



# Taking Your Building's Pulse

## Easy Metrics for Building Performance

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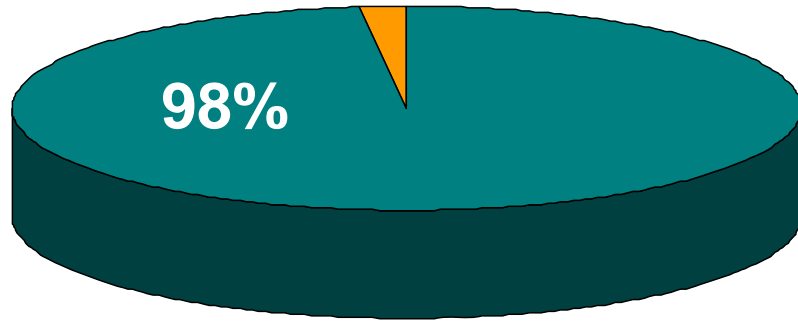
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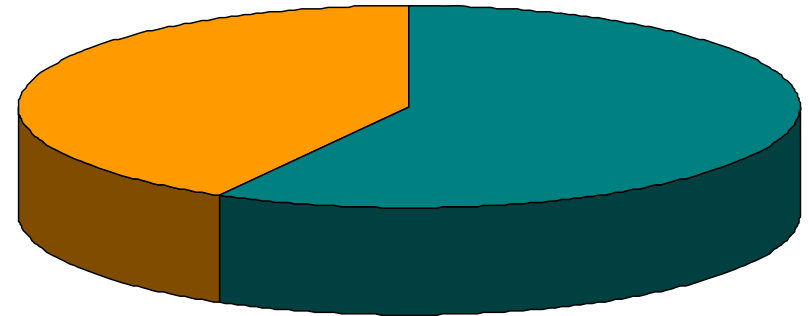
# Discussion Topics

- Commercial Building Demographics
- State of Building Performance
- Building Performance Improvement Process
- Case Study Example

# Building Demographics



**98% of all buildings are less than 100,000 sq. ft.**



**Buildings less than 100,000 sq. ft. consume 58% of all the energy used in commercial buildings**

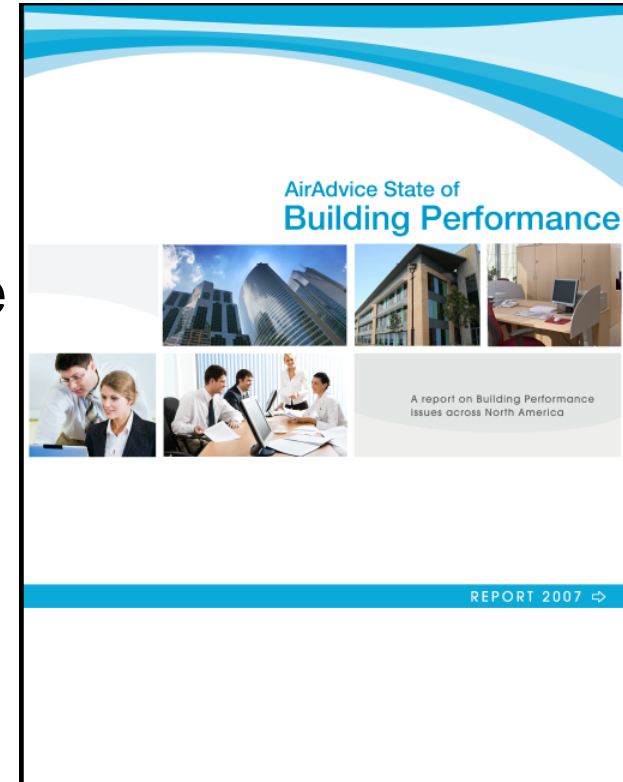
# Where Does the Energy Go?



