

Building Upgrades for Energy Efficiency

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Identify potential high-performance improvements based on your building's size and climate zone.

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Learn About High-Performance

Learn about high-performance topics, such as indoor environmental quality (IEQ) and plug loads



Plan a Project

Review high-performance facility strategies for both new construction and renovation projects

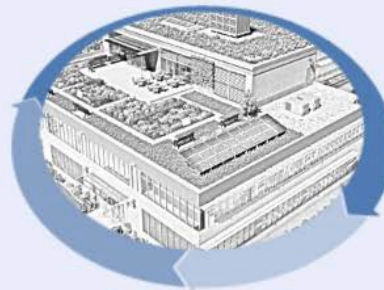


Buy High-Performance

Discover which products and services meet different environmental programs, such as BioPreferred or Energy Star



Achieve High-Performance



Demonstrate Understanding

Use FEDSAT to take the first step on a path towards full FBPTA compliance



Explore a Building

Walk through a high-performance building to learn about strategies and products for each workspace and building system



Share Your Story

Learn from the experience of others and share stories from your own high-performance facility projects.

Opportunity for Improving Existing Buildings

- A typical office building can cut energy use
 - By up to 25% implementing no & low cost measures
 - By up to 45% by pursuing deeper retrofit measures
- Impacts: reduced operating costs, improved occupant comfort, greater asset value, and other related benefits

Introducing . . . Cost-Effective Upgrades

Cost-Effective Upgrades Tool

Please choose the building size and climate zone that most closely resemble your building's size and location. Note that the results may vary if you only occupy a portion of a building. Click the continue button when finished.

Select Your Building Size [i](#)

5,000 gsf

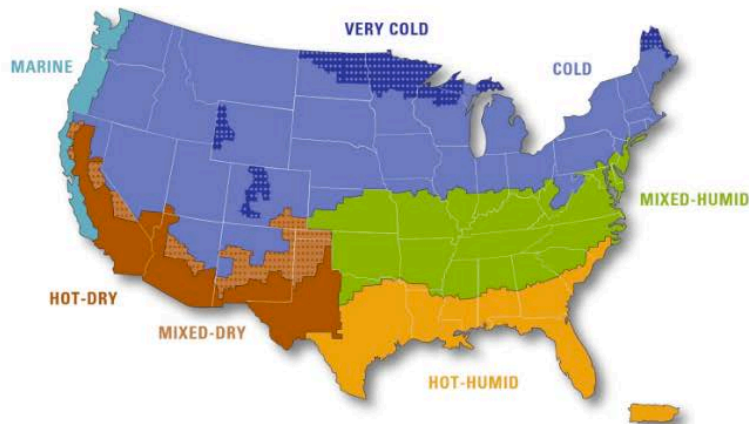
10,000 gsf

25,000 gsf

50,000 gsf

100,000 gsf

Select Your Climate Zone



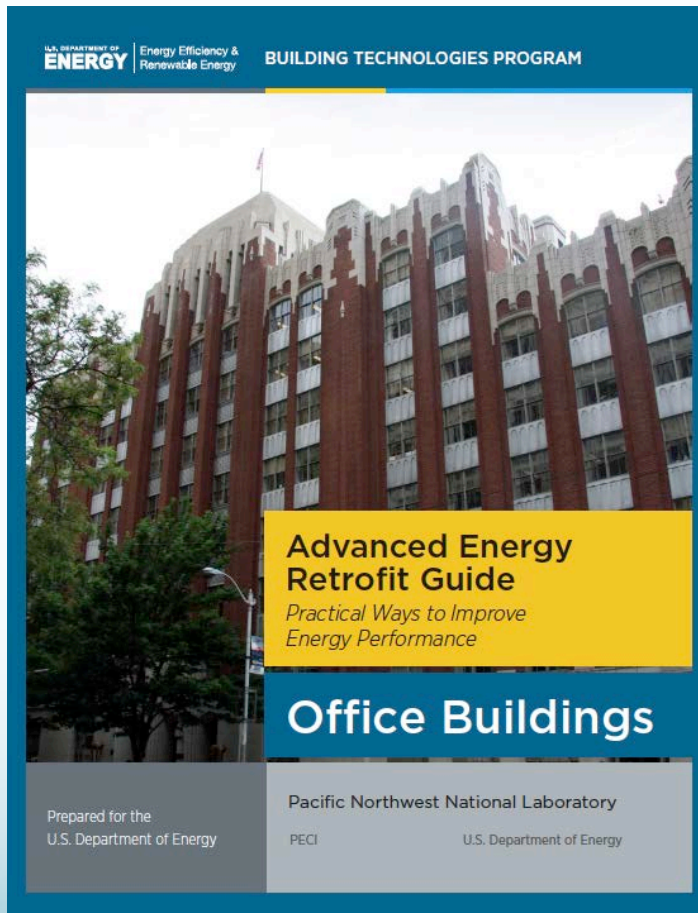
[i](#) Climate zones are defined by DOE's Building America Climate Zones

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Cost Effective Upgrades Demo

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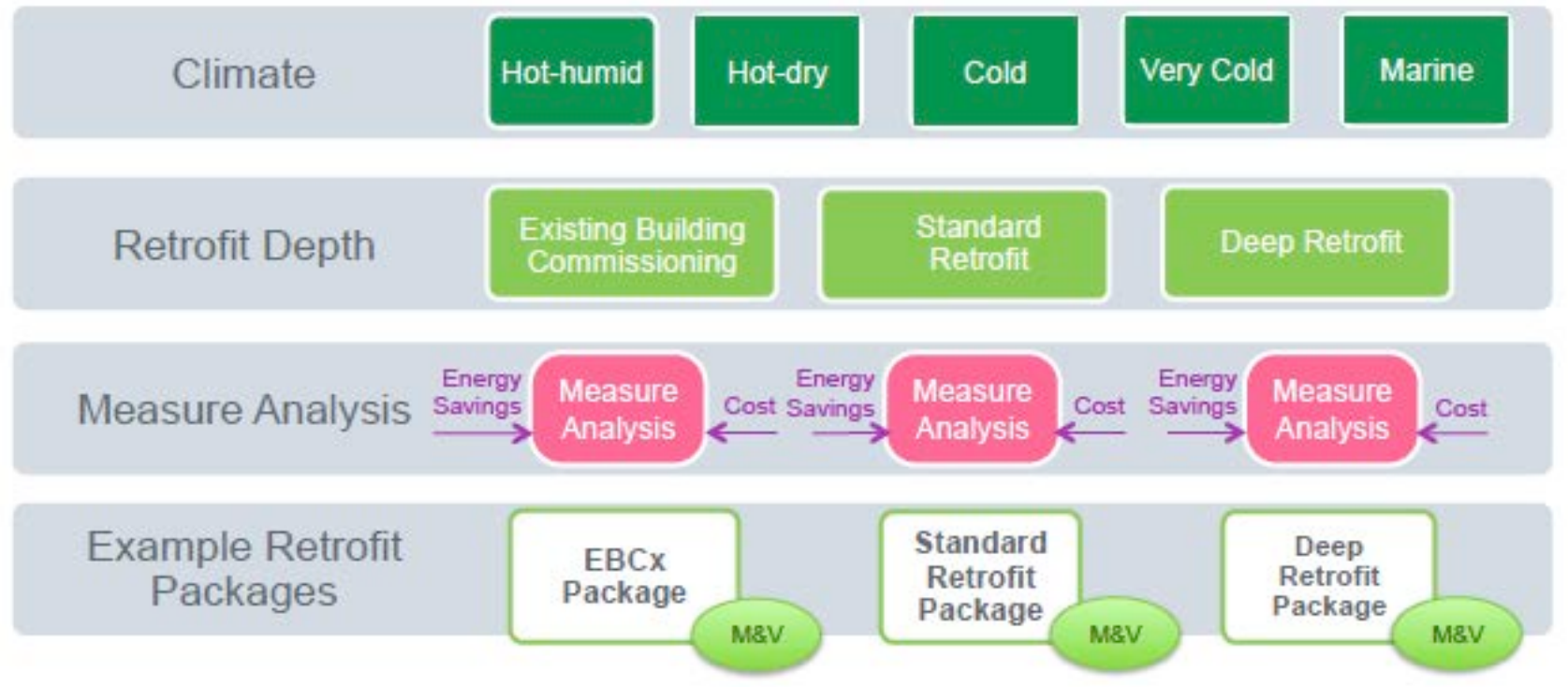
Advanced Energy Retrofit Guide for Office Buildings



- Published in 2011
- Office buildings represent 17% of energy use in U.S. commercial buildings
- 60% of existing office buildings were built before 1980
- Actionable information, practical methodologies, and objective evaluations of the most promising retrofit measures

<https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/advanced-energy-retrofit-guides>

Scope of Retrofit Guide



Levels of upgrade options

- O&M improvements through Existing Building Commissioning (EBCx)
- Standard retrofits – cost-effective, low-risk upgrade options including equipment, system and assembly retrofits
- Deep retrofits – require a larger upfront investment and may have longer payback periods

EBCx Results of Common Metrics

	Site Energy Use Intensity (EUI) (kBtu/sf/yr)			Annual Energy Cost per Square Foot		
	Baseline	Post-EBCx	% Reduction from Baseline	Baseline	Post-EBCx	Reduction from Baseline
Hot & Humid	88	75	15%	\$2.09	\$1.91	\$0.18
Hot & Dry	97	75	22%	\$2.16	\$1.85	\$0.30
Marine	94	68	27%	\$1.99	\$1.63	\$0.36
Cold	86	66	24%	\$2.24	\$1.92	\$0.32
Very Cold	91	68	25%	\$2.00	\$1.71	\$0.29
Average	91	70	23%	\$2.10	\$1.81	\$0.29

EBCx Energy Savings Results

	Electricity Savings (annual kWh)	Electric Demand Savings (peak kW)	Gas Savings (annual therms)	Site EUI Savings (kBtu/sf/yr)	Savings as % of Total Site Usage	Source EUI Savings (kBtu/sf/yr)	Savings as % of Total Source Usage
Hot & Humid	319,000	4	16,000	13	15%	24	11%
Hot & Dry	497,000	4	26,000	21	22%	38	16%
Marine	410,000	0	37,000	26	27%	35	21%
Cold	341,000	(20)	30,000	20	24%	33	16%
Very Cold	338,000	(60)	34,000	23	25%	35	18%

Measure - Daylight Harvesting

Climate Zone	Electricity Savings (annual kWh)	Electric Demand Savings (peak kW)	Gas Savings (annual therms)	Site EUI Savings (kBtu/sf/yr)	Savings as % of Total Site Usage
Hot & Humid	177,969	82	(3,110)	1.5	2.0%
Hot & Dry	173,328	78	(3,538)	1.2	1.6%
Marine	141,075	68	(4,335)	0.2	0.3%
Cold	156,231	69	(4,384)	0.5	0.7%
Very Cold	149,806	121	(4,761)	0.2	0.3%

Values presented in this table are total savings from the reference building baseline usage, not incremental savings from a current code baseline.

Measure - Daylight Harvesting

Climate Zone	Equipment Cost	Install Cost	Total Cost	Total Annual Energy Cost Savings	Annual O&M Cost Savings	Total Annual \$ Savings	Simple Payback (years)	NPV
Hot & Humid	\$32,143	\$77,309	\$109,452	\$17,085	\$(1,304)	\$15,782	7	\$72,057
Hot & Dry	\$32,432	\$78,004	\$110,436	\$14,119	\$(1,446)	\$12,674	9	\$35,503
Marine	\$33,588	\$80,784	\$114,372	\$10,567	\$(1,500)	\$9,067	13	\$(9,755)
Cold	\$31,790	\$76,459	\$108,249	\$14,659	\$(1,663)	\$12,996	8	\$41,478
Very Cold	\$31,661	\$76,150	\$107,811	\$13,599	\$(1,514)	\$12,085	9	\$31,404

Values presented in this table are total costs and savings, not incremental costs and savings from a current code baseline.

Discussion