# Increasing ENERGY STAR ratings through reduced utility consumption & improved data validation





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# Agenda

- ENERGY STAR Metrics
  - Who was affected?
  - What's the damage?
  - What else changed?
  - How can we fix it?
  - What can you do to help?

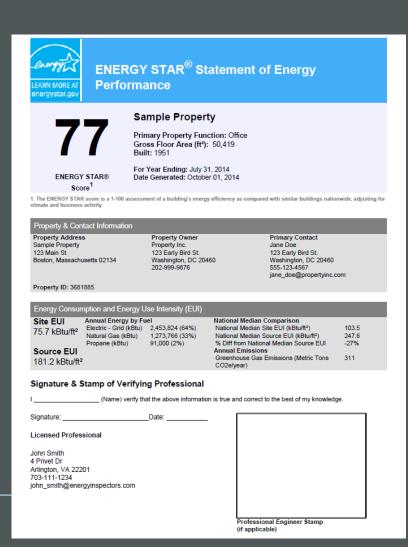




# ENERGY STAR Metrics Update

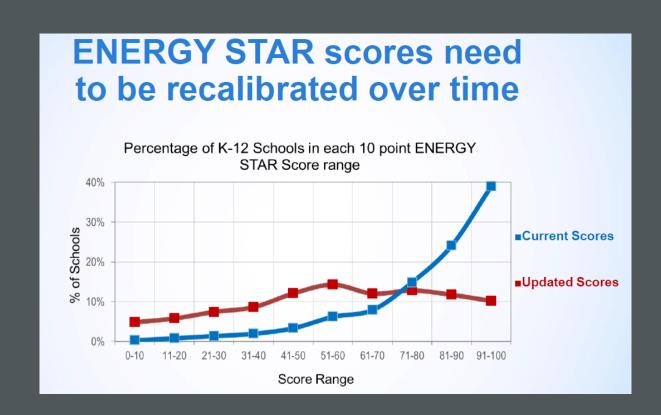
- What was updated?
  - 1-100 ENERGY STAR score models (based on CBECS 2012)
    - Offices
    - K-12 Schools
    - Retail/Supermarkets
    - Hotels
    - Warehouses
    - Houses of Worship
    - Bank Branches





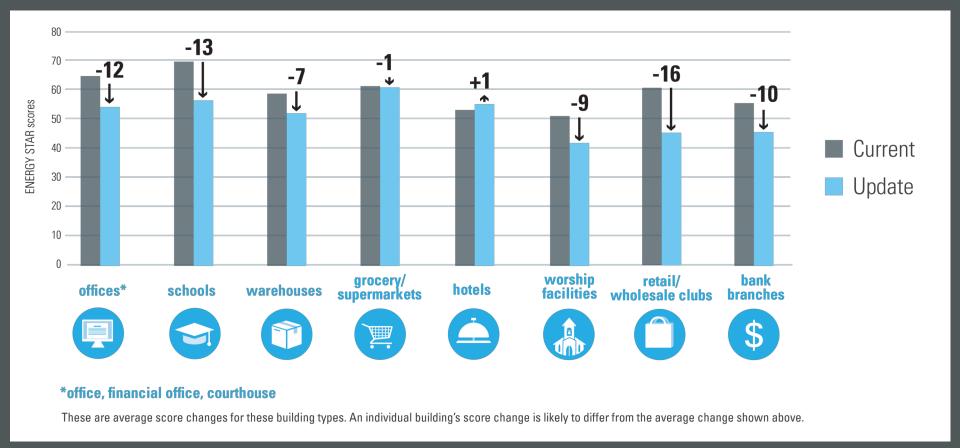
## **ENERGY STAR Metrics Update**

- 2012 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS)
- More current data than 2003 CBECS used for current score





# Metrics Update - Outcomes





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- Data Center Energy Estimates
  - New option to "apply estimates" for the IT energy
  - Generally helpful to account for high energy using server rack rooms
- Update to Source Energy Factor ALL buildings affected
  - Electricity factor dropping from 3.1 to 2.8 due to more efficient grid
  - Could be +/- 3 points depending on fuel mixture



# Metrics Update - Goby Observations

#### Office Buildings: Average Change by Point Tier

- 95+ 6 point reduction
- 90-94 11 point reduction
- 85-89 14 point reduction
- 80-84 15 point reduction
- 75-79 17 point reduction