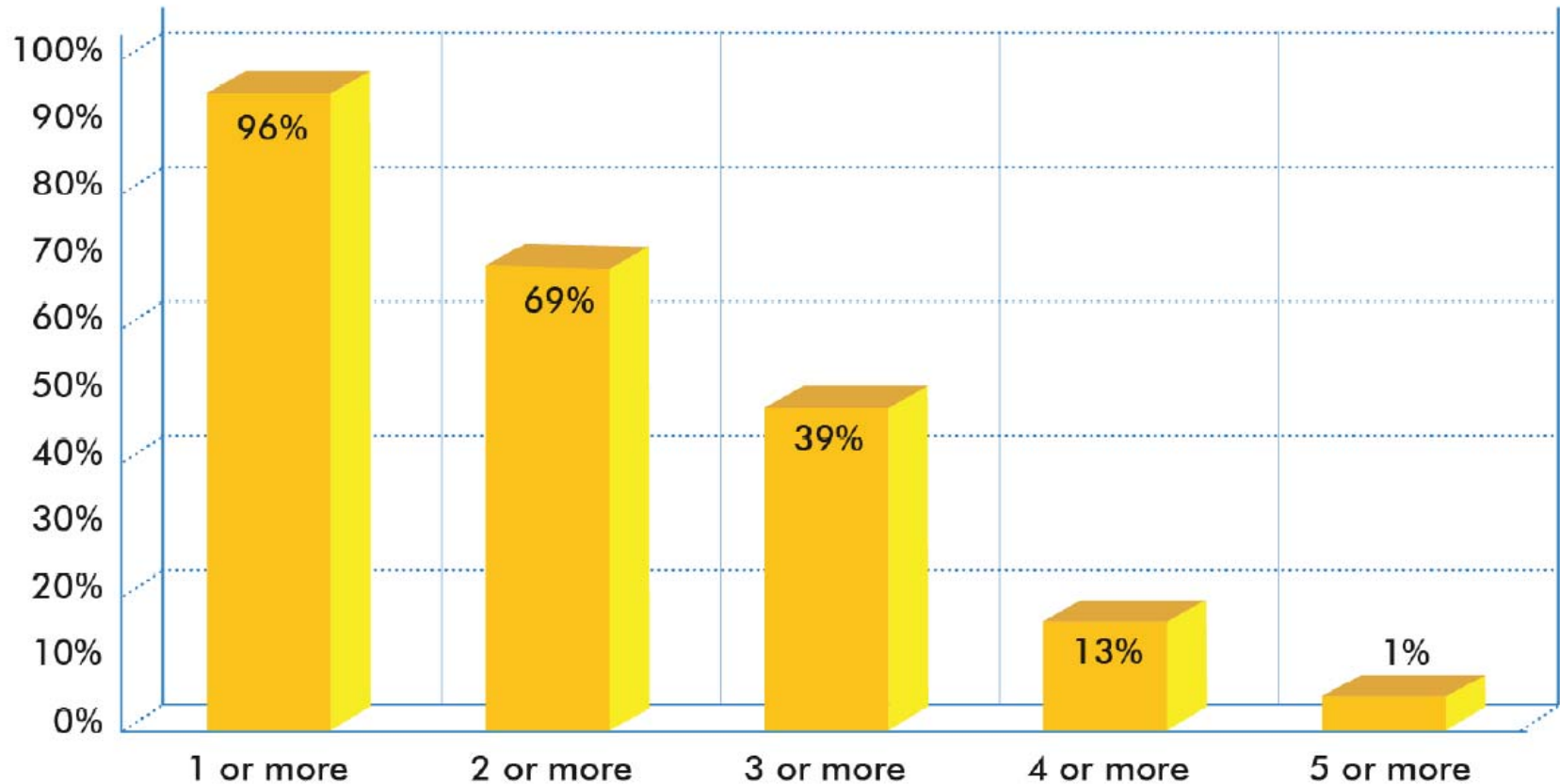
**Schools and Office Buildings consume over 1/3 of all energy used in commercial buildings**

# Building Performance Database

- Detailed analysis of 333 buildings
  - Temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide
  - Setpoints
  - Occupied / unoccupied periods
  - Outdoor temperature

