Empire State Building Case Study


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There is a compelling need as well as an economic case for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in existing buildings. The Empire State Building case study provides an example of how this can be done. However, significant challenges remain that must be addressed in order to quickly and cost-effectively capture the full greenhouse gas reduction opportunity for building retrofits on a widespread basis.
I. **Motivation:** The retrofit of the Empire State Building was motivated by the owners desire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to demonstrate how to retrofit large commercial buildings cost effectively, and to demonstrate that such work makes good business sense.

II. **Project Development Process:** Using ESB as a convening point, a collaborative team was formed to develop the optimal retrofit solution through an iterative process that involved experience, energy and financial modeling, ratings, metrics, and robust debate.

III. **Key Findings:** At current energy costs, ESB can cost-effectively reduce energy use by 38% and save (a minimum of) 105,000 metric tons of CO2 over the next 15 years.

IV. **Implementation:** Three different stakeholders will implement the 8 savings measures over a 5-year period using various implementation mechanisms.

V. **Key Lessons:** Key lessons relate to strategies to maximize cost-effective savings, balancing CO2 savings with economics, and streamlining the project development process.

VI. **Industry Needs:** Challenges in each stage of the retrofit process are hindering the achievement of long-term goals.
The retrofit of the Empire State Building was motivated by the building ownership’s desire to:

1) Prove or disprove the economic viability of whole-building energy efficiency retrofits.

2) Create a replicable model for whole-building retrofits.

3) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Prior to 2008, the Empire State Building’s performance was average compared to most U.S. office buildings.

**Annual utility costs:**
- $11 million ($4/sq. ft.)

**Annual CO2 emissions:**
- 25,000 metric tons (22 lbs/sq. ft.)

**Annual energy use:**
- 88 kBtu/sq. ft.

**Peak electric demand:**
- 9.5 MW (3.8 W/sq. ft. inc. HVAC)
With a $500 million capital improvement program underway, ownership decided to re-evaluate certain projects with cost-effective energy efficiency and sustainability opportunities in mind.

I. MOTIVATION

1) Prove or disprove the economic viability of whole-building energy efficiency retrofits.

Capital Budget Adjustments for Energy Efficiency Projects

- 2008 Capital Budget for Energy-Related Projects = $93m+ 0% Energy Savings
- Sum of adds / changes / deletes = +$13m
- New Capital Budget w/ Efficiency Projects = $106m + 38% Energy Savings
Energy efficiency and sustainability provide amenities (lower energy costs, easier carbon reporting, daylighting, etc.) that set the building apart from surrounding tenant space.

Illustrative: Tenant Utility Cash Flow

If tenants understand (and can capture) the value of extra investments up front, they are more likely to make them.
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I. MOTIVATION

2) Create a replicable model for whole-building retrofits.

There are known opportunities to cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions, yet few owners are pursuing them.

Cutting U.S. Global Warming Pollution 80% by 2050: Cost & Payoff by Sector

Building efficiency measures are identified as having negative costs.

ESB ownership wants to demonstrate how to cost-effectively retrofit a large multi-tenant office building to inspire others to embark on whole-building retrofits.

I. MOTIVATION

2) Create a replicable model for whole-building retrofits.

Identify opportunities
- 60+ energy efficiency ideas were narrowed to 8 implementable projects
- Team estimated theoretical minimum energy use
- Developed eQUEST energy model

Evaluate measures
- Net present value
- Greenhouse gas savings
- Dollar to metric ton of carbon reduced
- Calculated for each measure

Create packages
- Maximize net present value
- Balance net present value and CO₂ savings
- Maximize CO₂ savings for a zero net present value
- Maximize CO₂ savings

Model iteratively
- Iterative energy and financial modeling process to identify final eight recommendations
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We need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2050 to stabilize the climate.
I. MOTIVATION

3) Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The building sector must be a large part of the solution as it is the largest contributor to U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

Source: EIA data - Table 12.2: http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/envir.html
Nearly 75% of U.S. commercial buildings are over 20 years old (and thus ready for retrofit). Retrofitting existing buildings must be part of the solution.

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“The goal with ESB has been to define intelligent choices which will either save money, spend the same money more efficiently, or spend additional sums for which there is reasonable payback through savings. Addressing these investments correctly will create a competitive advantage for ownership through lower costs and better work environment for tenants. Succeeding in these efforts will make a replicable model for others to follow.”

