

### Financial Options for Public Housing Authorities







### **2015 Better Buildings Challenge Summit**

### Self-Managed Energy Performance Contracting

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### Integrating Energy and Water Conservation Into Your Portfolio





### **Energy Performance Contracting**

A HUD approved method of financing energy and water conservation measures (ECMs) and capital improvements through future energy savings

### Frozen Rolling Base or Add-On Subsidy



# **Energy Performance Contracting**

### EPC Financing Example

- Install a 92% efficient furnace
- **C**ost \$1,000
- Annual energy savings \$100/year

#### Financing Scenario # 1

□ Loan amount: \$1,000

Loan term: 10 Years

□ Yearly payment: \$100

#### Financing Scenario # 2

□ Loan amount: \$1,500

□ Loan term: 15 Years

□ Yearly payment: \$100

□ Excess capital \$500



### **Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs)**

- High Savings Return Low-flow water equipment and high-efficiency lighting typically pay-back over a relatively short period. Although a PHA may not need to install low-flow toilets from a physical needs perspective, this type of ECM helps to fund slower payback items the PHA does need.
- High Value / Capital Windows are normally a good example of something a PHA needs. Unfortunately, the energy cost to savings ratio associated with new windows is normally not adequate to cover their costs over a 12-20 year period. Excess savings produced by quicker payback ECMs can be used to bridge the shortfall.

Generally speaking, the goal of an EPC is not just reducing utility consumption. It is a means by which additional funding can be secured to meet real capital needs. Often, capital needs which are already included in Capital Fund budgets and/or 5-year plans.



# **EPC – Traditional ESCO Model**

### **Benefits**

- □ Turn key process
- □ No savings risk
- No out of pocket costs
- Energy savings

### **Risks**

- □ ESCO takes a large fee
- □ Less scope
- Less customization
- Little staff input
- Little resident input



# **EPC – Self-Managed Model**

### **Benefits**

- Lower soft cost/less fees
- More scope & capital improvements
- Staff involvement
- Resident involvement
- Local talent
- More control over the project

### **Risks**

- Staff time
- Savings risk
- Pre-construction costs
- Picking firms that don't perform



# EPC Financial Analysis ESCO V.S. Self-Managed Model



	ESCO Model	Self Managed
Hard Cost	66%	75%
Soft Cost	34%	12%
PHA Admin Fee	0%	13%



### **DHA Self- Managed EPC**





# **Project Development Timeline**





### **2014 Measurement and Verification**

### Total 2014 Savings - \$2.8 Million





### **On Going Energy Management**



Utility Analysis

 Training Programs for Staff

Enhanced
 Operations and
 Maintenance
 Procedures



# **Resident Engagement Programs**

### **Empowering DHA Residents to Conserve Energy**





### **Questions?**

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### **Beyond the Financing**

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#### Self-Implemented Energy Performance Contract (EPC)

- Housing Authority (HA) retain up to 40% more dollars for additional physical improvements, staff, or any financial gaps compared to hiring an ESCO (Energy Service Company)
- HA staff are intimately integrated in the projects and work together to fulfill needed outcomes
- What EPC's Can Finance
  - Renewable Energy Systems
  - Water Conservation
  - Central Plant optimization
  - HVAC
  - Roofs
  - Windows
  - Lighting Fixtures
  - Systems that are "energy efficient"
  - Client Education



# Strategies



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#### Commissioning (Installation)

- Requires performance measurements to ensure systems are working properly
- Operations and Verification (Post-Installation)
  - Important to identify the proper Energy Conservation Measure to predict savings
    - Baselines must be accurately defined
    - Proper equipment and systems must be properly installed and commissioned
    - Ensure all equipment performs to specifications
    - Reduces risk of non-performance



# Challenges

#### Utility Allowance Changes

- Clients are directly effected by the project implementation in resident-paid units
- Some allowances increase, as others decrease
- Client Education
  - Breaking down how the EPC works
  - Success depends on the residents ensuring all measures remain in unit
  - Informing residents of utility allowance changes
  - Many residents at Family sites do not engage in community meetings
- Gaining Utility Consumption Access for the Better Buildings Challenge (BBC)
  - Working with local utility company and legal to create a release form
  - Ensuring all residents sign release
  - Working with Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM) consultants and local utilities to ensure client data can be automatically uploaded into ESPM
  - Establishing campuses within the system with individual addresses
  - San Antonio Housing Authority is still working on this step



- Start talking to your local utility as soon as possible, if you are going to use an EPC as one way to achieve your BBC goals
- Be persistent with resident education and staff education
- Ensure everyone works collaboratively



# Coming Up

Finish EPC implementation by 2016

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- Discussions of Phase 2
- Coordinate all EPC projects and comprehensive modernizations with the BBC and ESPM



# Thank You

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Using Energy Performance Contracts to Implement Public Housing Utility Infrastructure Improvements - Experiences Before and After RAD -

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### Introduction to HABC

- Public Housing Authority for Baltimore City, since 1937
  - Serves over 10,000 families in 11,000 housing units
- Baltimore Housing Choice Voucher Program provides an additional 16,000 families with rental housing subsidies
- Housing stock "currently" comprised of
  - 31 conventional developments, plus scattered site units
  - 21 privately managed and
  - 9 affordable developments

