

## Toolkit: Energy efficient design

Buildings

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## Energy Efficiency Training Week: Buildings programme 🛛 😡 🌢 🤶

- 1. Where to start: Energy use in buildings
- 2. Where to start: Energy efficiency potential in buildings
- 3. Toolkit: Energy efficient building design
- 4. Toolkit: Energy efficient building technologies

**Special session.** Technology demonstration **Where do I get help?** IEA's Technology Collaboration Programmes

- 5. Toolkit: Energy efficiency policies and target setting
- 6. What are the steps? Enabling investment with energy efficiency policies
- 7. What are the steps? Implementing building energy codes and standards
- 8. What are the steps? Building operations and procurement

**Special session.** The multiple benefits of energy efficiency

- Did it work? Evaluation and energy efficiency indicators
  Where do I get help? International and regional energy efficiency initiatives
- **10. Energy efficiency quiz:** Understanding energy efficiency in buildings

#### **3. Toolkit:** Energy efficient building design

Trainers: Brian Dean and Pierre Jaboyedoff

**Purpose:** To teach the fundamentals of how building design can reduce energy use in buildings. This course will also describe how an integrated design process and the use of simulation tools can achieve cost effective and energy efficient buildings.

**Scenario:** Builders are saying that construction timelines are short and it is not possible to design more efficient buildings because it is too complicated. *What changes in building design can enable more energy efficiency in buildings?* 



## Integrated design process

Sufficiency, efficiency, renewables

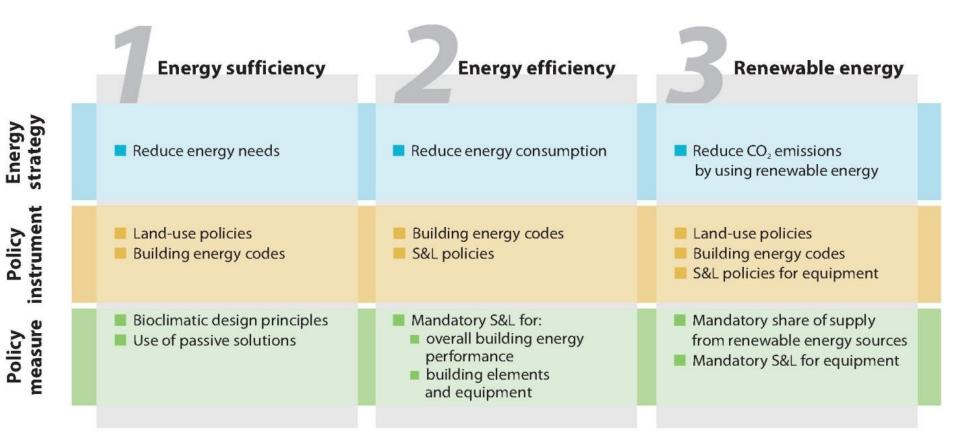
Tiered approach to integrated design

Design charrette

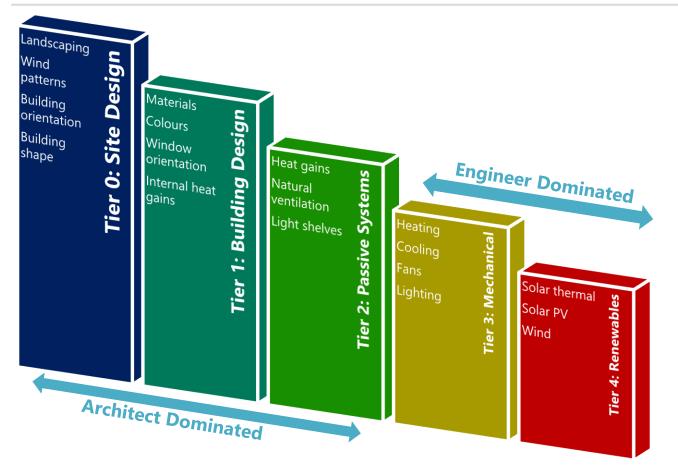


#### Path to zero emissions or net zero energy buildings





#### The tiered approach for the integrated design process



#### Integration of:

- Multiple design professionals
- Multiple aspects of building design and construction

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#### Landscaping

- Impact on solar gains on building
- Impact on airflow
- Seasonal variation

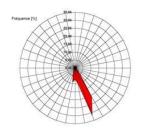
#### Wind patterns

- Dominant wind direction in hot summer
- Layout of buildings for natural ventilation potential

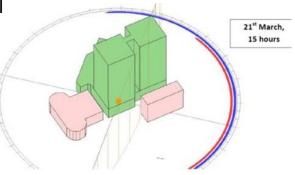
### **Building orientation & building shape**

- Solar gains on facades
- Optimal orientation of facades







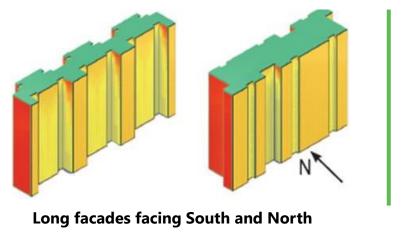




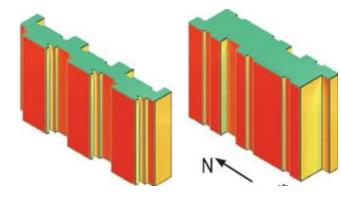


#### **Facade orientation**

- Crucial, especially for long buildings
- Account for annual solar gains by orientation



#### **Isometric view from South West**



#### Long facades facing East and West

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Landscaping

Wind

shape

patterns Building

orientation Building Design

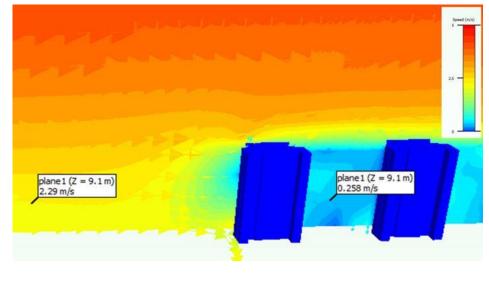
Tier 0: Site

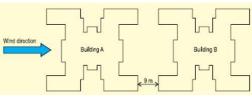


#### Influence of buildings on wind velocity

• Building shape, size and layout all influence wind speeds

Air velocity when wind is perpendicular to building facade orientation



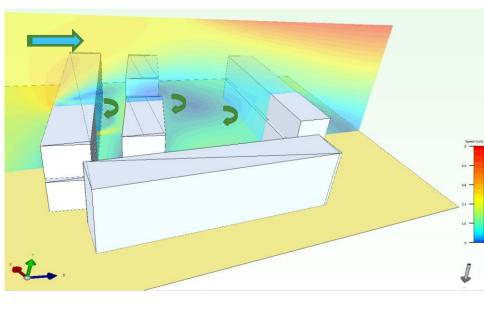


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# Example wind distribution for a project in Indore (DB Pride)



# Using wind speed for natural ventilation

- Low-density projects: influence cross (horizontal) and stack (vertical) ventilation
- High density projects: there is low wind speed between buildings, but you can use wind speed on the roof to increase suction on vertical shafts for increased stack ventilation.





#### Example wind distribution for a project in Indore (DB Pride)



View from the South / Main wind from the West



Source: India BEEP

#### Walls, windows, shading and solar gains

- Wall should be designed to have insulation
- Window area should be limited to 10-30% of the wall area
- Windows should be highly efficient, particularly if more than 25% of the wall area (both thermal protection and solar protection)
- Shading with overhangs should be designed based on solar angles (i.e. typically overhangs are more effective on North and South walls)
- Shading with movable external shades can be highly effective for optimized daylighting and controlling solar gains.
  - Shutters

Materials

Colours Window

gains

orientation

Internal heat

Air tightness

Design

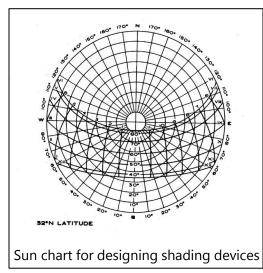
Building

Tier 1:

- Movable blinds
- Infiltration should be controlled by better air tightness of the building.

