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# Plug into Energy Savings:




Strategies and Resources  
for Reducing Plug Load  
Energy Use in Your  
Buildings

December 1, 2015  
3:00-4:00 PM ET

# Overview and Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Plug load Overview – National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- Case Study – Stanford University
- Case Study – U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)
- Additional Resources
- Question & Answer Session

# Today's Presenters

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# Better Buildings Alliance

## Plug and Process Load (PPL) Technical Solutions Team



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Technical Lead Lab: The National Renewable  
Energy Laboratory (NREL)



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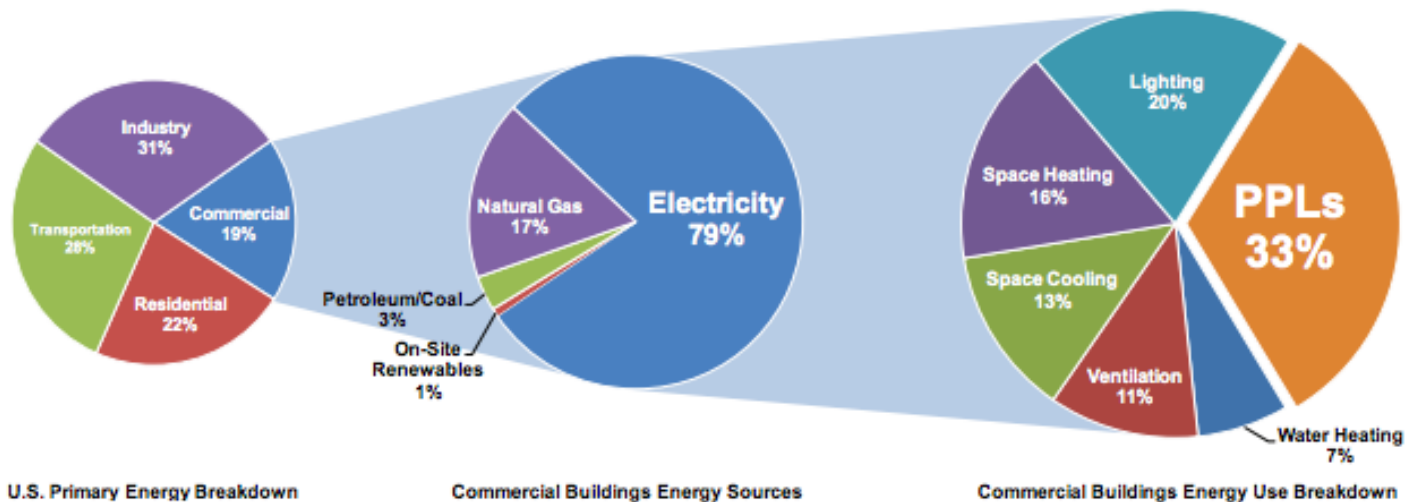


Figure 1. PPLs account for 33% of the total energy consumed by commercial buildings. Graph by Chad Lobato, NREL; Data source: DOE (2010)

## PPLs account for an increasingly large percentage of a building's energy use

Reduce PPL energy use by:

- Assessing PPL energy consumption
- Selecting appropriate control strategies
- Exploring efficient PPL design solutions
- Identifying utility incentives
- Institutionalizing policies and procedures for PPL energy reduction



**Figure 5.** Diagram of an example low-energy workstation.  
*Illustration by Matthew Luckwitz, NREL*





- Messaging, or Turn it Off! Campaigns
- Advanced Power Strips
- Upgrade Equipment with Low-Energy or ENERGY STAR®-Certified Equipment
- Use Built-In Low Power States for Equipment
- Design Strategies for Consolidating PPLs
- Integrated PPL Controls with Other Building Systems
- Submetering and Control Options



*Illustration by Marjorie Schott, NREL*



## *Upcoming Projects:*

- Technology & behavioral study comparing thin-client/server-based computing systems to traditional computing systems
  - Technical report
  - Case study



## *Ongoing PPL Events:*

- Bi-Annual BBA PPL Technical Team Calls
- 2016 Better Buildings Summit: May 9-11, DC
- Continually update resources on BBA PPL website





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### Plug & Process Loads

Plug and Process Loads (PPL) consume about one third of primary energy in U.S. commercial buildings. PPLs cover a wide variety of electronic, computer, refrigeration, and cooking devices, including equipment essential to information processing, medical treatment, and food service businesses. Each of these categories contains hundreds of types of devices.

