## **MUSH Market ESCO Financing**

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## **Overview of Presentation**

- Introduction to NAESCO
- NAESCO/LBNL ESCO Market Survey
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC)
- How ESCO Customers Pay for Projects
- Types of Financing
- Problems and Issues



# Introduction to NAESCO

- National Association of Energy Service Companies
- About 70 companies

Aggregate annual revenues about \$6 billion

- History of the ESCO Industry
  - \$45 billion in projects paid from savings
  - \$50 billion in savings guaranteed and verified
  - 400,000 person-years of direct employment
  - \$30 billion of infrastructure improvements in public facilities
  - 450 million tons of CO2 savings at no additional cost



### NAESCO/LBNL ESCO Market Survey

#### • Performed every three years

- Survey all companies that meet LBNL ESCO Definition
  - A company that provides energy efficiency-related and other valueadded services and for which performance contracting is a core part of its energy-efficiency services business.

#### • Last survey – 2015 – Gathered Data from 2014 Performance

- 91% response
- Report out this summer



#### Revenue Share by Market Segment





## Revenue Share by Contract Type





## How Do ESCO Customers Pay for Projects?



National Association of Energy Service Companies

#### Energy Savings Performance Contracts Use Guaranteed Savings Financing



- Customer finances project & assumes debt obligation on balance sheet
- ESCO assumes project performance risk & guarantees that savings will be sufficient to cover customer's annual debt obligation
- Lender assumes credit risk

NAESCO

National Association of Energy Service Companies

# Type of Financing Used



National Association of Energy Service Companies

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## **Financing Problems and Issues**

- Difficult to Finance Small Projects (<\$500k)
  - Large ESCOs can't implement economically
  - Lenders don't want to underwrite customers and ESCOs
- New SEC rules limit the ESCO role
  - Can't "arrange financing" unless registered with SEC
  - Dependent on customers' attorneys and financial advisers to understand and package loans, leases, rebates, tax credits, etc.
- New accounting rules eliminate operating leases
  - Liability has to be on customer or ESCO balance sheet
  - Extend federal Special Purpose Entity structure to MUSH market



## Questions?

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