(technologies are described in more detail in the next session)

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### Building envelope is often the main source of heat gain/loss

- Walls, windows, roof, uncontrolled air infiltration
- There is a wide variation in the quality of building envelopes:



Materials

Colours

Window orientation

gains

Internal heat

Design

Tier 1: Building

U ~ 3.5 W/m<sup>2</sup>.K Monolithic concrete wall

35% Windows with inadequate shading





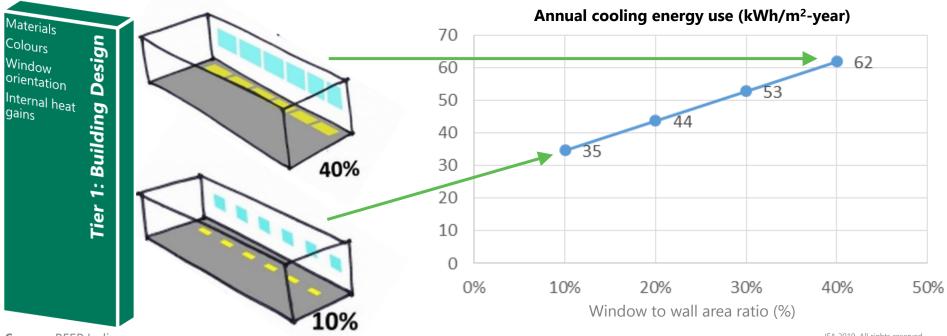
10% Windows with shading



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#### Building envelope is often the main source of heat gain/loss

• Window area has a significant impact on cooling energy use:



# Passive systems are reliant on Tier 0 (site design) and Tier 1 (building design), and include:

• Passive cooling

Heat gains

Light shelves

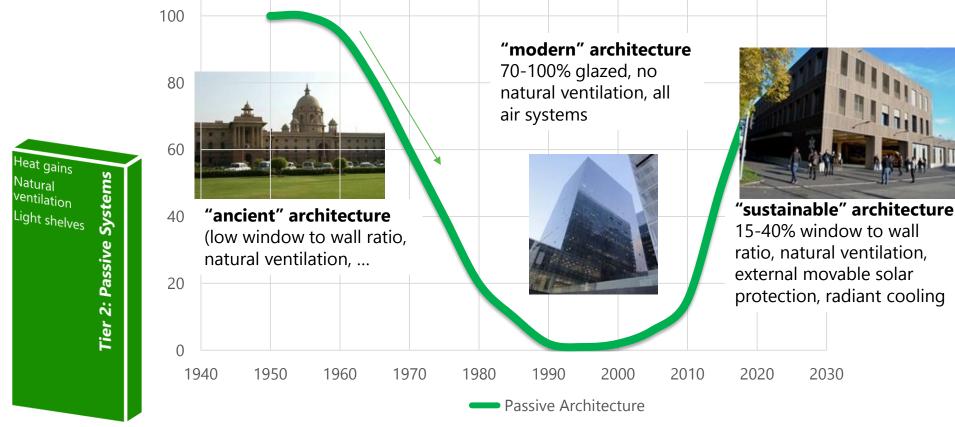
Natural ventilation **Tier 2: Passive Systems** 

- Ventilative cooling (natural ventilation)
- Evaporative cooling (airflow and water)
- Earth cooling (underground)
- Passive heating (trombe wall and greenhouse effect)
- Passive lighting (daylighting)

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#### Integrated Design Process: Tier 2 – Passive Systems





Source: BEEP India

# After all of the passive options are used, mechanical systems can deliver the designed comfort:

- Active heating systems
- Active cooling systems
- Fans
- Active lighting

Intelligent controls Flexibility





#### To deliver net zero energy or emissions, renewable energy can be used to provide all on-site energy needs

- Solar thermal
  - Typically for hot water or heating
- Renewable electricity
  - Solar photovoltaic
  - Wind
  - Purchased renewable energy

Solar thermal Solar PV Wind **Tier 4: Kenewaples** 

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#### Design charrette

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#### The process:



- Working together to benefit from synergies offered between disciplines.
- Regular design charrettes throughout project.

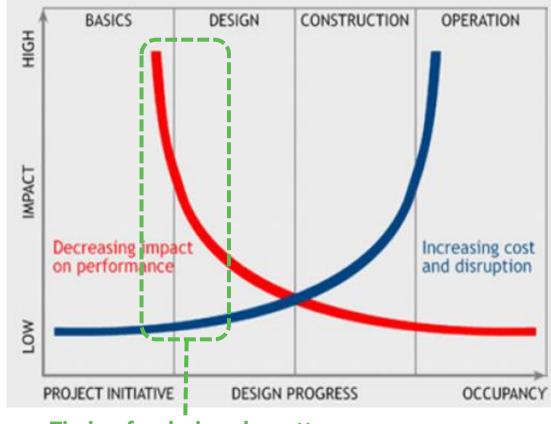
#### Why?