- Anthony E. Malkin
II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Using ESB as a convening point, a collaborative team was formed to develop the optimal solution through a rigorous and iterative process that involved experience, energy and financial modeling, ratings systems, technical advice, and robust debate. Key points include:

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

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

3) A variety of complementary tools were used and developed to triangulate to the best answer.
II. 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 is focused on understanding current performance, analyzing opportunities, and determining which projects to implement.
Core team members for the project development process included the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI), Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and the Empire State Building (ESB).

**II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

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*Team Organization Chart*

- **Owner**
  Empire State Building Company LLC

- **Project Advisor**
  Clinton Climate Initiative

- **Project Manager**
  Jones Lang LaSalle

- **Operations Reviewer**
  Empire State Building Operations

- **Energy Service Company**
  Johnson Controls Inc.

- **Design Partner & Peer Reviewer**
  Rocky Mountain Institute
Many other contributors, in addition to the core team, provided additional expertise to fully explore all opportunities.

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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- Ownership/Management
- Engineers
- Sustainability Experts
- Energy Modelers
- Contractors
- Leasing agents
- 3rd party review
- Financial experts
- M&V experts
- Architects
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Project activities (audits, workshops, presentations, analyses, reports, etc.) were divided into 4 phases.

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- May 7<sup>th</sup>/May 14<sup>th</sup> team workshops  
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation to Ownership | - Baseline Capital Projects Report |
| II    | - June 18<sup>th</sup> Theoretical Minimum workshop  
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop  
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Presentation to ownership | - Baseline Energy Benchmark Report |
| III   | - July 30<sup>th</sup> Tenant Focus workshop  
- August 13<sup>th</sup> eQUEST workshop  
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership | - Tenant Initiatives (prebuilts, design guidelines, energy management) Report  
- Tuned eQUEST model |
| IV    | - Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> workshop  
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership  
- October 6-8<sup>th</sup> Finance workshop (Boulder)  
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Ownership | - Model (eQUEST, financial, GHG) outputs  
Determining the optimal package of retrofit projects involved identifying opportunities, modeling individual measures, and modeling packages of measures.

**II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

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

- **Identify Opportunities**
- **Model Individual Measures**
- **Create Packages of Measures**
- **Model Iteratively**

Outcome:
Package of measures with best economic & environmental benefits
Significant time was spent 1) refining energy and financial model inputs to ensure outputs were accurate and 2) understanding the critical relationship between economics and CO2 reductions.

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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Graphs showing CO2 Emissions for each Package and Incremental Cash Flow for each Package of Measures.
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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*
At current energy costs, the Empire State Building can cost-effectively reduce energy use by 38% and save (a minimum of) 105,000 metric tons of CO2 over the next 15 years.

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

2) Key reductions in peak cooling and electric loads are possible.

3) Enhanced work environments are created.

4) Various green certifications can be obtained.
The Empire State Building can achieve a high level of energy and CO2 reduction cost-effectively.

III. KEY FINDINGS

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There are diminishing (and expensive) returns for greater efficiency.

A solution that balances CO2 reductions and financial returns is in this range.
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Achieving an energy reduction greater than 38% appears to be cost-prohibitive.

![Cost per Metric Ton of CO2 by Individual Measure graph]

The average cost per ton of carbon dioxide saved for the first 90% of the savings is -$200/ton while the average cost per ton for the last 10% is over $300 per ton.
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Energy and CO2 savings in the optimal package result from 8 key projects.

Annual Energy Savings by Measure

- Baseline: 38% Reduction
- Balance of DDC: 9%
- Tenant Daylighting/Plugs: 6%
- VAV AHU's: 5%
- Retrofit Chiller Plant: 5%
- Building windows: 5%
- Tenant Energy Mgmt: 3%
- Radiative barrier: 3%
- Tenant DCV: 2%
- Energy Use: 0
Taking the right steps in the right order ensures loads are minimized prior to investigating expensive new equipment or controls.