PPLs account for an increasingly large percentage of commercial building energy use. The primary energy use associated with PPLs is projected to grow from 30% to 35% of total commercial building energy use between 2010 and 2025, due to an increase in the number of plug-in devices and the energy intensity of those devices. Due to the wide range of commercial building types, uses, sizes, and vintages found in the United States, PPL

<https://www4.eere.energy.gov/alliance/activities/technology-solutions-teams/plug-process-loads>

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# Thank you!

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# A Data-Driven Approach to Plug Load Energy Reduction Programs

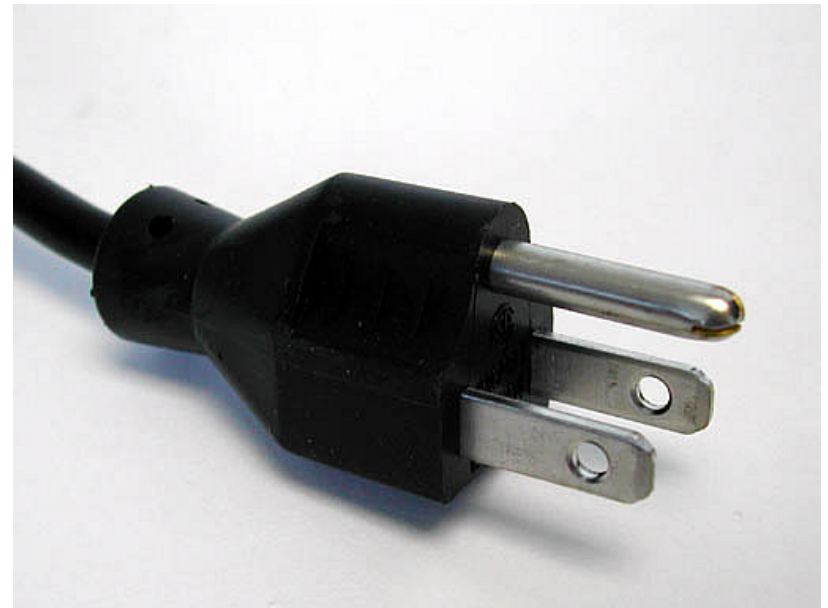
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# Stanford Equipment Inventory Overview

- **Comprehensive 220-building equipment inventory**
- **Goals:**
  1. Quantify campus plug load energy consumption and understand its composition
  2. Identify viable plug load energy reduction opportunities
  3. Collect data that supports university partners



# Scope

- Types of equipment included:
  - Standard office equipment
  - Standard lab equipment
  - Common IT equipment
  - Kitchen & break room equipment
  - Gym equipment
  - Other
    - EH&S hazards
    - Water fixtures
    - Occupancy data
- Attributes collected for each type of equipment to provide necessary details for estimating energy consumption