For example, by optimising the glazing area, building orientation, materials, and lighting power density, it may be possible to save on installed air conditioning capacity, or even remove the need for air conditioning altogether.

#### Design charrette

## **Experience shows:**

- Cost-effective and energy efficient design (25-40% energy savings at no/ marginal cost increase) is possible if the architect, engineer and client work together in a design charrette/workshop during the early design phase.
- More savings are achieved when the **architects and engineers** continued to work together in the design phase.



#### Timing for design charrette

Source: BEEP India and IEA Task 23 Optimization of Solar Energy Use in Large Buildings, 2003

#### Case study:

Mitsidi Projetos consultancy for a hospital project in Sao Paulo, Brazil

- Integrated design process and design charrettes optimised building design identifying energy efficiency measures and ensuring coordination and integration among the design team.
- Early building simulation enabled a reduction of 24% in the installed AC capacity as compared to a baseline, reducing capital and operational costs.
- Thermal comfort guaranteed through natural ventilation in 4000m<sup>2</sup> of the building.



Source: Mitsidi Projetos, SPBR

Energy efficiency measures identified:

- Reduction in the internal gains by selecting efficient lighting and appliances
- Overhangs for shading
- Increased temperature setpoint
- Reflective material finishes
- Openable windows and ventilation openings

#### **Building energy modelling**



#### **Example: high rise office building for France Ministry of Ecology**



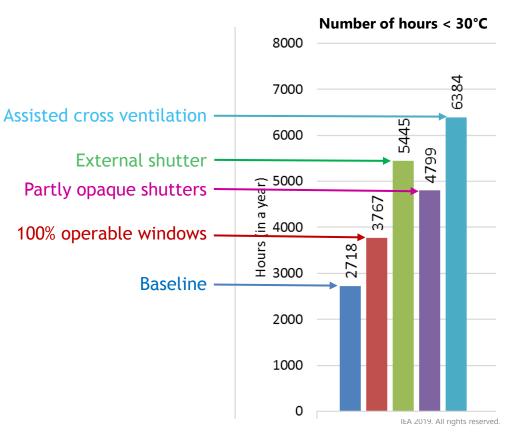
#### Building energy modelling



#### **Example: thermal comfort without active cooling**



Low cost housing project Smart Ghar



Source: BEEP India



## Supporting efficient design

Modelling tools

Certification

Commissioning



#### **Building energy modelling**

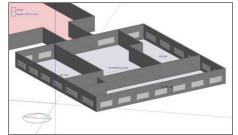
 Should be used throughout the design process from schematic design (early) to construction (end of design) to understand the impact of design decisions

Building Footprint

- At the early design stage, use simplified models or simplified modelling:
  - **Simplified model**: such as using "wizard mode" in eQUEST that pre-fills information so that you do not have to enter in all data.
  - **Simplified modelling**: such as modelling one zone of the building

#### eQUEST ... the <u>QU</u>ick <u>Energy</u> <u>Simulation</u> <u>T</u>ool



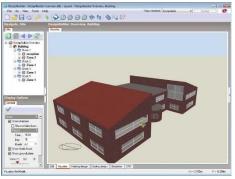




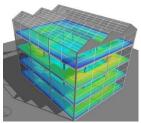
#### Building energy modelling



Examples of analyses possible through modelling:



3D modelling of the building geometry



Daylight simulation of light levels

Internal and external temperatures over the course of a year

• Other building energy modelling software:



EnergyPlus





OpenStudio

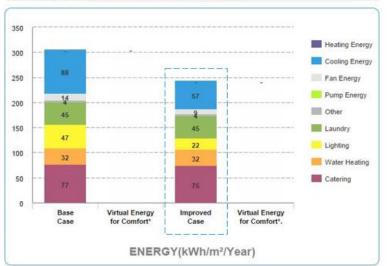


#### Building evaluation tools

- Tools are available to help assess the design of a building project without requiring full building energy modelling, such as:
  - **EDGE** is a free software, developed by the IFC, which *quickly* assesses the resource efficiency of a building design as compared to a baseline.
  - The software evaluates the annual energy and water consumption, as well as the embodied energy of the materials.
  - Can be used as a design tool to test the impact of different measures.
  - The EDGE standard is also a certification.
  - Accessible to not only building energy modellers, but the whole design team as well as the client.