### **Current Utilities Paid by HABC**



Total Utility Cost for Calendar year 2012: \$22+ Million

### HABC's EPC Philosophy

- Use excess savings to leverage replacement of aged energy/utility infrastructure
- EPC-1 was designed around this objective
  - Nominal \$50mm project
  - Involves 5 developments responsible for about 40% of the total utility budget
- EPC-1 (supplemented by ARRA\* funding), addressed
  - New heating & domestic hot water piping systems
    - Cherry Hill Homes
    - Latrobe Homes
- \* American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

# EPC-1 Targeted Serious infrastructure needs at Cherry Hill Homes & Latrobe Homes

- Cherry Hill Homes
  - Served by District "steam" provider
  - HABC owns entire Heating Water (HW) distribution system
    - Deteriorated
    - Leaking
    - Apartment heating convectors un-controlled
- Latrobe Homes
  - Served by district steam provider
  - HABC owns entire steam distribution system
    - Deteriorated
    - Leaking
    - Apartment heating radiators un-controlled

## Cherry Hill Heating Water Distribution Systems - Before -



Zone Control Valve



**DHW Control Valve** 

### Cherry Hill Homes Heating Water Distribution Systems - Before -



CH H<sub>2</sub>O Heater/Gas Submeters



**CH** Uninsulated Floor Slab

# EPC-1 Resolved Serious Infrastructure Needs at Cherry Hill Homes & Latrobe Homes

- Cherry Hill Homes
  - New distribution system (partial addressed the worst) & new temperature limiting convectors in apartments
- Latrobe Homes
  - New HW (heating water) distribution system & new temperature limiting HW convectors in apartments

### Cherry Hill Heating Water Distribution Systems - After -





CH Piping

**CH** Piping

# Latrobe Homes Heating Water Distribution Systems

- After -



Latrobe Main HW Pumps



Latrobe DHW System



Latrobe HW Convectors

### FYE-14 Savings for Infrastructure Projects at Cherry Hill Homes & Latrobe Homes

- Latrobe\*
  - Baseline steam (normalized): 63,556 k-lbs
  - 2014 steam (normalized): <u>31,974 k-lbs</u>

Savings: 31,582 (50%)

- Cherry Hill
  - Baseline steam (normalized): 86,435 k-lbs
  - 2014 steam (normalized): <u>63,397 k-lbs</u>
    Savings: 23,038 (27%)
  - \* Latrobe also has tariff rate reduction savings

# Plans for EPC-2 - Before RAD -

- Replicate infrastructure improvement philosophy, initial primary targets were
  - Perkins Homes
  - Douglass Homes
- Initial EPC-2 Program
  - Nominally 25 sites
  - Likely another \$50mm+ EPC project
    - Capable of significant infrastructure support

## RAD Program Opportunity Removes a Number of Developments From EPC-2 Program

• Virtually all high-rises are removed: Had been a source of low payback measures capable of supporting infrastructure needs

<b>Original Sites</b>	Before RAD	After RAD	<b>Original Sites</b>	Before RAD	After RAD
Perkins	Х	Х	Ellersile Apts.	Х	
Douglass	Х	Х	Hollins House	Х	
BelPark Tower	Х		Somerset Ct. Ext	Х	
J Van Story Branch	Х		PVG	Х	
Bernard Mason	Х		Dukeland	Х	Х
Lakeview Tower (and Ext)	Х		Rosemont	х	Х
Poe Homes	Х	Х	<b>PVG Senior Building</b>	х	
Monument East	Х		Oswego Mall	х	Х
Chase House	Х		Mc Culloh (Low-rise)	х	Х
Govans Manor	Х		Mc Culloh (High-rise)	х	
Allendale	Х		Midtown Apts.	х	
Wyman House	Х		Stricker St. Apts.	х	
Primrose Place	Х		Uptown Apts.	Х	
Rosemont Tower	х				

### **Current EPC-2 Candidate Sites**

Sites	After RAD
Perkins	Х
Douglass	Х
Poe Homes	Х
Dukeland	Х
Rosemont	Х
Oswego Mall	Х
Mc Culloh (Low-rise)	Х
Laurens House	Х

Additional Sites	After RAD
Mount Winans	Х
O'Donnell Apts	Х
Spencer Gardens	Х
Carey House	Х
Scattered Sites	Х

# EPC-1 Sites - add 'I ECM'sAfter RADGilmorXLatrobeXWestportXBrooklynXCherry HillX

### Current Planned EPC-2 Program Size/Performance

- EPC-2 now envisioned as a much different project
  - Smaller: \$8 to \$14mm (instead of \$50+mm)
  - Shorter term: 13 years instead of 20 years
  - Minimal to no excess savings available for infrastructure improvements

### **Concluding Observations**

- EPC's can be an excellent mechanism for replacing aged utility infrastructure for public housing
  - Requires reasonably large project with favorable savings to investment ratio to "pay" for the infrastructure
- RAD, although likely to have an overall positive impact on the PHA mission, in this case has negative impact on the planned EPC program objective
  - Obvious loss of sites, and
  - In this case, loss of sites with excellent savings to investment ratio characteristics
- Still looking for means to address utility infrastructure needs for Douglass Homes, Mc Culloh Homes, Poe Homes & possibly Perkins Homes