## Collection Process by the Numbers

**5**  
months

**12**  
student interns

**2,760**  
student work hours

**55**  
types of equipment

**220**  
buildings

**17,077**  
rooms inventoried

**110,536**  
pieces of equipment

**49,457,539 kWh**  
consumed per year

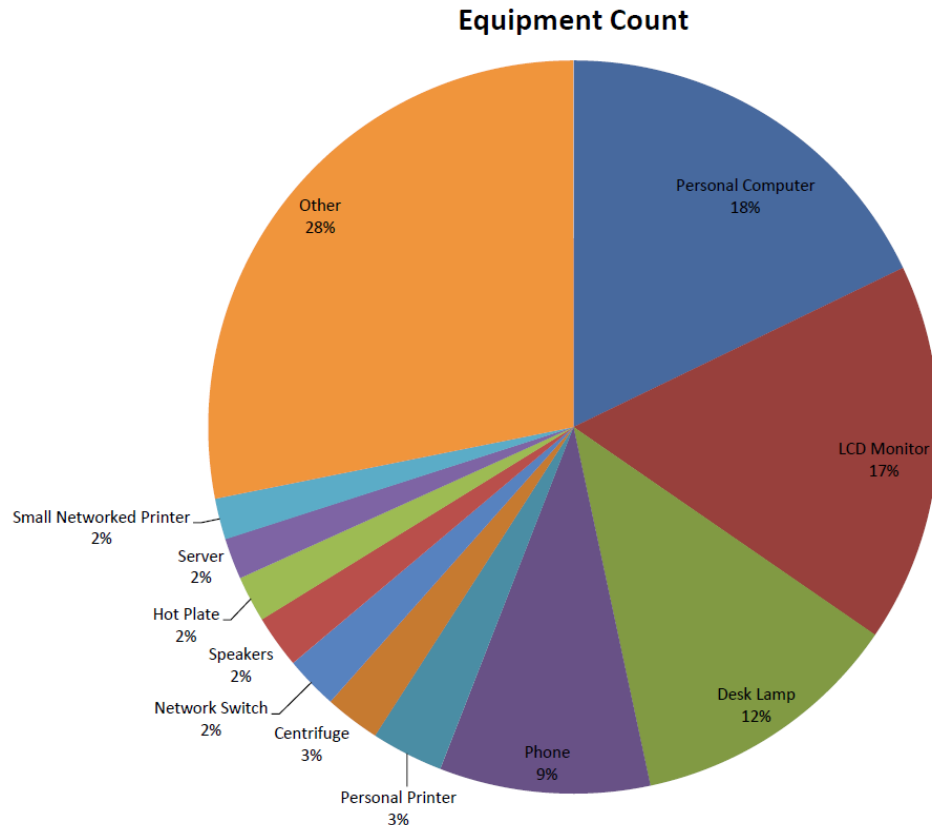
# Data Collection Tool

Interns used web application developed at Stanford to collect inventory data