39.3% Meets EDGE Standard





#### **Energy Efficiency Measures**

Reduced Window to Wall Ratio - WWR of 40%
 External Shading Devices - Annual Average Shading Factor (AASF) of 0.58
 Insulation of Roof Surface - U Value of 0.45
 Insulation of External Walls - U Value of 0.45

Low-E Coated Glass - U Value of 3 W/m<sup>2</sup> K and SHGC of 0.45

Higher Thermal Performance Glass - U Value of 1.95 W/m<sup>2</sup> K and SHGC of 0.28

Natural Ventilation - Corridors

- Natural Ventilation Guest Rooms with Auto Controls
- Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) Cooling System COP of 3.45
- Air Conditioning with Air Cooled Screw Chiller COP of 3.2
- Air Conditioning with Water Cooled Chiller COP of 5.39

Ground Source Heat Pump - COP of 4.65

Absorption Chiller Powered by Waste Heat for Space Heating- COP of 0.7

Recovery of Waste Heat from the Generator for Space Heating

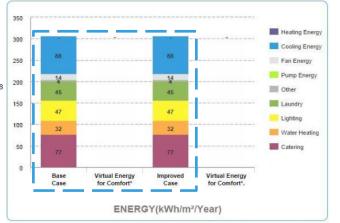
Variable Speed Drives on the Fans of Cooling Towers

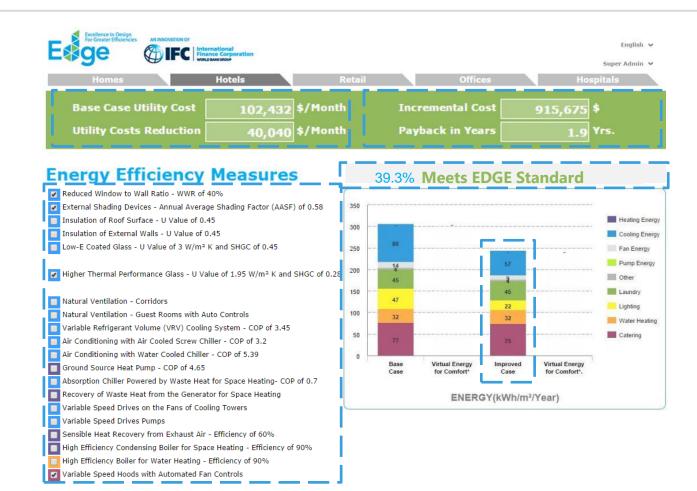
🔲 Variable Speed Drives Pumps

Sensible Heat Recovery from Exhaust Air - Efficiency of 60%

- High Efficiency Condensing Boiler for Space Heating Efficiency of 90%
- High Efficiency Boiler for Water Heating Efficiency of 90%
  - Variable Speed Hoods with Automated Fan Controls

#### 0.00%





#### City Express Hotel, Mexico City



CASE STUDY City Express Hotel Santa Fe 135 Guest Room

Incremental Cost of Green Measures:

US \$56,209

Payback in Years:

0.6

Utility Cost Reduction: US \$7,500/month Savings Impact of Green Measures:

> **51%** Lower Energy Bill



**32%** Lower Water Bill



**44%** Less Energy In Materials



#### Select Green Measures:

- Low-E coated glass
- Dual flush water closets
- External shading devices
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Air conditioning with water cooled chiller
- Finished concrete flooring

#### Nam Long, E-Homes 5, Vietnam



Apartments feature high-performance glazing and energy-efficient lighting & controls, thermal insulation & dual-flush water closets, autoclaved aerated concrete blocks for internal & external walls.



#### Imperial Homes- Batangas, The Philippines





Source: International Finance Corporation, EDGE

#### Commissioning

- Commissioning is the process by which it is assured that the systems and
- components of the building are **installed and operating** according to the requirements of the design.

At each project stage: "Is the project still in line with what the client wants?"



Commissioning agent responsible for verifying that the design meets the requirements.

# Design, construction and measurement standardisation

Capital gap and performance gap Investment Ready Energy Efficiency



#### The energy efficiency capital gap



## Projects

- Untapped market opportunity
- Healthy returns
- Established industry
- Excess capacity

#### Investors

- Search for yield
- Risk/return
- Growing emphasis on impact investing
- Growing interest in EE



Source: Investor Confidence Project

#### The performance gap



## Why Don't Green Buildings Live Up to Hype on Energy Efficiency?

Analysts call it the "energy performance gap" – the difference between promised energy savings in green buildings and the actual savings delivered. The problem, researchers say, is inept modeling systems that fail to capture how buildings really work.