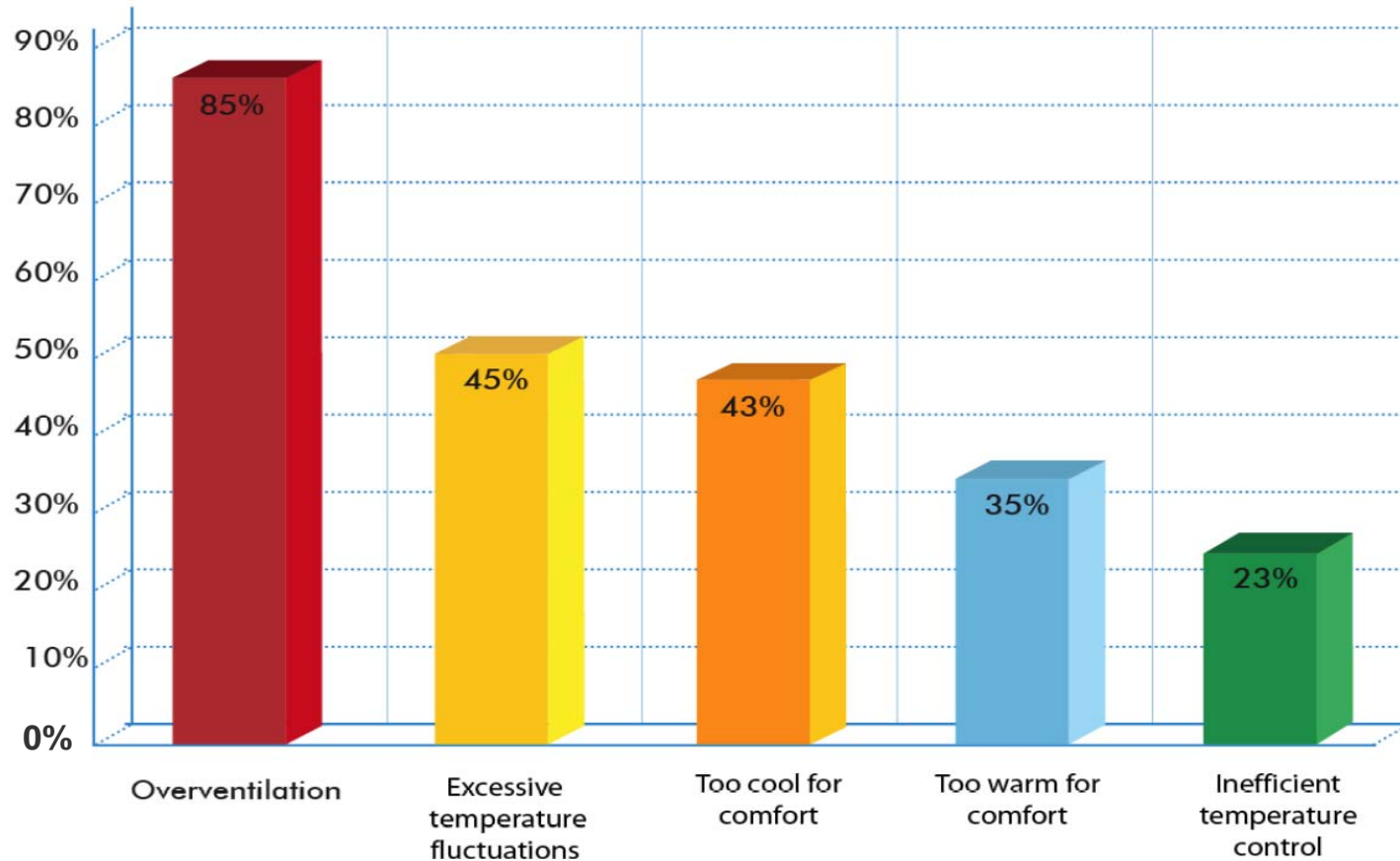


# State of Building Performance



**Nearly all buildings have issues**

# State of Building Performance



**Overventilation most common issue**

# Market Drivers for Energy Conservation

## 1. Rising Energy Costs

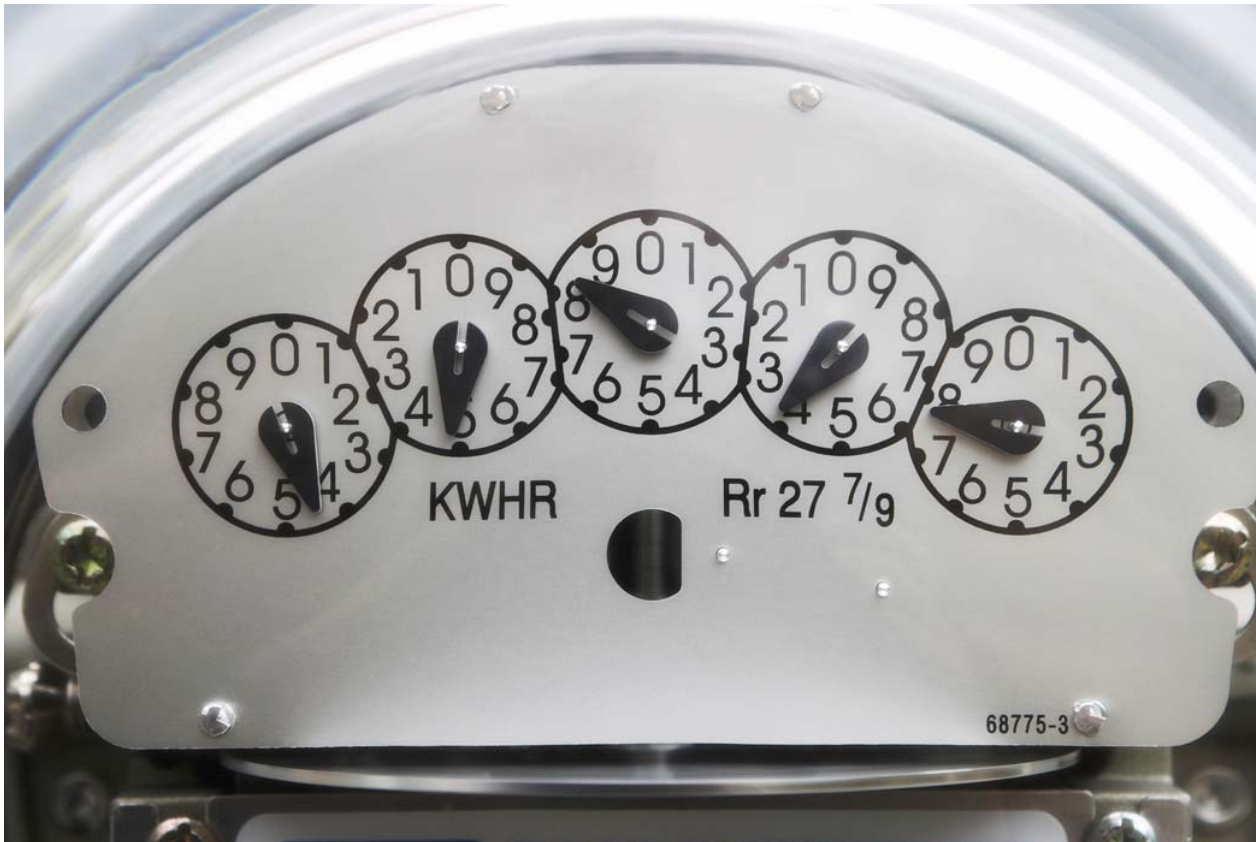


### Who is Feeling the Pain?

Over 40% of the U.S. population is in states with higher than average electric rates AND recent increases