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Reduce Loads

Use Efficient Technology

Provide Controls
III. KEY FINDINGS

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*WINDOWS*: Remanufacture existing insulated glass units (IGU) within the Empire State Building’s approximately 6,500 double-hung windows to include suspended coated film and gas fill.
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*RADIATIVE BARRIER*: Install more than six-thousand insulated reflective barriers behind radiator units located on the perimeter of the building.
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TENANT DAYLIGHTING / LIGHTING / PLUGS: This measure involves reducing lighting power density in tenant spaces, installing dimmable ballasts and photosensors for perimeter spaces, and providing occupants with a plug load occupancy sensor for their personal workstation.
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**CHILLER PLANT RETROFIT**: The chiller plant retrofit project includes the retrofit of four industrial electric chillers in addition to upgrades to controls, variable speed drives, and primary loop bypasses.
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VAV AIR HANDLING UNITS: Replace existing constant volume units with variable air volume units using a new air handling layout (two floor-mounted units per floor instead of four ceiling-hung units).
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**DDC CONTROLS**: The measure involves upgrading the existing control systems at the Empire State Building.
DEMAND CONTROL VENTILATION: This project involves the installation of CO2 sensors for control of outside air introduction to chiller water and DX Air Handling Units.

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**TENANT ENERGY MANAGEMENT**: This project will provide tenants with access to online energy and benchmarking information as well as sustainability tips and updates.
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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.

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<th>Project Description</th>
<th>Projected Capital Cost</th>
<th>2008 Capital Budget</th>
<th>Incremental Cost</th>
<th>Estimated Annual Energy Savings*</th>
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*Note that energy savings are also incremental to the original capital budget.
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The selected package of measures reduces peak cooling requirements by 33% (1600 tons) enabling immediate and future CapEx avoidance.

Cost of Cooling Efficiency

The 1600-ton load reduction allows for the chiller retrofit instead of replacement/adding capacity.
II. KEY FINDINGS

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The optimal package of measures also reduces peak electrical demand by 3.5 MW, benefitting both the building and the utility.

![Office Building Electrical Capacity](chart)

*If on-site back-up generation is desired, options include:*

- Cogeneration;
- Gas-fired/bio-fuel fired generation;
- Fuel cells;
- Renewables (PV/wind); and
- Purchasing new capacity from Con Edison
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This package of measures also results in enhanced indoor environmental quality and additional amenities for tenants:

- Better thermal comfort resulting from better windows, radiative barrier, and better controls;
- Improved indoor air quality resulting from DCV; and
- Better lighting conditions that coordinate ambient and task lighting.
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4) Various green certifications can be achieved.

This recommended package of measures helps to earn 12 LEED EBOM points, an Energy Star score of 90, and a 72% Green Globes score.

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<td><strong>NPV Mid</strong></td>
<td><strong>38%</strong></td>
<td><strong>90</strong></td>
<td><strong>12</strong></td>
<td><strong>72%</strong></td>
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<td>NPV Neutral</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>CO2 Max</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>13</td>
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The Empire State Building will be pursuing the Energy Star label as well as Gold certification under the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operation & Maintenance Rating System.
Clear energy targets and responsible parties must be determined for each of the 8 major savings measures to fully maximize the environmental and economic benefits.

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2) The project will be financed out of cash flow, though other financing opportunities are being investigated.

3) Work has already started and will be complete by 2013 (55% of the savings will be in place by December 31, 2010).
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.

![Energy Savings by Implementation Stakeholder](chart.png)
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Johnson Controls Inc will deliver 61% of the total savings using a performance contract mechanism. Five different performance contracts have a total cost of $20 million and guaranteed savings of ~20% percent.

**How does the Performance Contract work?**

1. ESB pays JCI guaranteed maximum price for capital cost of all projects
2. ESB accrues energy savings as a result of the retrofit projects … if savings are too low, JCI pays ESB the difference.
3. Savings guarantee term is 15 years
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Empire State Building will deliver 22% of the total available savings as air handling units and pre-built spaces are replaced over the next 4 years.
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ESB is responsible for helping/incentivizing tenants to pay for and achieve nearly 20% of the total available energy savings as spaces turnover.
IV. IMPLEMENTATION

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The team has identified 3 programs that will help to reduce and manage tenant energy use:

1. **Tenant pre-built program:** The proposed green pre-built design will save $0.70 - $0.90/sq. ft. in operating costs annually for an additional cost of $6/sq. ft. and help ESB demonstrate design principles for all tenants to endorse.

2. **Tenant design guidelines:** Design guidelines, based on the pre-built program, will provide green ESB standards. Tenants can verify the economic validity of the recommendations by accessing the eQUEST model or tenant financial tool.