#### BY RICHARD CONNIFF . MAY 25, 2017

ot long ago in the southwest of England, a local community set out to replace a 1960s-vintage school with a new building using triplepane windows and super-insulated walls to achieve the highest possible energy efficiency. The new school proudly opened on the same site as the old one, with the same number of students, and the same head personand was soon burning more energy in a month than the old building had in a year.



# **Greater performance risk Uncertainty limiting demand Higher transaction costs Difficult to build capacity Difficult to aggregate**

#### What owners and investors want?

 Clear and transparent construction or renovation project plan based on industry best practices

**Evidence of the qualification of professionals** 

Third-party measurement and verification

Consistent documentation

• A project label that represents these components and can live with the project

Source: Investor Confidence Project



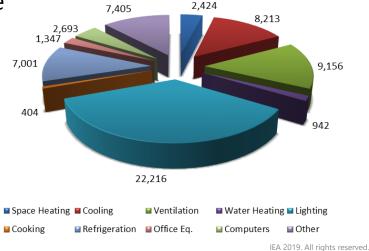




Baselines provide a reference regarding energy use, allowing for prediction of energy consumption in different scenarios, and for energy savings calculations.

- Develop 12 month energy consumption baseline accounting for:
  - Weather data
  - Occupancy data
- Calculate lifecycle energy use and impacts
- Determine energy use by end-use

Source: adapted from Investor Confidence Project







Savings calculations provide important information for project valuation and for the determination of the energy efficiency measures to be implemented.

- Energy modelling
  - Certified software
  - Modeller credentials
  - Supporting model files and model calibration
  - Energy efficiency measures model variables
- Energy analysis
  - Key metric benchmarks
  - Individual and packaged energy savings results

Source: adapted from Investor Confidence Project







Design, construction and verification are all crucial phases. Procedures and documentation of these processes is key to investor confidence.

- Inspections, spot measurements and data logging
- Commissioning
- Operational performance verification plan
- Systems manual
- Training



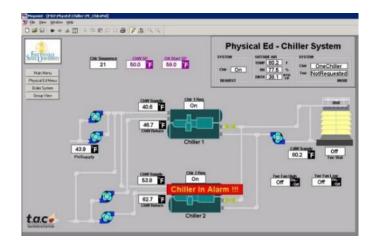




The way that buildings are operated and maintained impact their energy performance, and monitoring this information is key to performance guarantees.

- OM&M plan and management framework
- OM&M process
  - Inspections
  - Retro commissioning
  - Ongoing commissioning
  - Monitoring-based commissioning
- Operator's manual and training

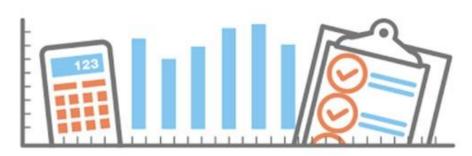






Proper measurement and verification procedures validate the reliability and effectiveness of predicted energy savings.

- M&V provider credentials
- M&V report
  - Whole building analysis
  - Retrofit isolation
  - Utility bill analysis



### **Does NOT:**

- Invent new standards
- Attempt to impose national standards in another country
- Restrict engineering solutions
- Define a set level of energy savings

# Does:

- Increase deal-flow in the near-term
  - Increase confidence in savings
  - Reduce transaction costs
- Reduce risk and costs in the long-term
  - Attract project finance investors
  - Reduce cost of capital







An international framework for reducing owner and investor risk, lowering due diligence costs, increasing certainty of savings achievement and enabling aggregation.

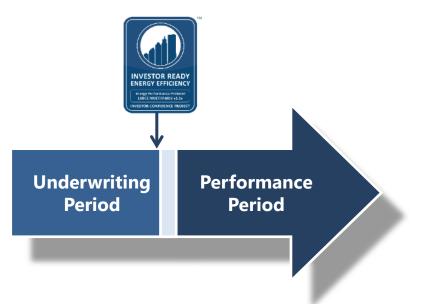


The IREE<sup>™</sup> certification ensures transparency, consistency and trust-worthiness through **best practice and independent verification**.

Source: Investor Confidence Project, www.eeperformance.org/iree-certification.html

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# Scenario:

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What changes in building design can enable more energy efficiency in buildings?







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