# Market Drivers for Energy Conservation

## 2. Utility Supply and Demand



### Where Will Supply Come From?

Demand for electricity is projected to increase 41% by 2030.

# Market Drivers for Energy Conservation

## 3. Green / Sustainability



### Going Green

Nearly half of companies report environmental reasons as equal or greater than cost savings when making investments in energy efficiency.

# What Have We Learned So Far...

- Base of existing buildings is large and fragmented
- Buildings are performing poorly
- End user demand for energy conservation is at an all-time high

**How Do We Capitalize on This Market Opportunity?**

# A New Perspective

“Just a couple of years ago, rent appreciation had a major impact on asset values. Operating costs were not at the top of a building owner’s priority list. Times have changed! Today, as rent growth has slowed, reducing operating costs can have a significant impact on the value of a building. Energy efficiency has now become a priority.”

- *Mark Fitkin, Managing Director, CB Richard Ellis*

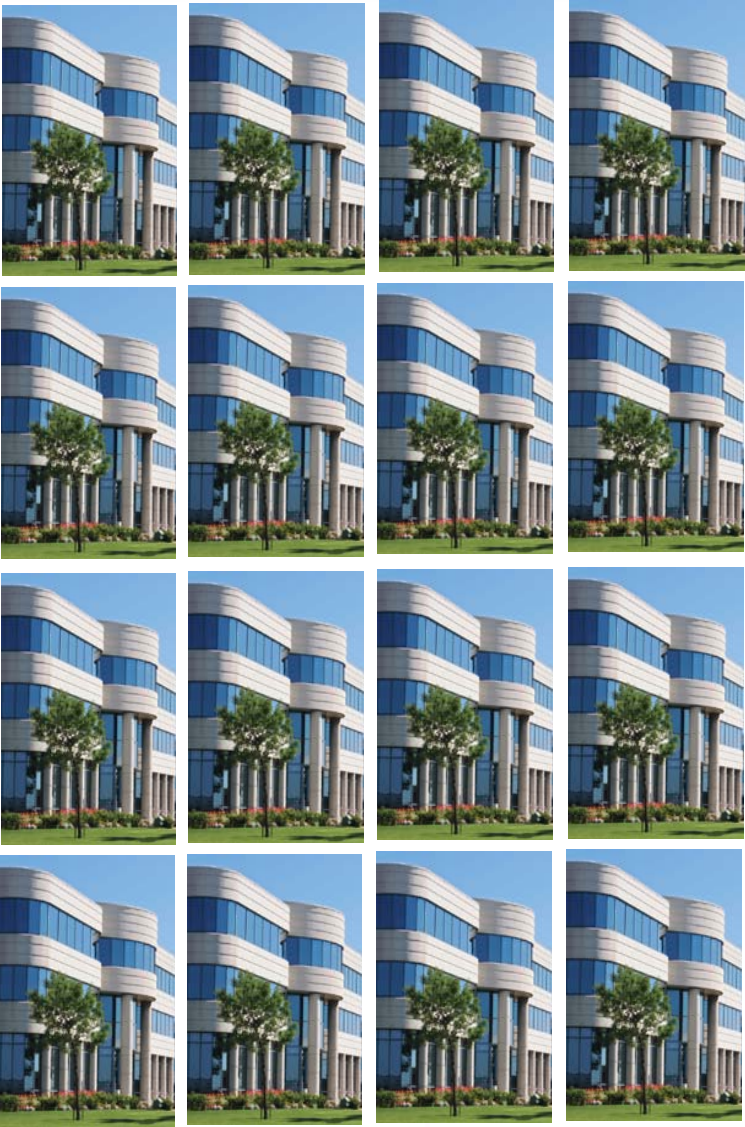
“The easy money days are over. In the future, operating performance will be the key to producing returns.”

- *Emerging Trends in Real Estate, PricewaterhouseCoopers*

# Enable Scale!



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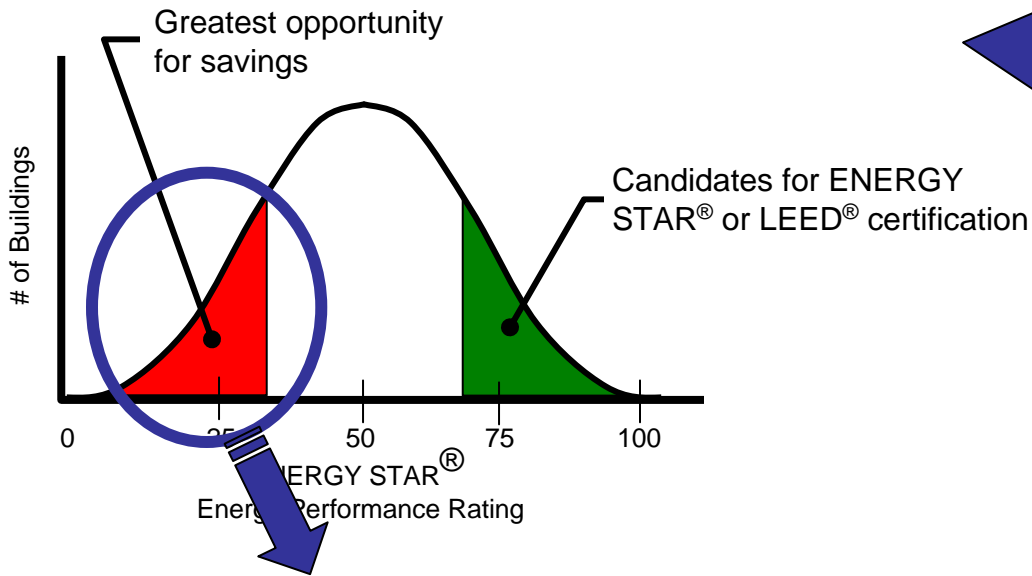
# Critical Success Factors to Enable Scale

1. Manage Labor Content
  - Can we scope projects in less than 4 hours?
2. Minimize Level of Expertise Required
  - Can we utilize junior engineers and technicians?
3. Smart Trade-offs
  - Can we deliver 80% of the value for 10% of the cost?

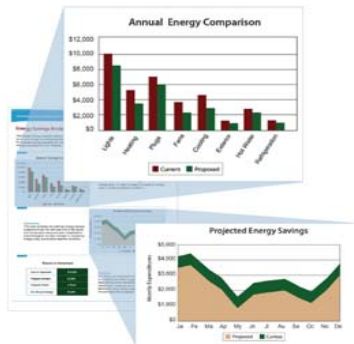
**What are the barriers to achieving scale?**

# Process to Save Energy

## 1. Benchmark Portfolio



## 2. On-site Energy Survey



## 3. Implementation

- Low / no cost
- Capital



# Benchmarking Metrics

1. ENERGY STAR® Energy Performance Rating
2. Energy Cost per square foot (\$ / sq. ft.)
3. Energy Usage Index (kbtu / sq. ft.)
4. Carbon Footprint (lbs CO<sub>2</sub> / sq. ft)

# Benchmarking Metrics

Metric	Normalizes For:				
	Size	Use Type	Occupancy	Weather	Site / Source
ENERGY STAR® Rating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Source
Energy Cost (\$ / sq. ft.)	Yes	No	No	No	Site
Energy Usage Index (kbtu / sq. ft.)	Yes	No	No	No	Site
Carbon Footprint (lbs CO <sub>2</sub> / sq. ft.)	Yes	No	No	No	Source

**ENERGY STAR® Rating normalizes for the most variables**

# On-Site Energy Survey

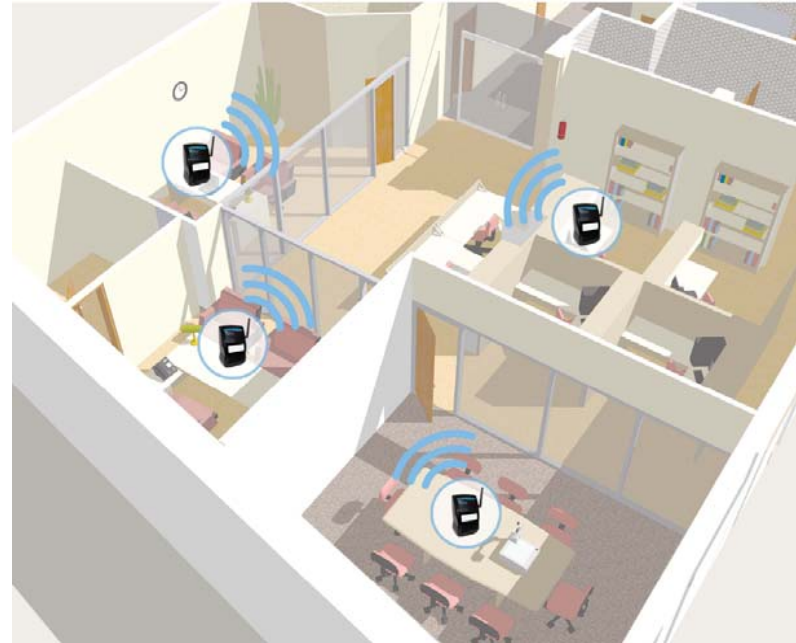
Why Aren't More Energy Audits Done?