Approximately half of buildings that used to be above 75 no longer are



# Metrics Update - Goby Observations

### Office Buildings: Average Change by Region

- New York 16.5 point reduction
- Illinois 15.7 point reduction
- Pennsylvania 14 point reduction
- Texas 13.2 point reduction
- Florida 11.5 point reduction
- California 6.6 point reduction



#### The State of ENERGY STAR

#### **Current State**

- Program on hold for all sectors impacted by the update
- EPA has collected survey comments & feedback
  - · Now reviewing comments and re-analyzing data
- Expected to resume certifications on a rolling basis
- Will loosen deadlines for 2018 awards

<u>Unaffected</u>, eligible buildings still due Nov. 15, 2018



# **Moving Forward**

#### The year of the update

- Review your "new" score
- Update/adjust relevant building characteristics





# **Next Steps**

#### What Can You Do?

- Ensure your ESPM profile is current & complete
- Help us collect your data updates
  - Generally we need occupant counts, computer counts, vacant square feet, manual energy data, and the corresponding dates changed
  - Send to <a href="mailto:support@gobyinc.com">support@gobyinc.com</a> with your building name in the subject
- SAVE ENERGY



# Next Steps

#### Set a Target

- Awarded an 81 in 2018
- Dropped to 65 after metric update
- This building needs to save about \$324,000 in annual energy costs (13%) to get back to 75

Metrics Comparison for Your Property & Your Target



Metric	Dec 31 2015 (Energy / Baseline)	Aug 31 2018 (Energy Current)	Target*	Median Property*
ENERGY STAR score(1-100)	57	65	75	50
Source EUI(kBtu/ft²)	235.8	190.2	165.0	229.8
Site EUI(kBtu/ft²)	134.8	111.8	97.0	135.0
Source Energy Use(kBtu)	219316224.0	176869765.4	153412616.1	213663383.3
Site Energy Use(kBtu)	125327707.8	103949313.1	90163156.5	125573538.6
Energy Cost(\$)	2849142.61	2443169.39	2119146.49	2951414.59
Total GHG Emissions(Metric Tons CO2e)	11148.5	9019.6	7823.4	10896.0

<sup>\*</sup> To compute the metrics at the target and median levels of performance, we will use the fuel mix associated with your property's current energy use.



# Energy Audits: Portfolio Manager (ESPM) Inputs

#### Investigate, update, & validate ESPM inputs

- When was the last time you updated your property details in ESPM?
- Is the square footage still accurate? Did you add another floor or build an addition?
- Have your building loads or use type(s) changed?

# Energy Audits: Validate, Update, Investigate

#### Office Buildings

- Are your hours of operation accurate (40 vs. 75)?
- Has your occupancy changed?
- Did you remember to include parking areas?
- Has the number of workers on main shift changed?
- Did you recently add a data center?





# Energy Audits: Validate, Update, Investigate

#### Hotels

- Has your occupancy rate changed?
- Have the hours/day that guests are on-site changed?
- Was laundry service recently brought inhouse?
- Has the number of guest meals served changed over time?
- Has the number of available rooms changed?





# Energy Audits: Validate, Update, Investigate

#### Hospitals

- Recently added an MRI machine?
- Number of FTEs on main shift & night shift still accurate?
- Same number of staffed beds changed?
- Has the gross floor area increased from adding a new wing or other expansion?





# Energy Audits: Identify & Implement ECMs

# Identify and implement energy conservation opportunities

- Most impactful way to decrease EUI & increase rating
- No matter how good you are, there are always more cost effective energy conservation measures available to take advantage of



# Energy Audits: Identify & Implement ECMs

#### Examples of fast-payback ECMs

- LED Lighting Upgrades
- VFDs for pumps, fans, AHUs, etc.
- EC motors for FCUs, PTACs, WSHPs, Evap fans & other fractional HP loads
- Occupancy-based thermostats for hotels, offices, schools, etc. (unoccupied and nighttime set back)
- Exhaust hood controls (hotels, hospitals, schools, restaurants, etc.)
- Building automation systems (on/off, ramp up/down, setback, modulate)
- Combined heat & power (co-gen); Solar; Batteries

# No Upfront Capital = Likelier Project Approval

Implement energy efficiency plans, increase ENERGY STAR rating, and generate positive cash flow without spending capital

- Grants
- Utility rebates
- Equipment lease financing
- On-bill financing (3rd party suppliers & utilities like Eversource, etc.)
- PPAs (solar)
- ESAs (co-gen)
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing

# Questions?





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# **Thank You!**



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