Creating A Cleaner Energy Future For the Commonwealth

-

•



# Commercial Office Building Asset Rating Spring 2012 update

Mar 16, 2012

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships & Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### NORTHEAST ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIPS

"Accelerating Energy Efficiency"

MISSION Accelerate the efficient use of energy in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions APPROACH

Overcome barriers to efficiency through

Collaboration, Education & Advocacy

#### VISION

Transform the way we think about and use energy in the world around us.



DDER

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### **Overview**

- Thank you!
  - The Barr Foundation
  - The DOE
- Partnership
   NEEP/ DOER
- Regional Project
  - Informing stakeholders







Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### Phase 1 - Baseline audit and modeling 2 Engineering teams selected

#### Team leaders: ARUP & The Green Engineer

Scope of work

- Review of building plans, schedules and meter data
- 1-2 day on-site audit to collect and verify building data
- Energy modeling using eQUEST software with COMNET
   MGP for default values
- Will generate building EUI's and evaluation of major building systems





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

# Phase 1 - DOE / PNNL 'BAR' pilot

- The MA phase 1 pilot buildings will also be part of a larger national pilot of the DOE/PNNL building asset rating 'BAR' tool.
- The Green Engineer and ARUP providing data collection to PNNL
- Expect to hear results in the Summer





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### Phase 1 – Innovative methodologies: Three firms selected

#### THE WEIDT GROUP®













Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

### The weidt group



The weidt group<sup>®</sup> collaboration analysis research





TWGI.COM





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

## **Research Approach**



Utilize a web-based procedural energy simulation modeling approach:

- As operated models
- Asset rating models
- Benchmark models
- Run sensitivity analysis





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

## **Research Approach**

- Sensitivity Analysis Purpose:
  - Data gathering and entry takes time
  - There is a diminishing margin of accuracy per data collection precision



THE WEIDT GROUP®

Level of precision = cost





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

Creating A Cleaner Energy Future For the Commonwealth

9



# BUILDING ENERGY ANALYTICS





- "Zero-touch" analysis - fast, low-cost
- Validated technology from FirstFuel

#### **Rapid onsite inventory**



- Accelerated by zerotouch analysis
- Verify key building assets for labeling

#### **Combine and normalize** to create building asset label



Automated to low ۲ cost, high scalability



Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### **Retroficiency Overview**



Problem	<ul> <li>Buildings consume billions in energy</li> <li>Process to reduce it is expensive, time-consuming, and un-scalable</li> </ul>	Example Customers
Products	<ul> <li>Automated Energy Audit (AEA): Streamline traditional audit</li> <li>Virtual Energy Assessment (VEA): Identify savings with no on-site visit</li> </ul>	LASALLE <sup>®</sup>
Technology	<ul> <li>Sophisticated data analytics and rapid energy modeling</li> <li>Solutions for asset (AEA) and interval (VEA) data</li> </ul>	<b>IBERDROLA</b> USA
Team	<ul> <li>Real estate, energy, and software experts</li> <li>Over 100 years of combined experience in energy efficiency</li> </ul>	Evaluated more than 80 million square feet in the past year



11



Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

#### **Asset Rating Approach**





\* AEA = Automated Energy Audit

\* VEA = Virtual Energy Assessment



12

Creating A Cleaner Energy Future For the Commonwealth



Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

# Phase 1 - Buildings

- All predominantly office use but a diverse set of buildings:
  - ≻ Age range from 1871 to 2010
  - > Size range from 32,000 to 1,025,000 sq ft
  - Height 4 floors to 38 floors
    - 4 Downtown towers,
    - 3 midrise blocks,
    - 3 masonry/historic renovations,
    - 1 Suburban campus





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

# **Project Implementation Timeline**

- Building site visits/meter data : March April
- Building modeling: May June
- Initial results expected in July
- Update/initial results webinar this Summer
- Start recruiting buildings for Phase II in the Fall





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

### **Questions? Comments ?**

- Carolyn Sarno (781) 860-9177 ext. 119
   <u>csarno@neep.org</u>
- Ian Finlayson (617) 626-4910
   Ian.Finlayson@state.ma.us
- Patrick Coleman (617) 626-7328
   Patrick.coleman@state.ma.us





Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources