

# The Empire State Building

Repositioning an Icon as a Model of Energy Efficient Investment

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Demonstrate the business case for cost effective energy efficient retrofits through verifiable operating costs reductions and payback analysis



**102 stories** and **2.8 million** square feet

**3.8 million** visitors per year

**\$11 million** in annual energy costs

Peak **electric** demand of **9.5 MW**  
down from 11.6 (3.8 W/sqft, inc HVAC)

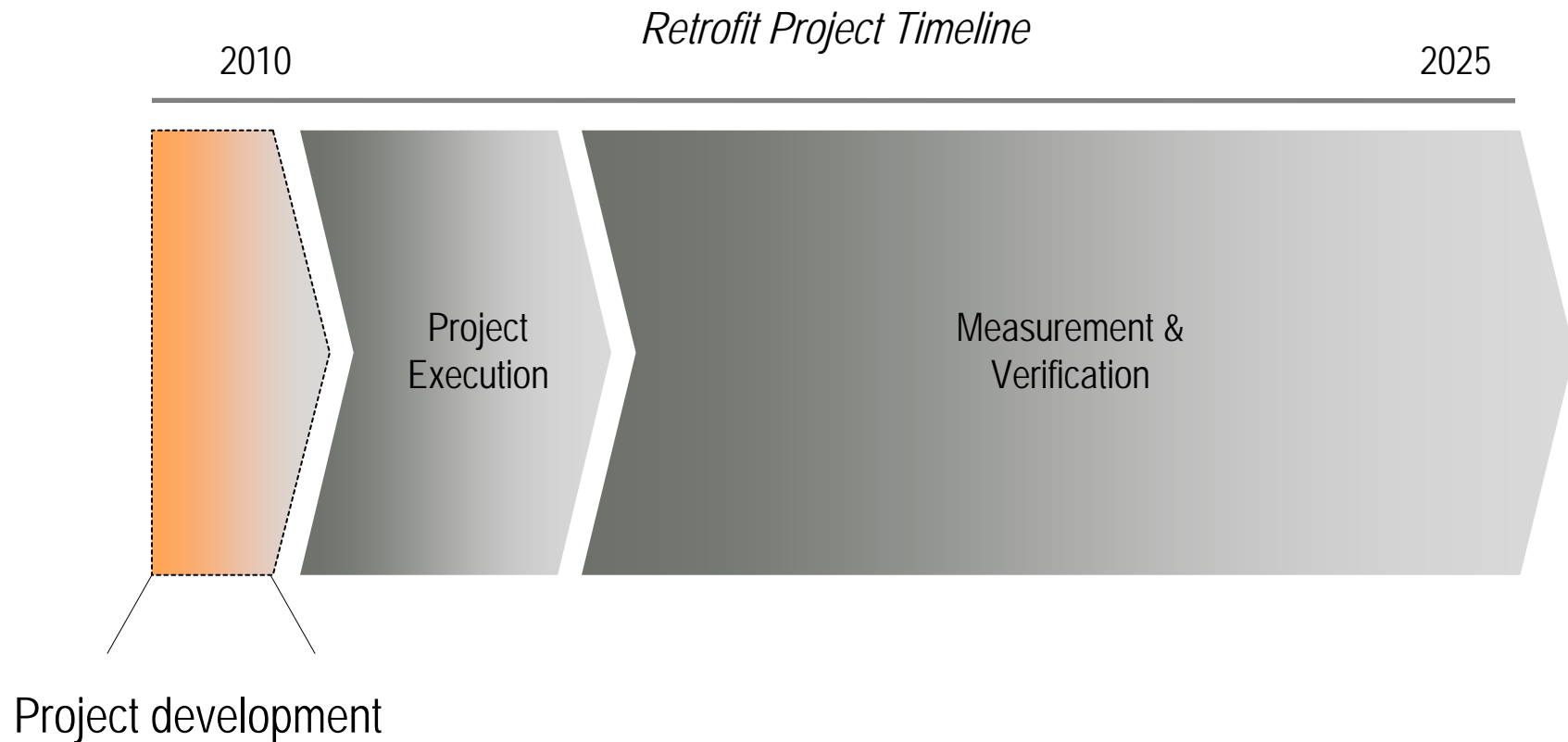
**88 kBtu** per sq ft per yr for the office building

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of **25,000 tons** per yr  
(22 lbs/sqft)

# PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1) Five key groups and contributors used a collaborative and iterative approach.

The project development process, which the team focused on, is the first step towards executing and verifying the success of a retrofit.



# PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

2) A 4-phase project development process helped guide progress.

Project activities (audits, workshops, presentations, analyses, reports, etc.) were divided into 4 phases.

	<b>Phase I: Inventory &amp; Programming</b>	<b>Phase II: Design Development</b>	<b>Phase III: Design Documentation</b>	<b>Phase IV: Final Documentation</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 14<sup>th</sup> kick-off meeting</li> <li>• May 7<sup>th</sup>/May 14<sup>th</sup> team workshops</li> <li>• June 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation to Ownership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 18<sup>th</sup> <i>Theoretical Minimum workshop</i></li> <li>• July 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop</li> <li>• July 15<sup>th</sup> Presentation to ownership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 30<sup>th</sup> Tenant Focus workshop</li> <li>• August 13<sup>th</sup> eQUEST workshop</li> <li>• August 27<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> workshop</li> <li>• Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership</li> <li>• October 6-8<sup>th</sup> Finance workshop (Boulder)</li> <li>• Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership</li> </ul>
<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline Capital Projects Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline Energy Benchmark Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenant Initiatives (prebuilts, design guidelines, energy management) Report</li> <li>• Tuned eQUEST model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model (eQUEST, financial, GHG) outputs</li> <li>• Integrated Sustainability Master Plan Report (inc. Energy Master Plan)</li> </ul>

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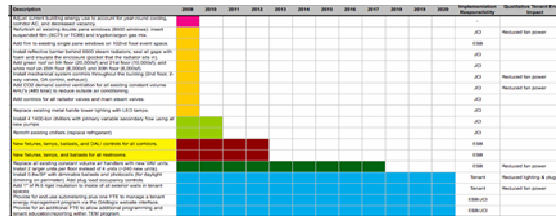
3) A variety of tools were used and developed to triangulate to the best answer.

Industry standard and newly developed design tools, decision-making tools, and rating tools helped to evaluate and benchmark existing and future performance.

## Design Tools

## Decision-Making Tools

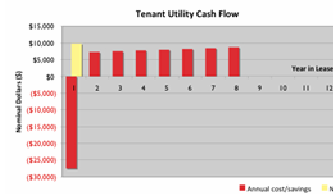
## Rating Tools



## Quantification of Sustainability Tool\*



- Step 4. Efficient Technology**
- Is this the most efficient technology available?
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  - Will a more efficient technology be available in the future?
  - Can the system be adapted or modified when a more efficient technology is available?
  - Does this technology use an appropriate energy source?
  - Could this technology use a renewable technology?
- Step 5. Controls and Demand Response**
- Does this system/equipment need to be on all the time?
  - Can this system be shut off or turned down during off-peak hours?
  - Can this system be shut off or turned down during peak utility charges?

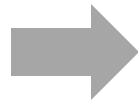


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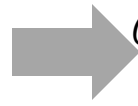
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Determining the optimal package of retrofit projects involved identifying opportunities, modeling individual measures, and modeling packages of measures.

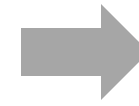
*Identify Opportunities*



*Model Individual Measures*

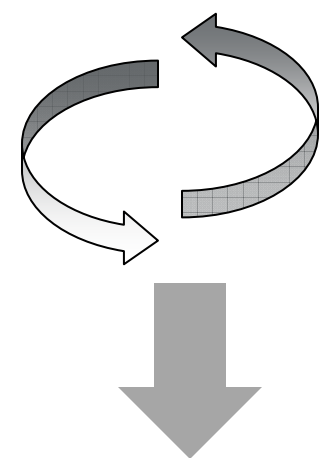
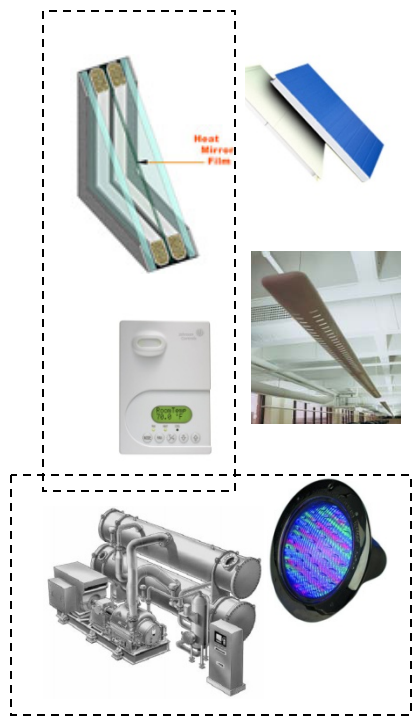


*Create Packages of Measures*



*Model Iteratively*

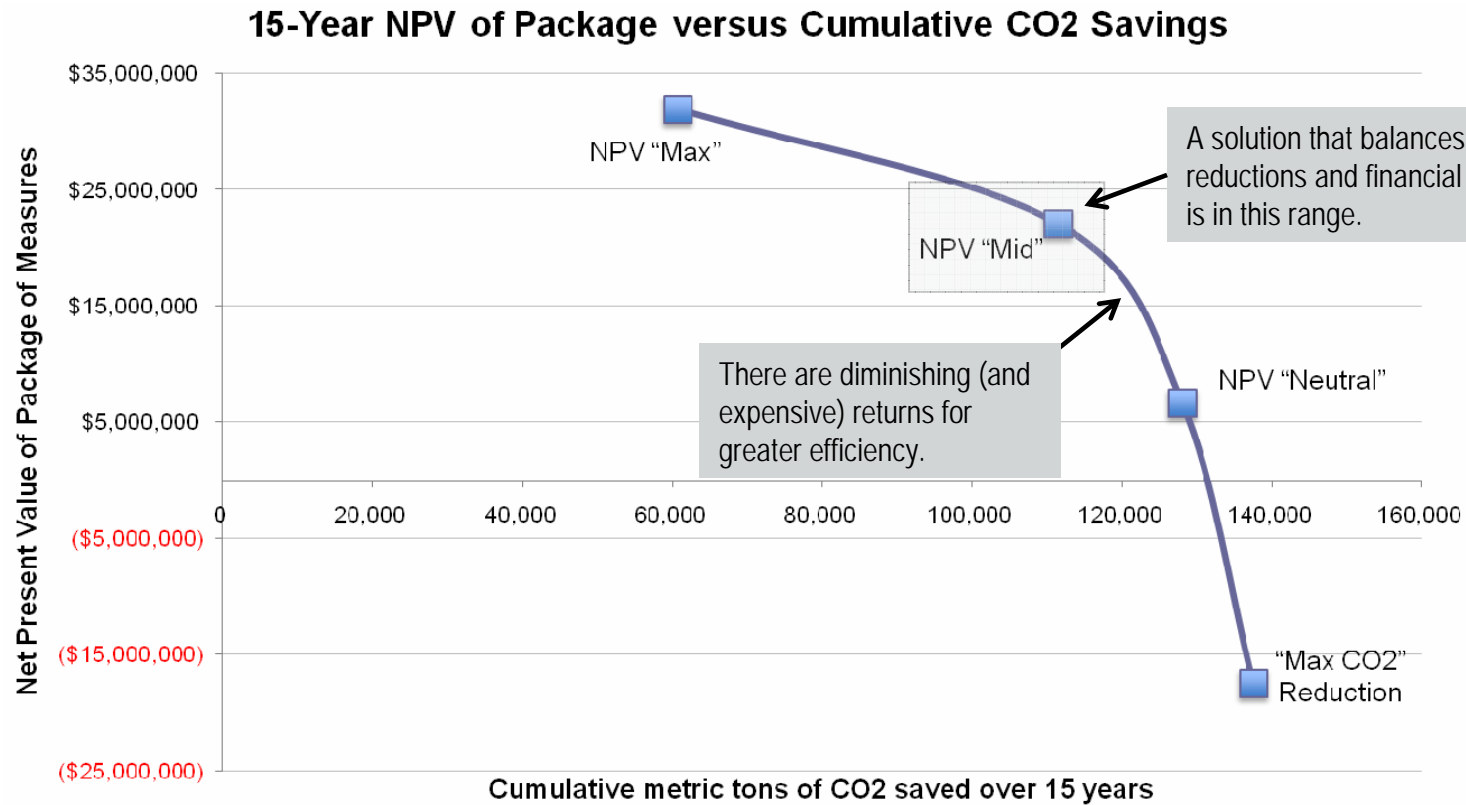
4	Chiller-4	CW Waterside economizer for year round cooling for all zones
5	Chiller-5	Multiple Tonnage Chiller Sizing
6	Chiller-6	Best Practice Cooling Tower Sizing and Efficiency Pumping
7	Chiller-7	Chilled water temperature reset
8	CHW Pumping-1	Variable Flow CHW Pumping
9	CHW Pumping-1	VFD on CW Pumps, Flow Control
10	CHW Pumping-2	Best Possible Pumping Design - Reduced Pressure Drop and Max Pump Eff
11	Heating-1	Heat Recovery from Broadcast Floors
12	Heating-2	Min amount (dynam) to preheat OA to observatory
13	Heating-3	Basecase w/ electric reheat (space heaters)
14	AHU-1	Install new VFD AHUs
15	AHU-2	Best Practice AHU (Low dP, Higher Fan Eff)
16	AHU-3	Underfloor/Displacement Air Distributor
17	AHU-4	Install Low dP VFC AHUs
18	AHU-5	Move to Central OA Supply
19	AHU-6	Core Space Conditioning - Dedicated Unit
20	AHU-7	Core Space Conditioning - Shared Unit (Casasce)
21	AHU-8	Nighttime Purge to Precharge Thermal Mass
22	AHU-9	Natural Ventilation
23	AHU-10	Eliminate local AHU and use chilled beams and radiant.
24	Controls-1	Chiller Plant
25	Controls-2	Controls - Chiller sequencing
26	Controls-3	Controls - Optimized Start/Stop
27	Controls-4	Controls - Variable Primary/Secondary control
28	Controls-5	Radiator Control
29	Controls-6	Radiator Control/Window Opening
30	Controls-7	ESB Local HVAC Equip (Air cooled chiller, CHW AHUs tied to ACC, DX AF
31	Controls-8	DC AHUs Control (SS, OA Damper, CHW Valve, Zone Temp)
32	Controls-9	New AHUs Control (S/S, OA Damper, CHW Valve, Zone Temp)
33	Controls-10	New VFD AHUs Control (S/S, OA Damper, CHW Valve, Zone Temp, VFD)
34	Controls-11	New VFD AHUs with OA Demand Control
35	Controls-12	Thermal Comfort Space Temperature Control (ASHRAE 55)
36	DRW-1	Electric instantaneous DHW 10/11/12 Heat Recovery
37	Envelope-1	Install Window Film
38	Envelope-2	Install New Window Glazing Option A
39	Envelope-3	Install New Window - Glazing Option B
40	Envelope-4	Install Thermaly Broken Frames
41	Envelope-5	Provide and install insulated sheet metal barriers behind each radiator.
42	Envelope-6	Provide furring strip insulation on Perimeter Walls
43	Envelope-7	Install Green Roof
44	Envelope-8	Install White Roof
45	Cogen-1	Steam driven back-pressure turbine/Absorption Chiller/CHW/Electric Chiller
46	Cogen-2	Install Fuel Cell/DHW Heat Recovery/Absorption Chiller
47	Lighting-1	Lighting - Restrooms Occupancy Sensor
48	Lighting-2	Lighting - Restrooms Lighting Retrofit
49	Lighting-3	Lighting - ESB Common Hallways Retrofit
50	Lighting-4	Lighting - Transit Station Deck



*Outcome:  
Package of measures with best economic & environmental benefits*

# Balance financial return & carbon reduction

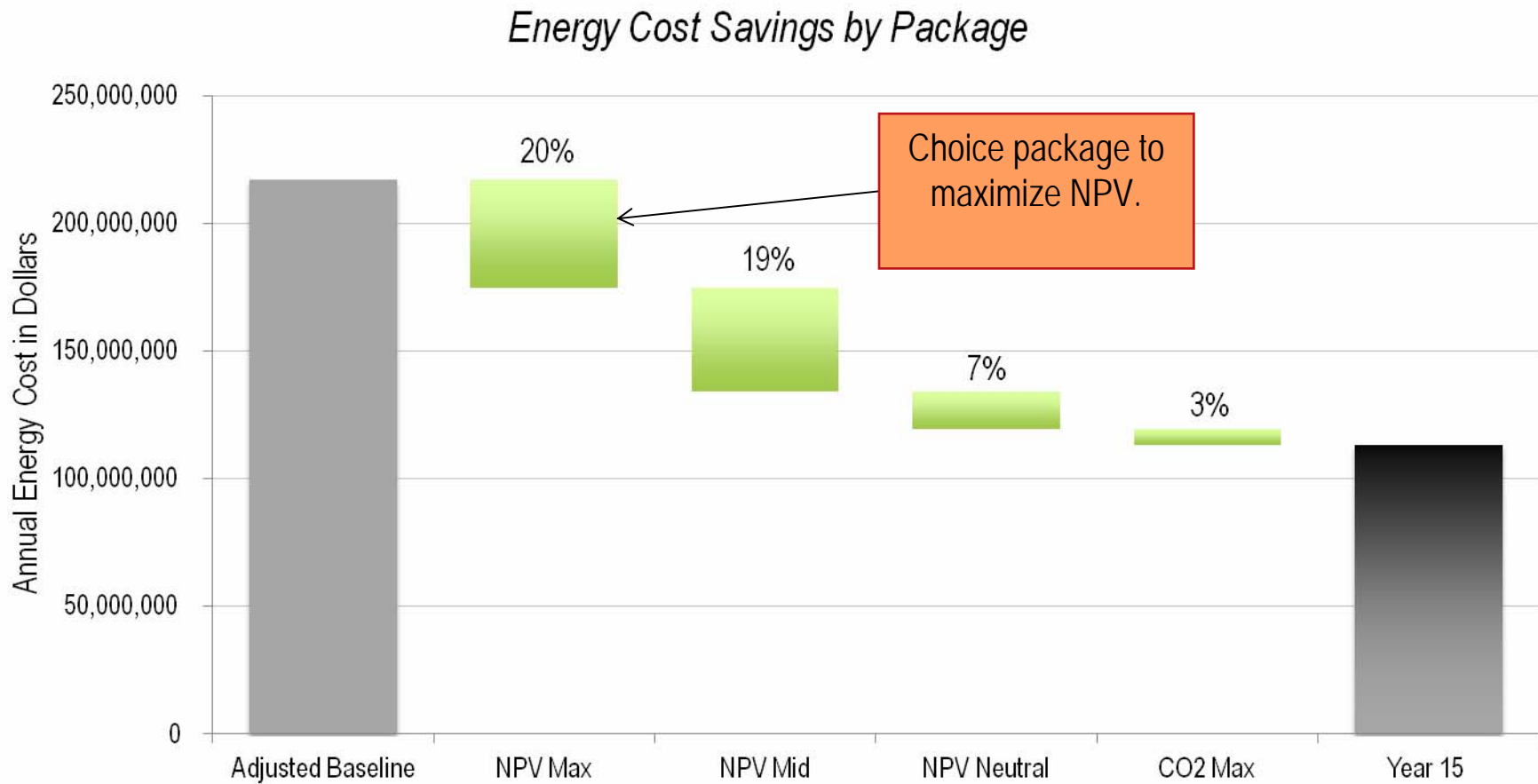
ESB can achieve a high level of CO<sub>2</sub> and energy reduction cost-effectively



# LESSONS LEARNED

2) At a certain point, there is tension between CO2 savings and business value.

Maximizing business value leaves considerable CO2 on the table.



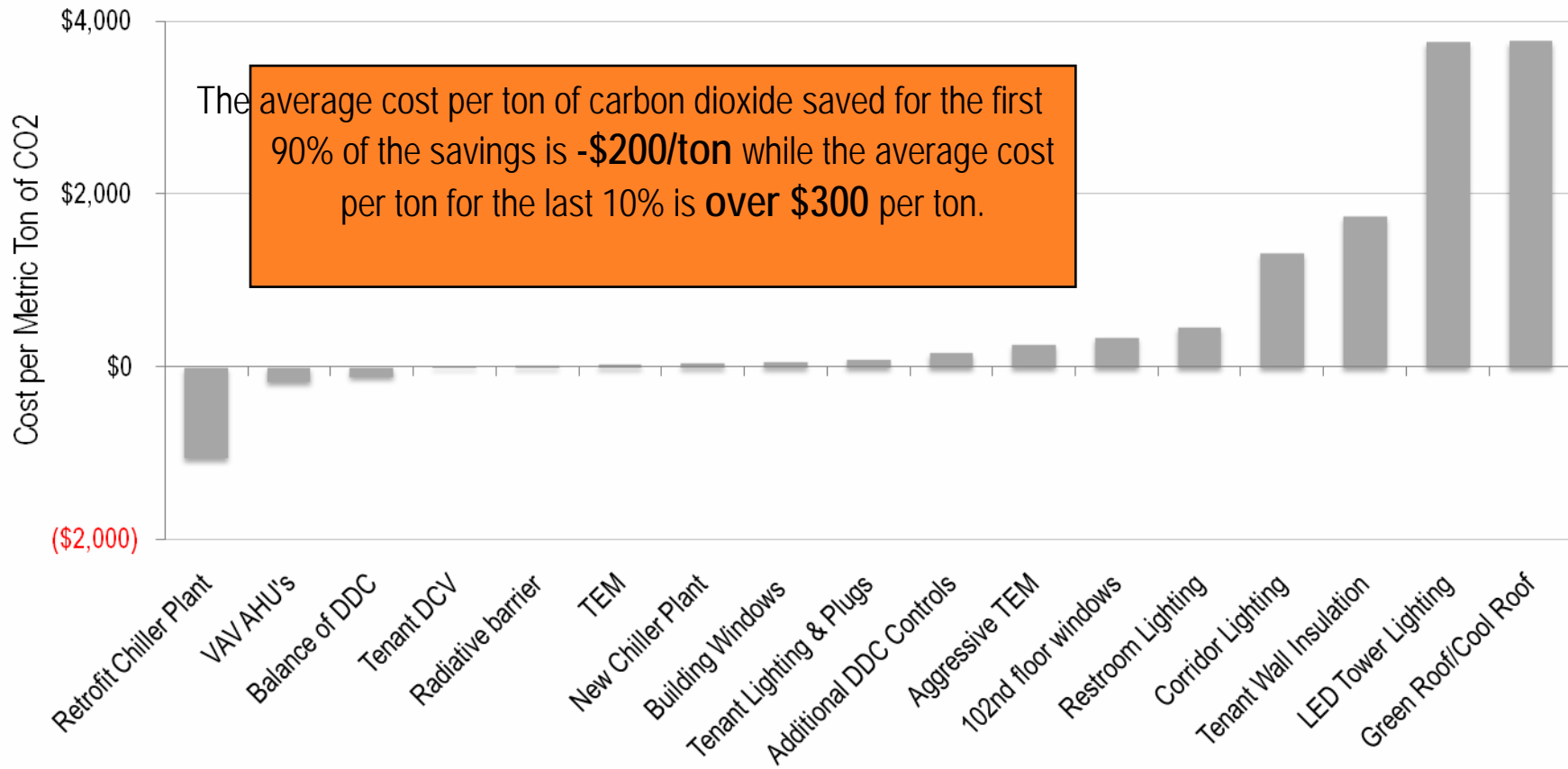


# KEY FINDINGS

1) Eight interactive levers ranging from base building measures to tenant engagement deliver these results.

Achieving an energy reduction greater than 38% appears to be cost-prohibitive.

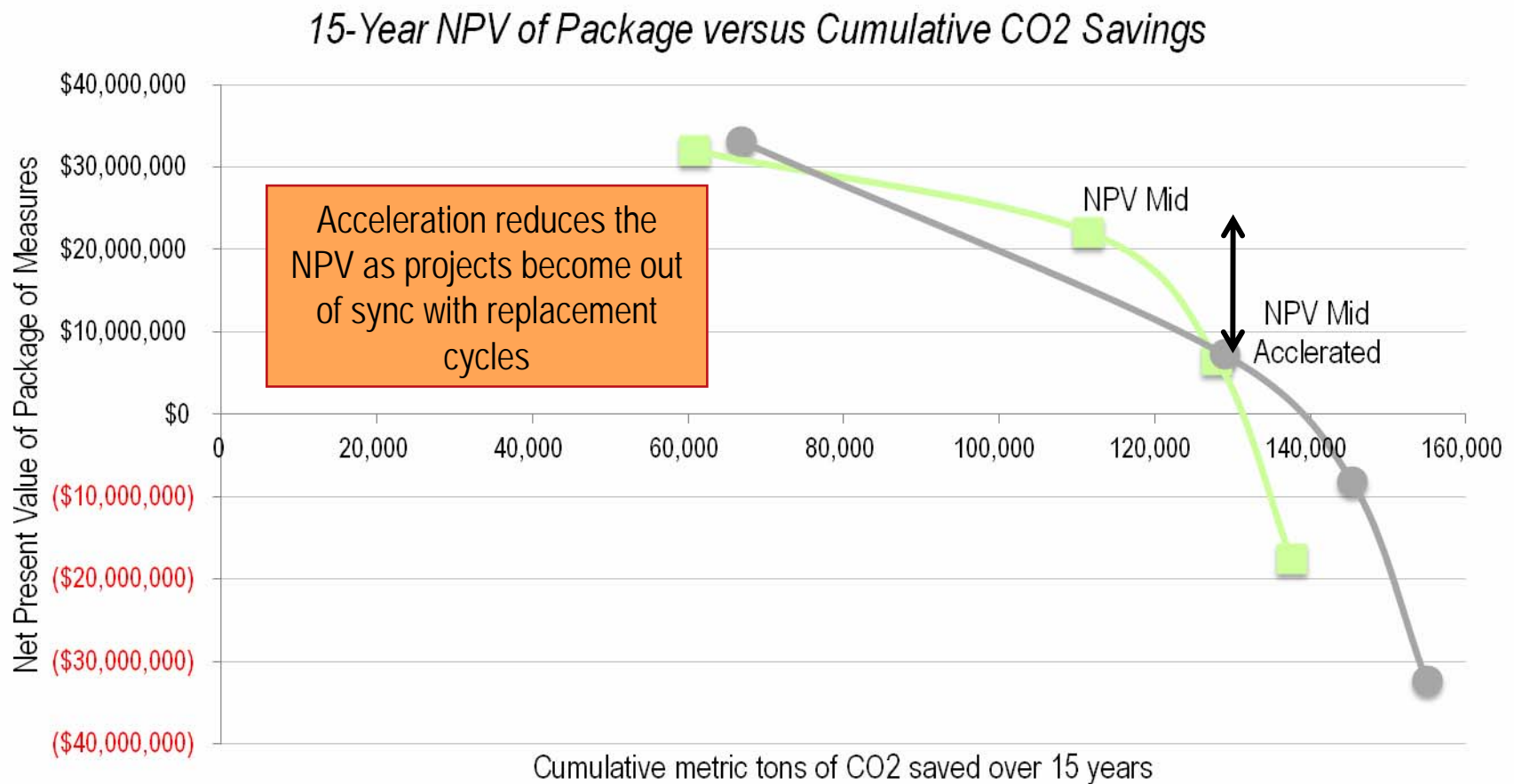
*Cost per Metric Ton of CO2 by Individual Measure*



# LESSONS LEARNED

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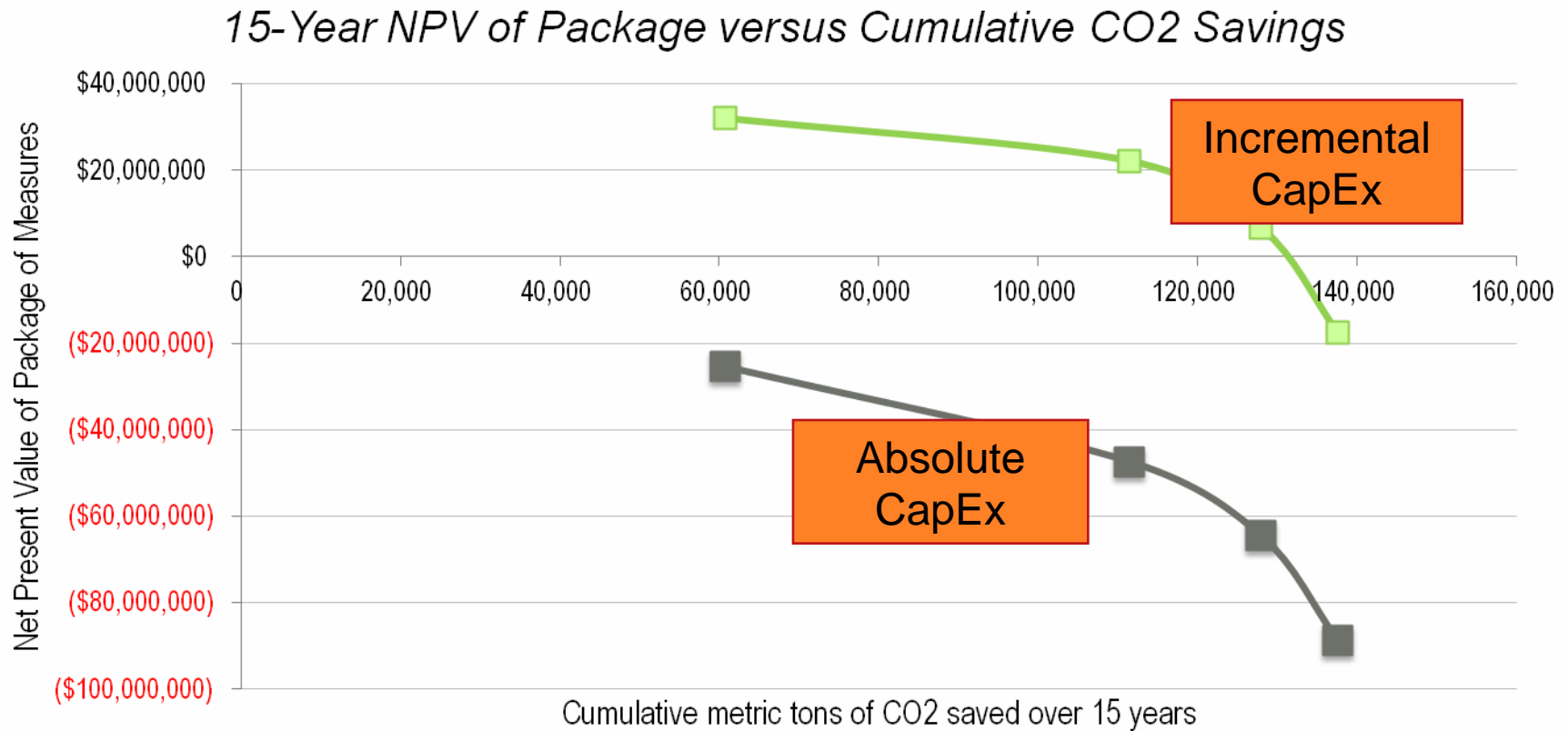
Attempting to save CO2 faster may be cost prohibitive.



# LESSONS LEARNED

Several approaches help maximize cost-effective savings.

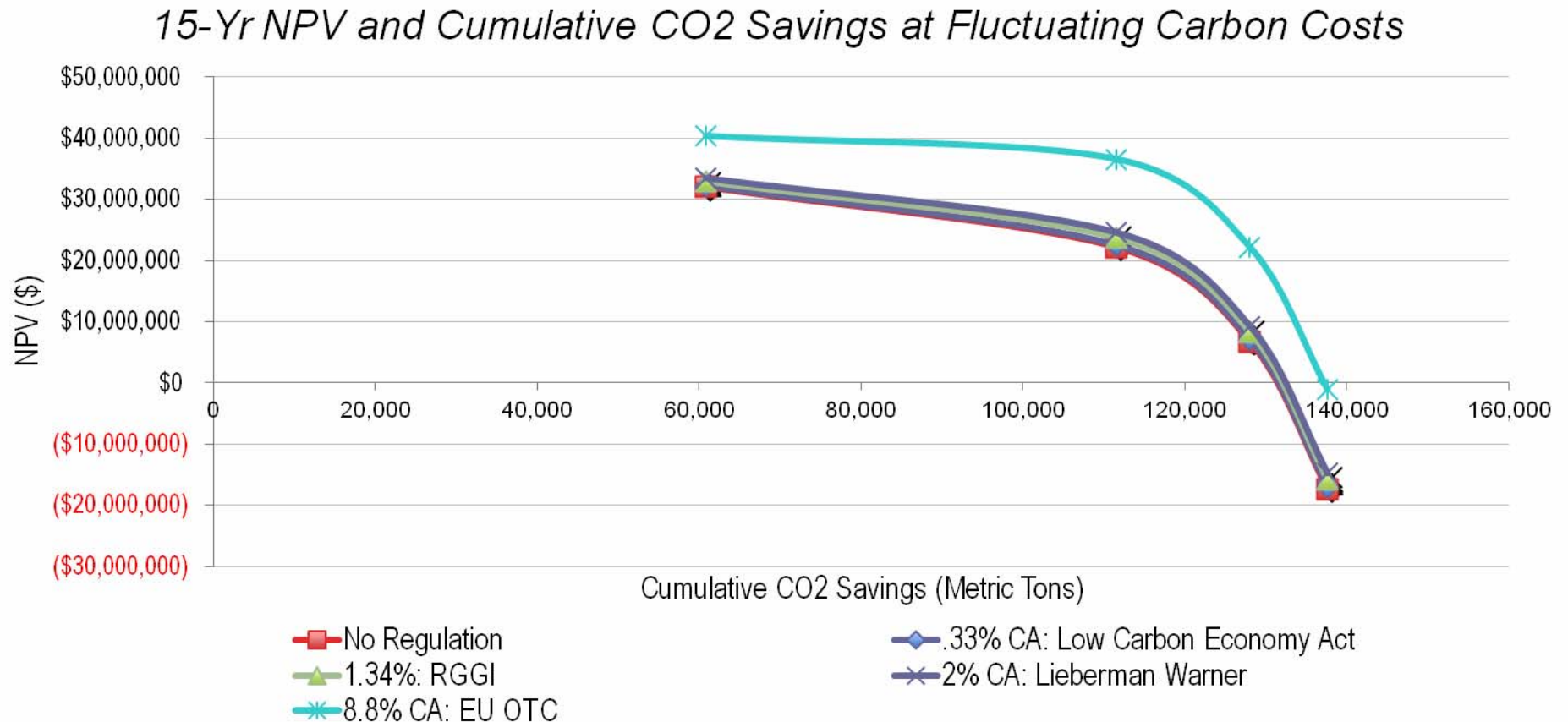
Projects are most cost-effective when coordinated with equipment replacement cycles.



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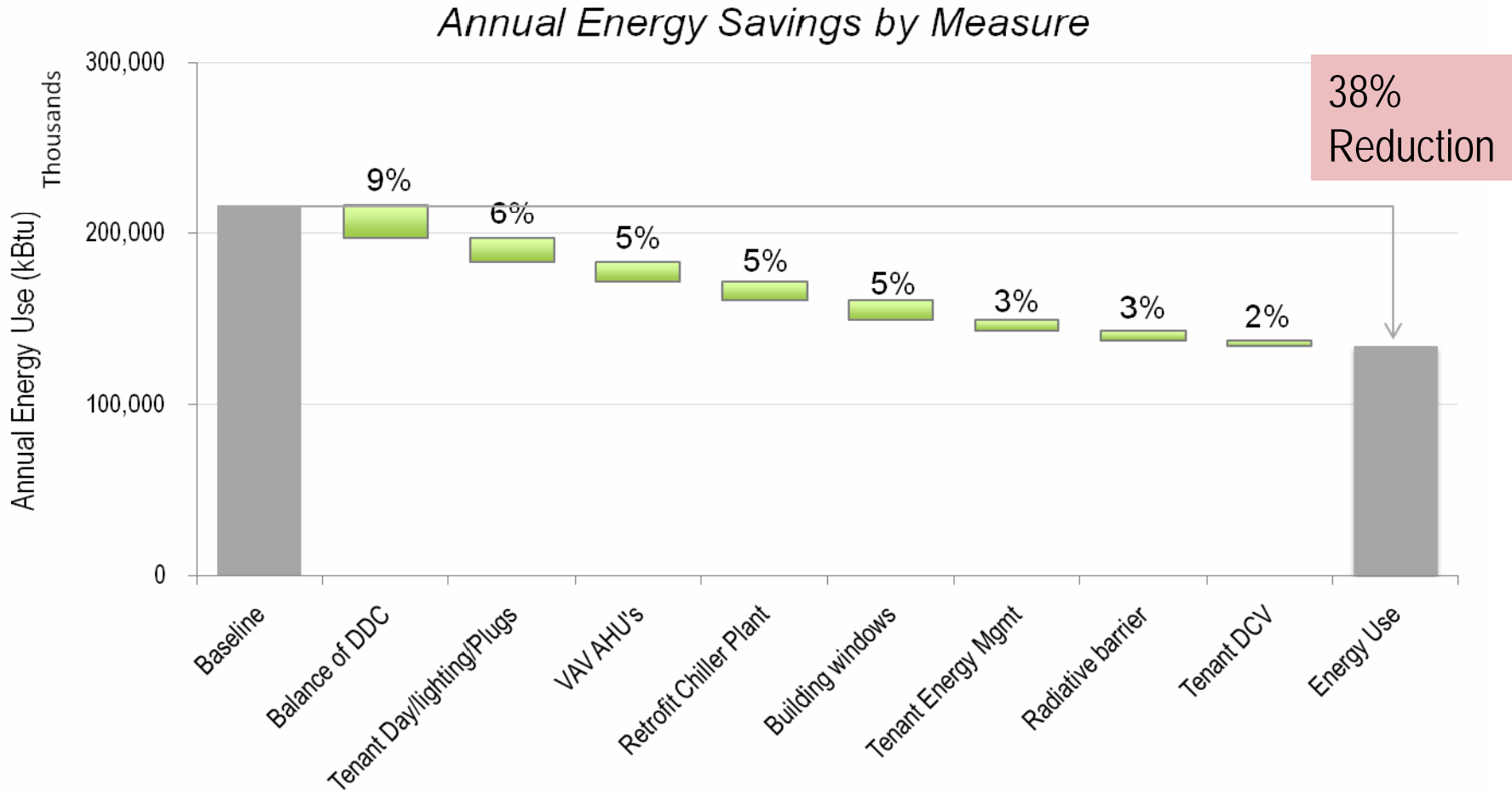
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Anticipated CO2 regulation in the U.S. doesn't change the solution set ... though European levels of regulation would.



# Implementing recommended measures

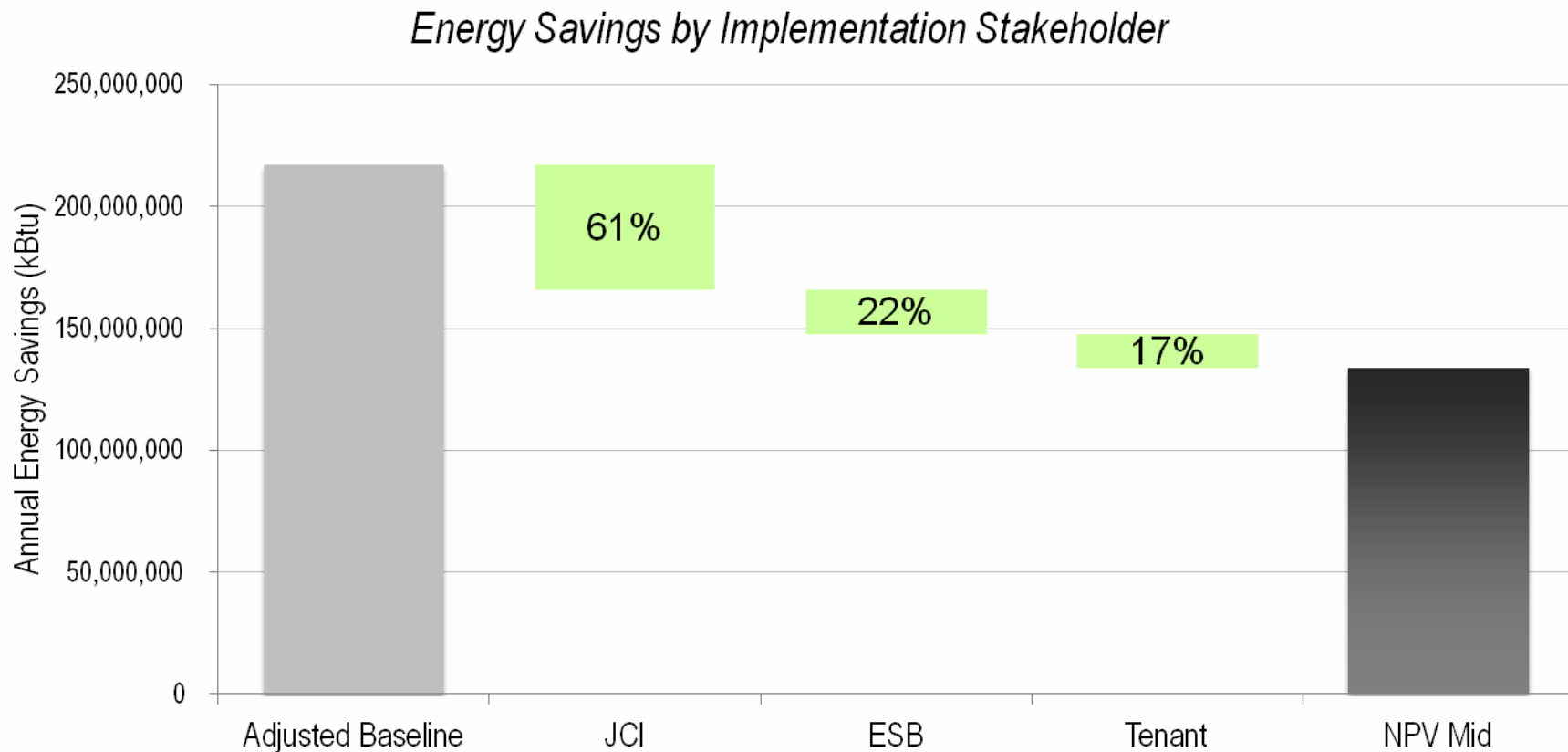
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## IV. IMPLEMENTATION

1) Three stakeholders, with different implementation mechanisms, will deliver the savings.

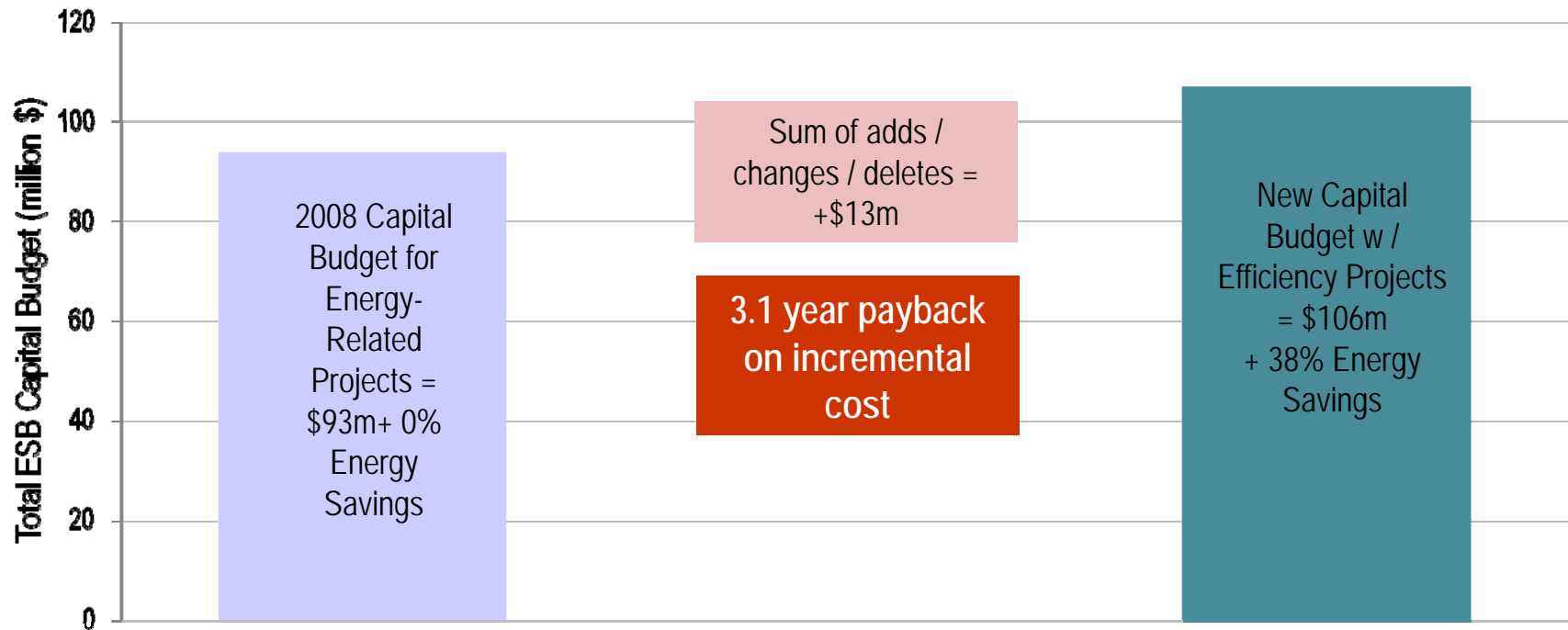
Johnson Controls, the Empire State Building, and Tenants are each responsible for delivering some of the total savings.



# Business case through verifiable operating costs reductions and payback analysis

With a \$550 million capital improvement program underway, ownership decided to re-evaluate certain projects with cost-effective energy efficiency and sustainability opportunities in mind.

### Capital Budget Adjustments for Energy Efficiency Projects



### III. KEY FINDINGS

1) Eight interactive levers ranging from base building measures to tenant engagement deliver these results.

Though it is more informative to look at financials for the package of measures, capital costs and energy savings were determined for each individual measure.

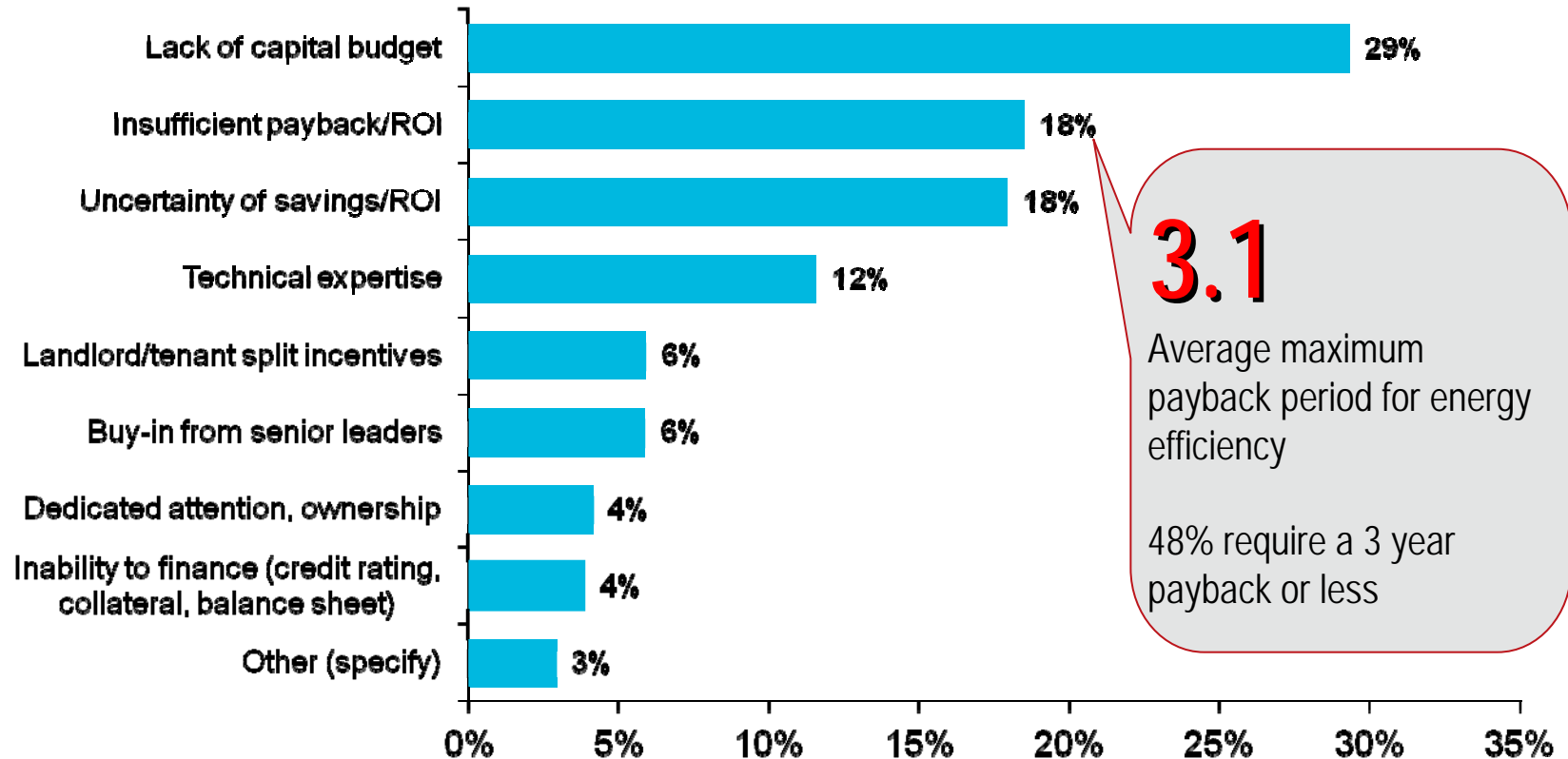
<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Projected Capital Cost</i>	<i>2008 Capital Budget</i>	<i>Incremental Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Annual Energy Savings*</i>
Windows	\$4.5m	\$455k	\$4m	\$410k
Radiative Barrier	\$2.7m	\$0	\$2.7m	\$190k
DDC Controls	\$7.6m	\$2m	\$5.6m	\$741k
Demand Control Vent	Inc. above	\$0	Inc. above	\$117k
Chiller Plant Retrofit	\$5.1m	\$22.4m	-\$17.3m	\$675k
VAV AHUs	\$47.2m	\$44.8m	\$2.4m	\$702k
Tenant Day/Lighting/Plugs	\$24.5m	\$16.1m	\$8.4m	\$941k
Tenant Energy Mgmt.	\$365k	\$0	\$365k	\$396k
<i>Power Generation (optional)</i>	\$15m	\$7.8m	\$7m	\$320k
<b>TOTAL (ex. Power Gen)</b>	<b>\$106.9m</b>	<b>\$93.7m</b>	<b>\$13.2m</b>	<b>\$4.4m</b>

\*Note that energy savings are also incremental to the original capital budget.



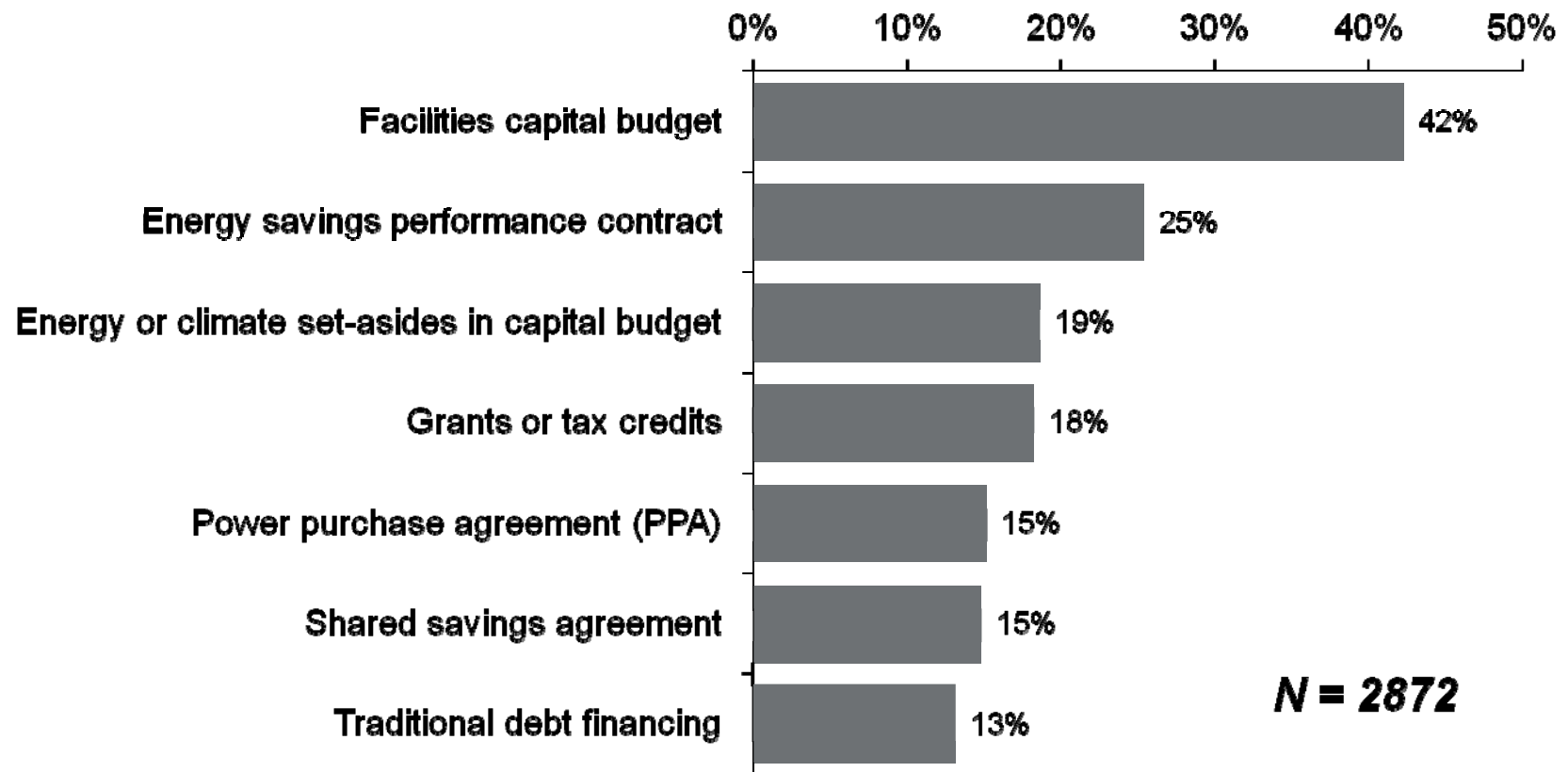
# Limited internal capital is greatest barrier

**What is the top barrier to capturing potential energy savings for your organization?**



# Internal capital budgets is primary funding source

**Which options will your organization consider to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects over the next 12 months? (Select all that apply)?**



## VI. INDUSTRY NEEDS

a) Select the right buildings for whole-systems retrofits

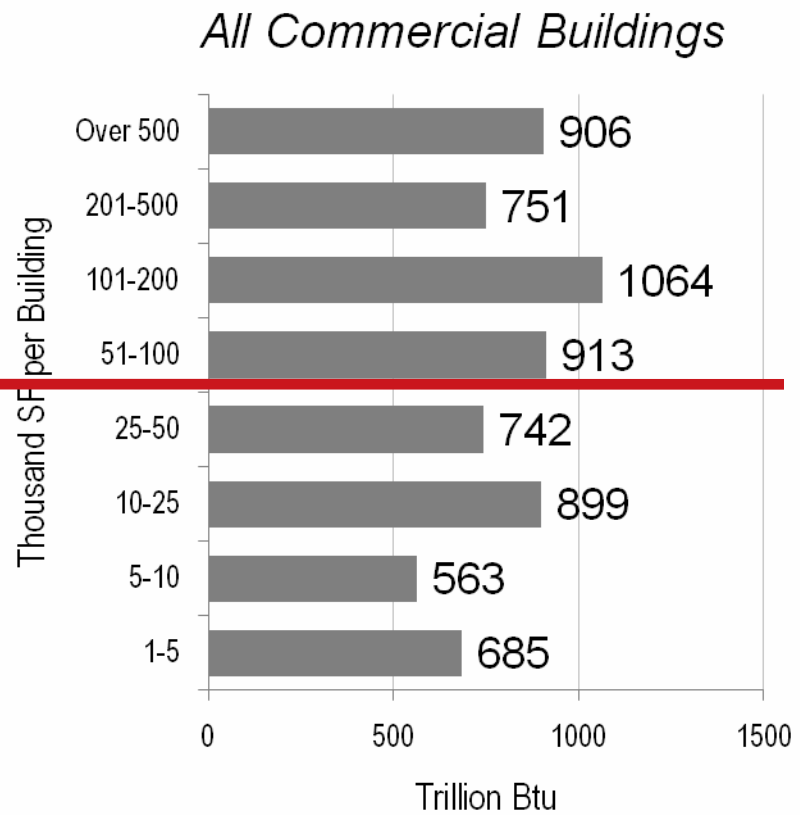
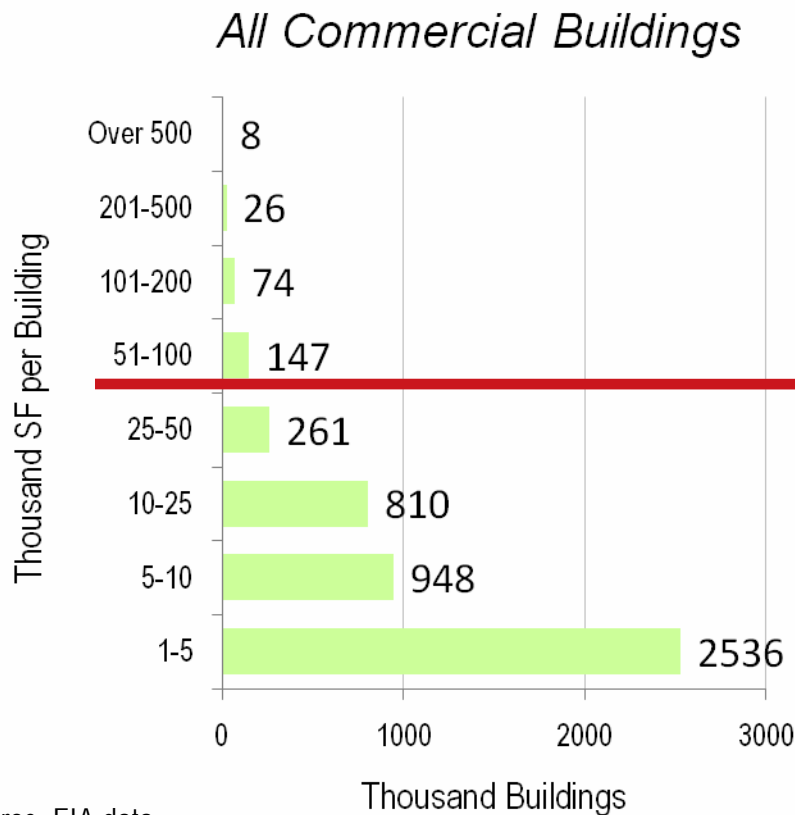
Retrofitting the right buildings in the right order can reduce the societal cost (\$/metric ton) for carbon abatement.



# VI. INDUSTRY NEEDS


b) Develop solutions for small to mid-range commercial buildings.

Most retrofit or energy service companies only address large commercial buildings or residential buildings. Yet 95% of the U.S. building stock is small to mid-sized buildings that consume 44% of total energy use.



Source: EIA data

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A project of this scale might seem far removed from your small office or home - but there are opportunities to save energy in any situation. [Read more](#)

Built during the Great Depression, the Empire State Building symbolizes America's limitless potential. Today the building is undergoing a major sustainability retrofit to become a leading example of economic and environmental revitalization.

Consulting, design, and construction partners Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI), Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), recently completed an 8 month modeling and analysis project which will save 38 percent of the building's energy and \$4.4 million annually.

This website provides detailed information on the building's transformation. [Read the white paper.](#)



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Creating a leading example for the design of commercial retrofits was at heart a learning experience for the team. In the process of developing specific project recommendations, the team uncovered several key lessons for the retrofit of large multi-tenant commercial office buildings. [Read more "Lessons Learned"](#)

## SOLVE THE RETROFIT PUZZLE

See how taking the right steps, in the right order, makes all the difference.

This website aims to provide complete and transparent information on the Empire State Building's sustainability retrofit. We hope to set a new standard for thinking about large commercial retrofits: a standard that owners, designers, engineers, and tenants around the world can easily adopt.

[Download the full white paper.](#)

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