3. **Tenant energy management program:** ESB will begin sub-metering all tenant spaces and manage a feedback/reporting tool to inform tenants about their energy use. This program will also assist tenants with their own carbon reporting efforts.
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The additional $13.2 million required for energy efficiency projects will be paid for out of cash flow.
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The projects to be implemented via the Johnson Controls performance contract will be complete by October 2010. The remaining projects will be complete by December 2013.
Key lessons learned for the retrofit of large commercial office buildings include:

1) The maximum cost-effective savings are achieved by:
   a) Taking a whole-systems, dynamic, life-cycle approach;
   b) Coordinating projects with equipment replacement cycles; and
   c) Addressing tenant spaces.

2) At a certain point, there is tension between CO2 savings and business value (even with anticipated CO2 regulations).

3) The process can and must be streamlined.
V. LESSONS LEARNED

1) Several approaches help maximize cost-effective savings.

A. Teams must take a whole-systems, dynamic, life-cycle approach.
V. LESSONS LEARNED

1) Several approaches help maximize cost-effective savings.

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

15-Year NPV of Package versus Cumulative CO2 Savings

- Incremental CapEx
- Absolute CapEx

Cumulative metric tons of CO2 saved over 15 years

Net Present Value of Package of Measures

- $40,000,000
- $20,000,000
- $0
- ($20,000,000)
- ($40,000,000)
- ($60,000,000)
- ($80,000,000)
- ($100,000,000)
V. LESSONS LEARNED

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C. More than half the savings exist within tenant spaces – don’t ignore them!

![Energy Savings: Base Building vs. within Tenant Space](chart.png)
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V. 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.

Energy Cost Savings by Package

- Choice package to maximize NPV.

Annual Energy Cost in Dollars

- Adjusted Baseline
- NPV Max: 20%
- NPV Mid: 19%
- NPV Neutral: 7%
- CO2 Max: 3%
- Year 15
V. LESSONS LEARNED

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

Attempting to save CO2 faster may be cost prohibitive.
V. LESSONS LEARNED

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

15-Yr NPV and Cumulative CO2 Savings at Fluctuating Carbon Costs

- No Regulation
- 1.34% CA: RGGI
- 8.8% CA: EU OTC
- 0.33% CA: Low Carbon Economy Act
- 2% CA: Lieberman Warner

Cumulative CO2 Savings (Metric Tons)

NPV ($)
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Several opportunities to reduce the time and cost of the project development process exist.
This project was a great “test lab”, but what now? If all buildings need to be retrofitted to profitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2050, we have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

**Outcome:** 75% Reduction by 2050

**Opportunity Areas:** Residential, Commercial, Industrial

**Barriers:** What is preventing us from reaching our goal?

**Strategies:** What is the most impactful way to overcome barriers?

**Coordination:** Who is working on what and what can you do?
VI. INDUSTRY NEEDS

Barriers exist in each phase of the retrofit process. Below are the major barriers this team believes are paramount to overcome in order to reach our 2050 goal.

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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.
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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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(c) Develop better project development tools.

Significant time was spent creating the energy and financial models for this building and then iterating between them. Quicker and simpler tools could help accelerate the process.
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d) Use policy and regulation to incentivize deeper savings and to make the process cheaper and more transparent.

Federal stimulus money, city or state mandated retrofits, and more shared data on opportunities and performance will make retrofits faster and cheaper.

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Source: Recovery.gov
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e) Increase workforce capacity of whole-systems trained auditors, engineers, operators, and commissioning agents.

There is a lack of American engineers who are trained and ready to rebuild efficient buildings, cities, and cars.

“There is no negawatt university” – Amory Lovins

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f) Determine how to make efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies more cost-effective.

Value-chain analyses can help determine opportunities for cost reductions for technologies that can save significant amounts of energy.

- Additional controls;
- Easy to install methods to retrofit exterior wall systems to increase thermal resistance;
- LED lighting;
- DALI lighting controls;
- Chilled beam systems;
- Heat recovery systems;
- Green roofs;
- Rainwater collection;
- Condenser water savings;
- Dessicant systems; and
- Even higher performance windows.
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g) Determine solutions for both base building and tenant financing.

Availability of capital is a major hurdle and a variety of innovative solutions that work for large, small, owner-occupied, and leased spaces is needed.
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h) Standardize (and use) performance-based design and construction contracts.

Design and engineering parties are often incentivized by different outcomes, thus deterring the group from optimizing energy efficiency.

Get paid for what you save, not what you spend.
There is a compelling need as well as an economic case for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in existing buildings. The Empire State Building case study provides an example of how this can be done. However, significant challenges remain that must be addressed in order to quickly and cost-effectively capture the full greenhouse gas reduction opportunity for building retrofits on a widespread basis.
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