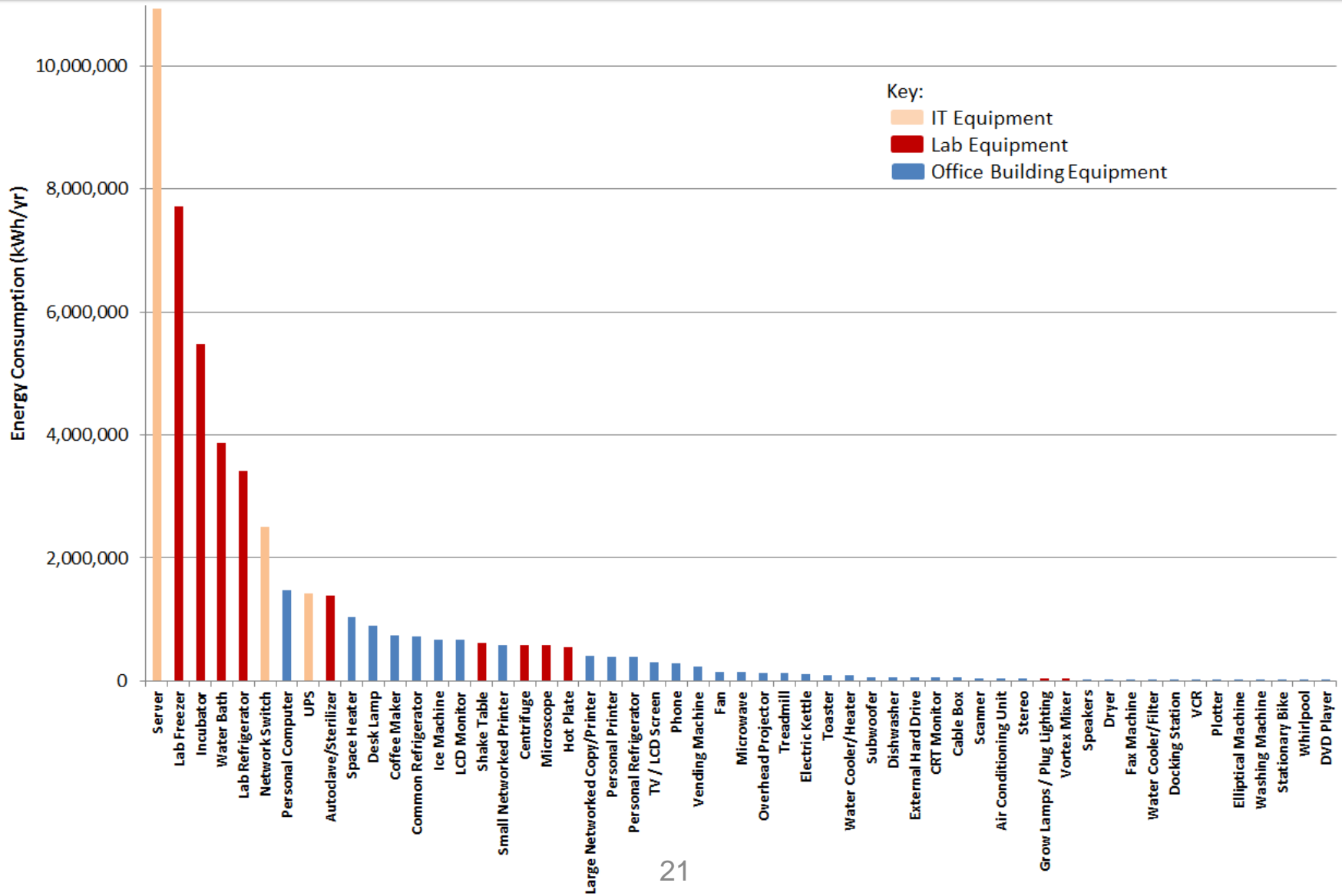


# Results (A) – Campus-wide Context

Total Equipment Count	<b>110,000</b>
Total Energy Consumption (kWh/yr)	<b>48,200,000</b>
Total annual cost	<b>\$6.7 million</b>
Plug Load as % of Total Campus Electricity Use	<b>22%</b>
Plug Load as % of Electricity Use of 220 Bldgs	<b>32%</b>