1. High labor content to qualify opportunity
2. Available tools cumbersome
3. Analysis and reporting slow and tedious

**Cost of sale is high with no guarantee of success**

# Emerging Technologies Address Challenges

1. Wireless sensor networks / cellular data communications
  - Reduces labor requirements
  - No wires!
  - Eliminates need for interface to IT infrastructure



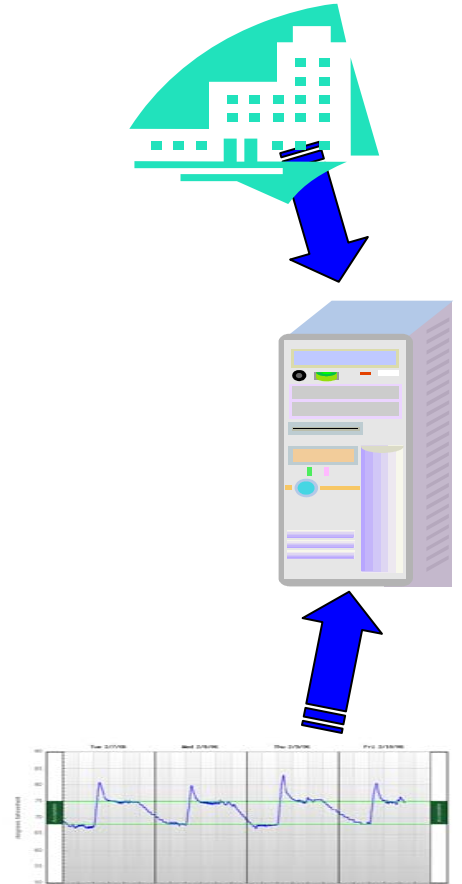
**Optimize use of engineering time**

# Emerging Technologies Address Challenges

## 2. Practical energy modeling

- Takes advantage of actual history to reduce complexity and improve accuracy
  - Utility bills
  - Weather
  - Actual environmental conditions
- Far less labor to capture and input data

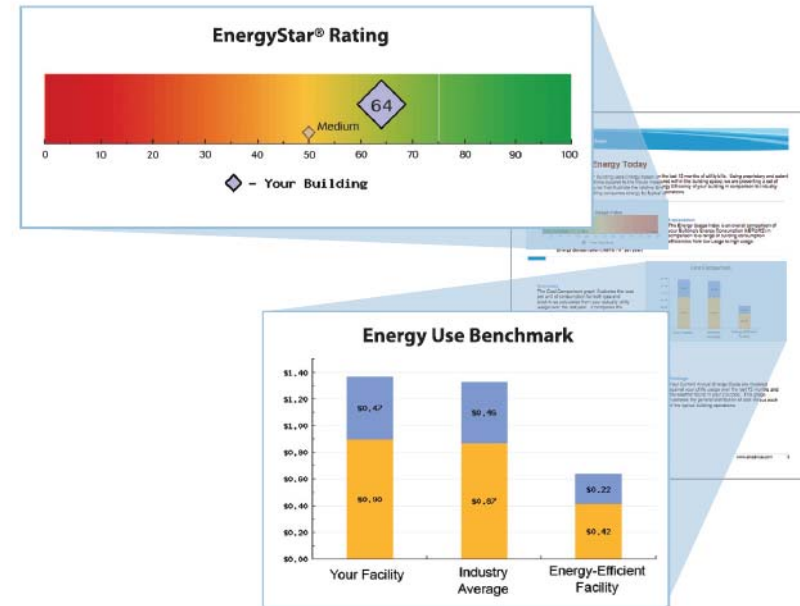
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# Emerging Technologies Address Challenges

## 3. Automated analysis & reporting

- Reduces labor required to analyze results
- Produces necessary documentation for all levels of decision-making
  - Executive
    - Portfolio ranking
  - Financial
    - Return on investment
  - Technical
    - Energy conservation measures and system enhancements

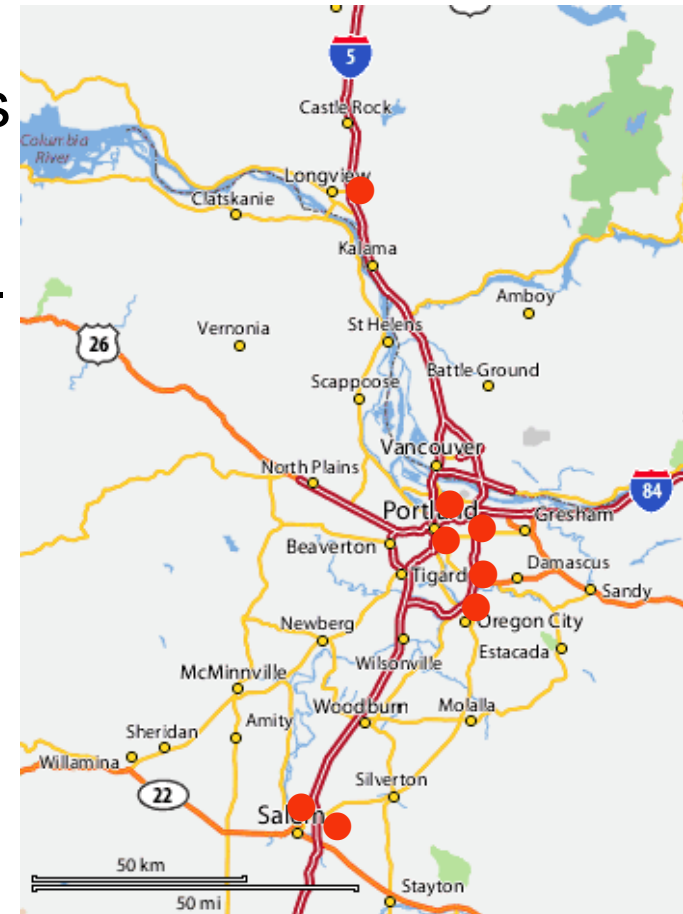


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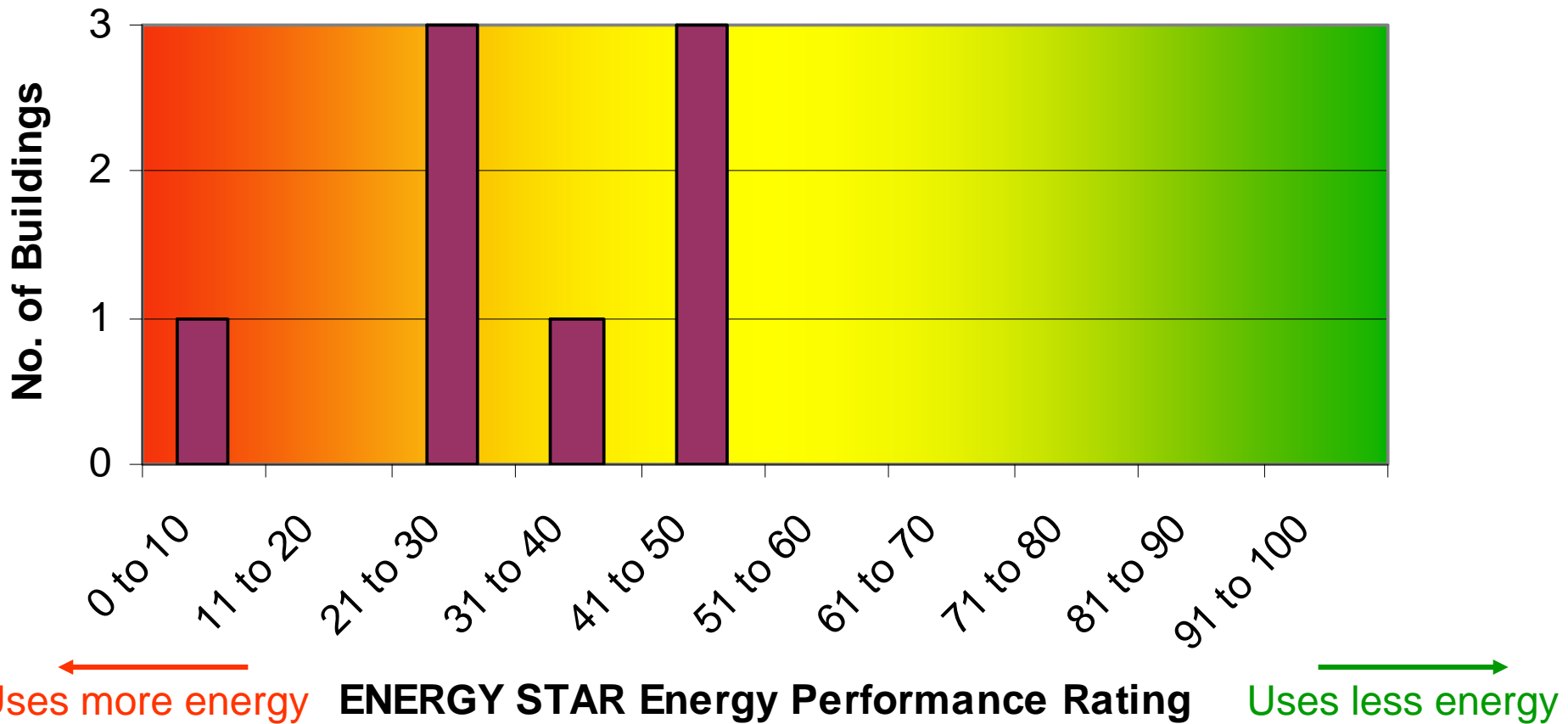
# Case Study

*Large health care provider with operations in 10 states contracted through their HVAC service provider to audit the energy performance of 8 medical office facilities in and around Portland, OR*

- Buildings have nearly identical functions
- 549,000 total sq. ft.
  - Buildings ranged from 50,000 to 100,000 sq. ft.
- \$1.2 million annual energy spend



