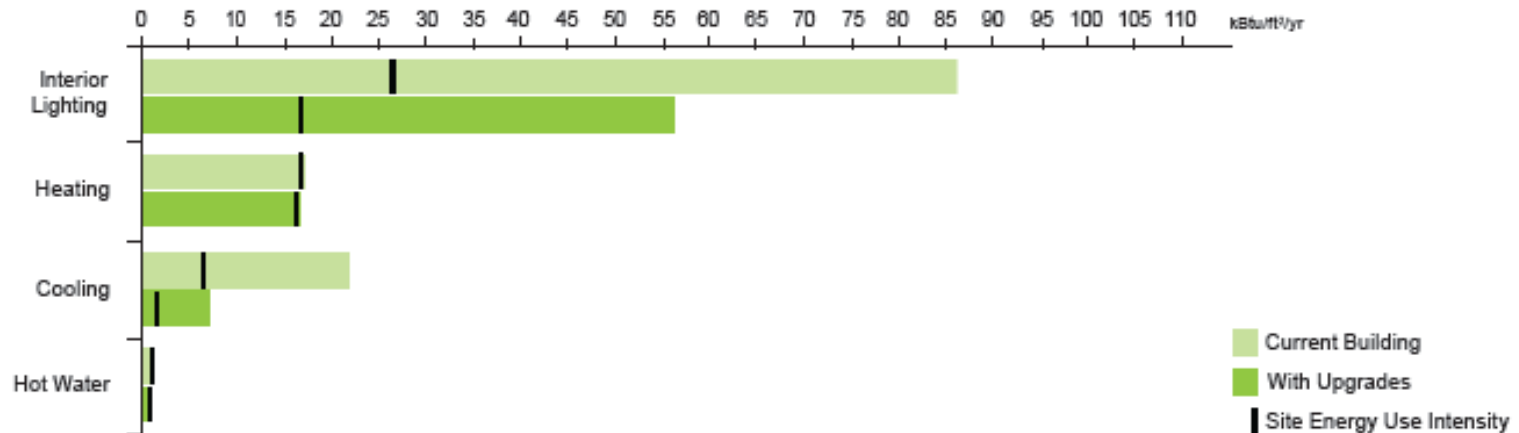
ABOUT THE BUILDING SYSTEMS

	Ranking ⁸
Interior Lighting	Fair
Heating	Good
Cooling	Good
Overall HVAC Systems	Good
Hot Water	Fair

ABOUT THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

	Ranking ⁸
Roof U-Value, Non-Attic (Btu/ft ² h °F)	Good
Floor U-Value, Mass (Btu/ft ² h °F)	Good
Walls U-Value, Framed (Btu/ft ² h °F)	Good
Windows U-Value (Btu/ft ² h °F)	Fair
Walls + Windows U-Value (Btu/ft ² h °F)	Fair
Window Solar Heat Gain Coefficient	Fair

ENERGY USE INTENSITY BY END USE



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COST EFFECTIVE UPGRADE OPPORTUNITIES

	Energy Savings ⁴	Cost ⁵
Building Envelope		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add roof insulation in Office Learn More	Medium	\$\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade windows in Office with high performance double pane windows Learn More	Medium	\$\$
Interior Lighting		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade Fluorescent T8 lighting system in Office to compact fluorescent lighting system Learn More	High	\$
HVAC Systems		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade cooling system in Office with high efficiency electric DX cooling system Learn More	High	\$\$\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add supply air temperature reset to HVAC system in Office Learn More	Low	\$
Hot Water Systems		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade service hot water system in Office with electric heat pump water heater Learn More	Medium	\$\$

Value

Real estate owners and managers, designers, and government facilities managers can use the Asset Score to:

- Ensure the market recognizes EE capital investments
- Communicate the underlying energy efficiency of assets to tenants and investors
- Demonstrate national sustainability and CSR leadership
- Guide energy-related investment decisions and target improvement actions (beyond Portfolio Manager)
- For architects: Assess EE iteratively during design
- For governments: Provide transparency to taxpayers

Call for Users

DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy will recognize stakeholders that use, or commit to use, the Asset Score by May 2015

- Planned media release in summer 2015 recognizing current and committed users
- Technical assistance from Pacific NW National Lab will be made available
- Commitment does not require disclosure of any kind

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