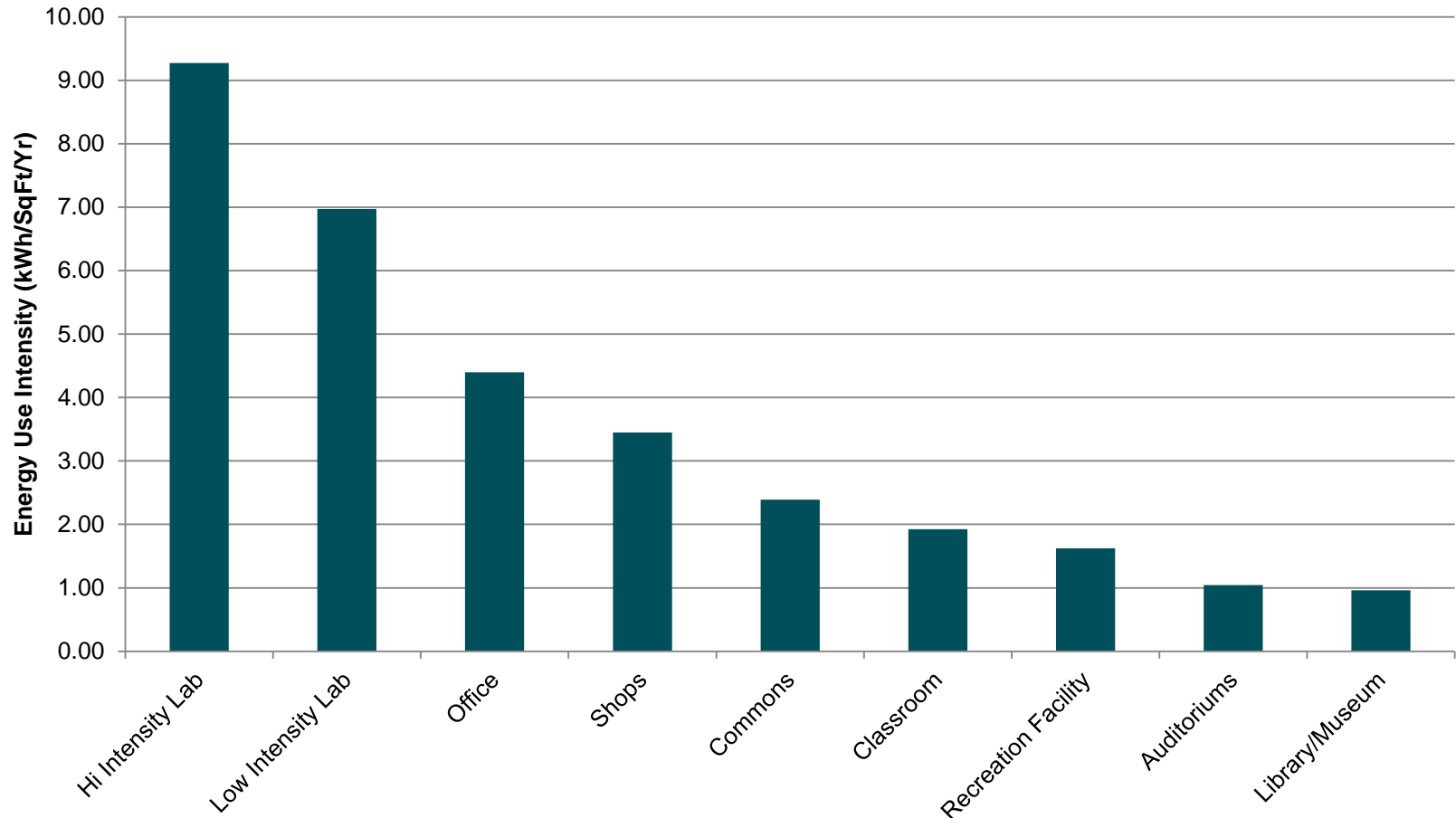


# Results (B) - Energy Consumption by Equipment Type



# Results (C) – Energy Consumption by Building Type

## Average Plug Load Energy Use Intensity by Building Type



# Plug Load Energy Savings Programs

**Estimated to save a total of \$260,000 - \$1.8 million annually**

Program	Expected Annual Savings	Average ROI	% Plug Load Reduction
Equipment Retrofits	\$261,000	2.7 years	3.9%
Space Heating	\$40,000	1.7 years	0.6%
Sustainable IT	\$728,000 <sup>1</sup>	4.4 years	10.6%
Green Labs	\$703,000	11 years	10.3%
Procurement Strategy	\$85,000	N/A	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>3.6 years</b>	<b>27%</b>

<sup>1</sup>The additional savings from reduced power needs and cooling costs from server consolidation and virtualization could equal over 990,000 per year, bringing energy reduction from Sustainable IT plug load measures to the equivalent of 25% of total plug loads.

# Thank you!

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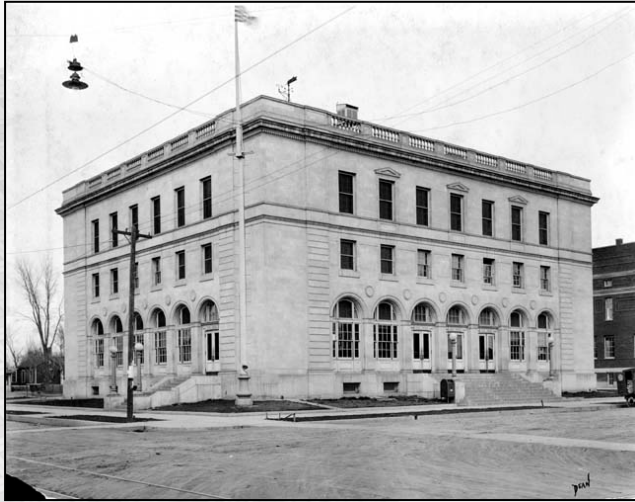


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## PPL ENERGY INCENTIVE DATA REVIEW & LESSONS LEARNED

December 2015

# PROJECT OVERVIEW:



- Building Constructed in 1918 with a major addition in 1938
- Listed on the Nation Register of Historic Places  
Required SHPO & ACHP Review / Comment
- Project Focus: Major preservation and rehabilitation effort balanced with a deep energy retrofit and capability for energy production within the footprint to achieve net zero
- Houses 8 federal agencies + the US Courts