# Benchmark Portfolio



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		Energy Star	Energy	EUI	Carbon
Rank	Bldg ID	Rating	Cost \$/ft2	kbtu/ft2	Ibs/ft2
1	B	49	\$ 2.13	113.9	24.3
2	H	48	\$ 2.20	116.5	26.1
3	G	42	\$ 1.96	105.1	22.9
4	C	36	\$ 1.63	82.3	21.2
5	D	26	\$ 2.50	155.0	29.8
6	A	24	\$ 2.01	90.0	24.7
7	E	22	\$ 1.76	109.8	24.1
8	F	7	\$ 2.51	139.6	29.9

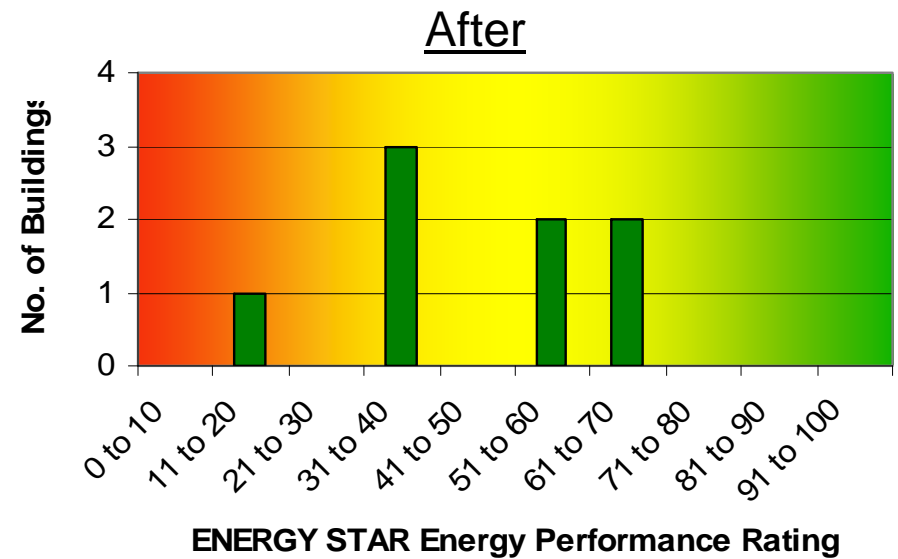
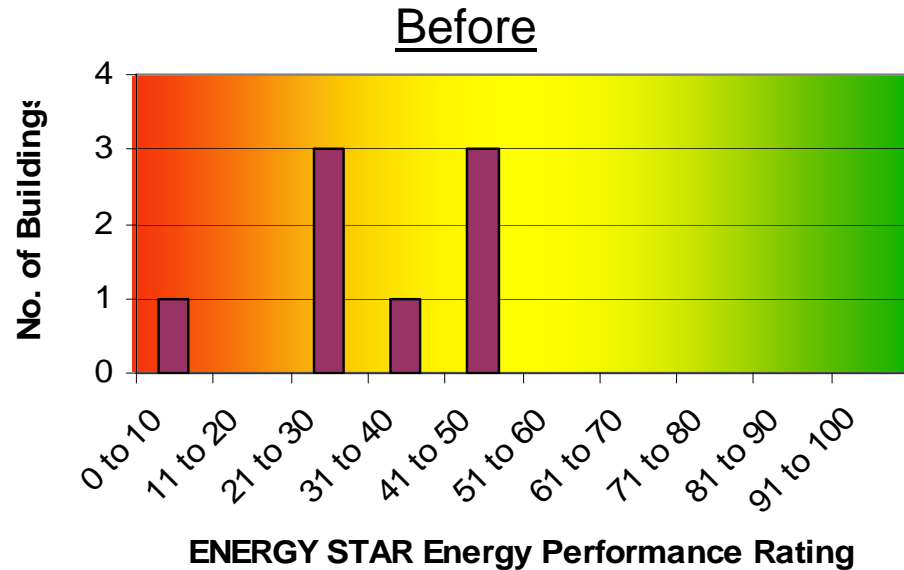
# On-Site Energy Survey

- Most common issues found:
  - Equipment / lights on during unoccupied periods
  - Simultaneous heating and cooling
  - Poor ventilation control → over-ventilation

# Energy Savings Potential

	<b>Current (\$k)</b>	<b>Proposed (\$k)</b>	<b>Savings (\$k)</b>	<b>Savings (%)</b>	<b>Savings (\$/ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>
Electricity	\$898.3	\$844.4	\$53.9	6%	\$0.10
Gas	\$261.9	\$102.9	\$159.0	61%	\$0.29
Total	\$1,160.2	\$946.5	\$212.9	18%	\$0.39

# Improvement in ENERGY STAR Rating



**Average ENERGY STAR Rating Increased 13 Points**

# Summary and Conclusions

1. Tremendous opportunity for improving comfort and energy efficiency in existing buildings
2. Large, fragmented stock of buildings will require new methods to achieve a real impact
3. Define a scaleable process
  - Leverages automation in data collection and reporting
  - Reduces labor
4. Use Metrics & Benchmarking to track Sustainable efforts

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