# PROJECT OVERVIEW:



- Design Build Procurement
- Target of LEED Platinum & Class A Net Zero
- SHPO & GSA reviews required a substantial reduction to the visibility of the renewable energy resource post award
- Challenge: Reduce the PV : Maintain ZNE

# PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Optimize Building Envelope



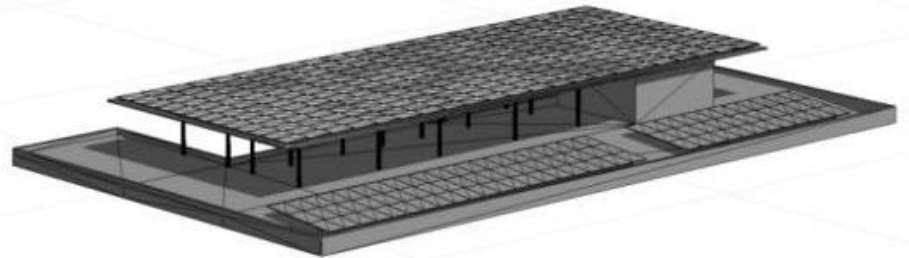
Reduce Internal Loads



Design High Efficiency System

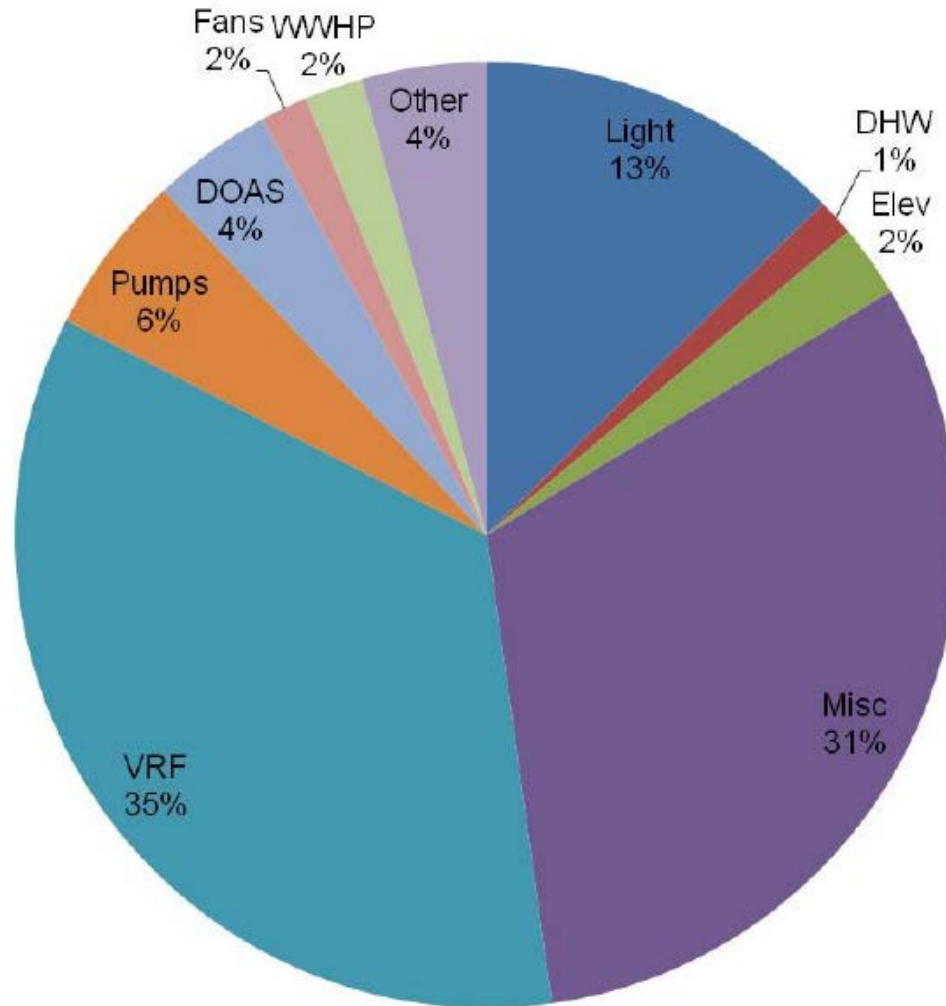


Match Building Load with On-site Renewable Energy

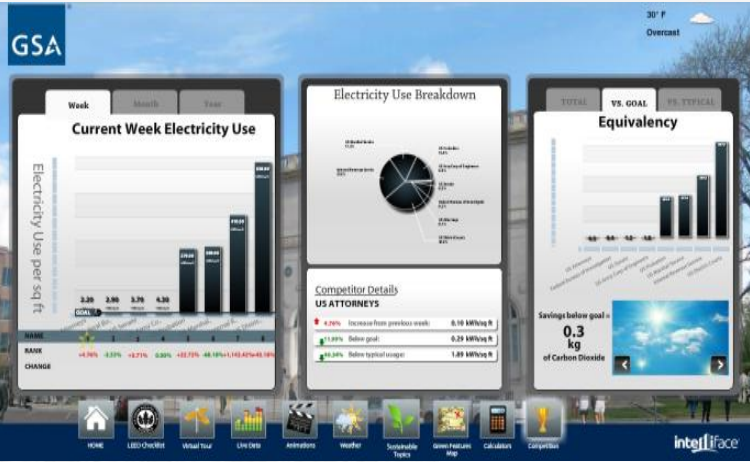


# ENERGY USE BREAKDOWN:

SEPTEMBER 2013 – AUGUST 2014



# PPL CONTROL STRATEGIES:



- 40,000 kWh/yr. – Cumulative target for all 51 employees for PPL (not including vertical transport).
- Sub-Metering to the Circuit Level
- Energy Information Displayed in the Lobby, with Access via Occupant Workstation
- Load Shedding Circuits Installed
- Utilized Load Shedding Plug Strips for Every Occupant



# FINANCIAL INCENTIVE:

Take a portion of the RSF fee GSA collects for utilities and offer it back to the agency if they meet their energy target. **Reward Occupant Awareness & Response**

Agency target was based on their RSF, FTE Count, and Mission.





# FINANCIAL INCENTIVE:

**ACOE: 4,217 kWh/yr. Target**

8 FTE | 4,724 RSF | Open Office, Typ. Office Equipment

**VS.**

**US Marshals Service: 4,600 kWh/yr Target**

2 FTE | 1,732 RSF | Open Office, Holding Cells, Typ. Equip., Security Equipment

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**\$0.55/ kWh** (rounded up to \$18,000) vs. \$0.10 kWh Utility

**32,250 kWh** Total Annual Plug Load Allowance for all Participating Agencies

**IRS Annual Target = 14,000 kWh x 43.41% of total kWh available = \$7,813.95**

Additional **\$0.25/kWh** if agency improves on their target.

# RESULTS:

## US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

- 8 FTE: 339 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 0.6 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE:

- 23 FTE: 609 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 1.4 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## US SENATE:

- 2 FTE: 628 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 1.37 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## US PROBATION:

- 2 FTE: 1,010 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 0.9 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

- 3 FTE: 12,734 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 11.49 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## US DISTRICT COURTS:

- 2 PTE: 4,197 kWh/PTE ANNUALLY
- 1.34 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## US MARSHALS SERVICE:

- 2 FTE: 3,223 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 3.72 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

## US ATTORNEYS:

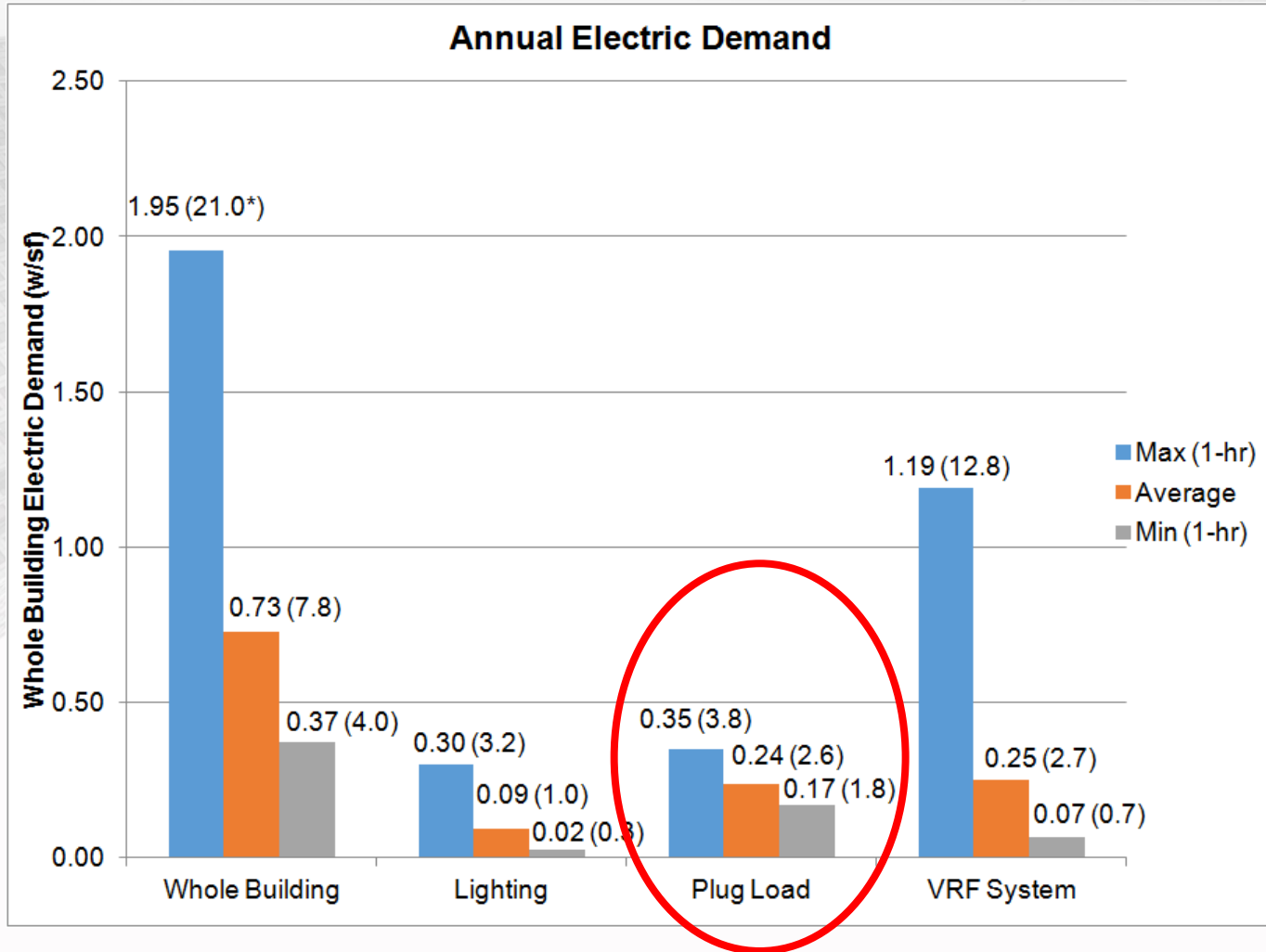
- 0 FTE: 0 kWh/FTE ANNUALLY
- 0.0 kWh/RSF ANNUALLY

# **NEXT STEPS:**

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- 2. INCENTIVIZE MORE THAN JUST PLUG LOAD**
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- 4. CONSIDER WHERE THE INCENTIVE GOES – WHAT IS THE LOCAL RECOGNITION?**
- 5. IS THE REWARD ENOUGH TO DRIVE CHANGE**

# 2014 ELECTRIC DEMAND:

JANUARY 2014 – DECEMBER 2014



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# DISCUSSION

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# Additional Resources

# For More Information

## NREL

- [Better Buildings Alliance Plug & Process Loads](#)

## Stanford University

- [Publication of Plug Load Inventory Results](#)
- [Guide for Installing Timers on Lab Equipment](#)
- [Guide for Installing Timers on Office Equipment](#)
- [Plug Load Inventory & Results Summary](#)
- [Sustainable Stanford Annual Report](#)

## GSA

- [Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building and US Courthouse](#)



# Q & A

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