# ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS Taking the Risks Out of Energy Efficiency Retrofits in Buildings

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### TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Thoughts on Selling Energy Efficiency
- Background on ESA Canada
- Energy Performance Contracting and Role of ESCOs
- Sample of Private Projects
- Discussion



# BENEFITS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

#### **Benefits of Conservation**

#### The Three "Es":

- Employment benefits: labour-intensive, local jobs
- Economic benefits: cost-effective for households and makes private sector more competitive
- Environmental/health benefits: reduced GHGs, acid rain, smog

#### **Employment**

Local jobs to design, build, manufacture, wholesale, retail and install conservation products and services.

#### **Economy**

Conservation saves money in homes, schools, hospitals, office buildings and industries. Savings can be reinvested in the economy.

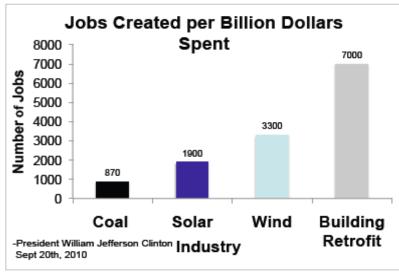
### Energy Efficiency

#### **Environment**

Conserving electricity avoids the emissions and other environmental impacts associated with generation and transmission.



# **EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

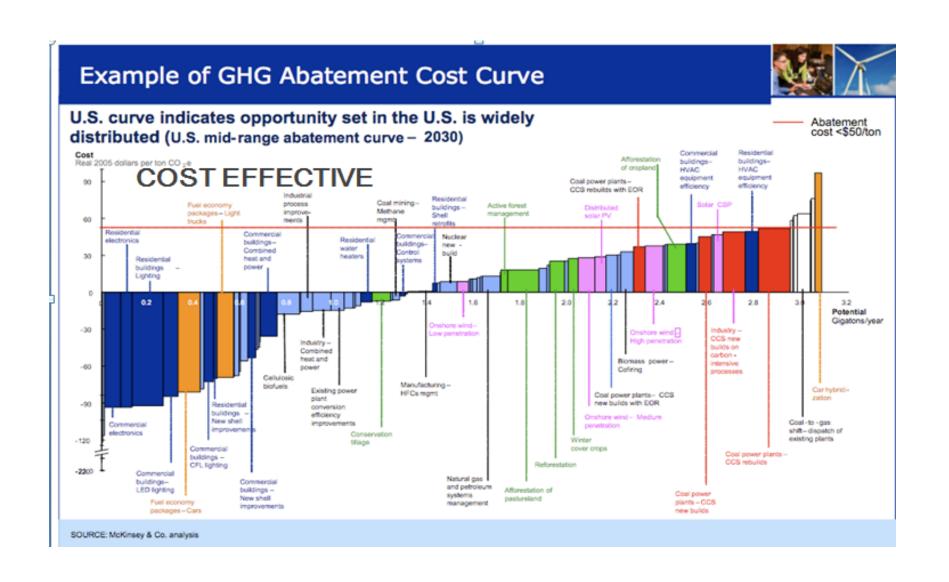


#### **Empire State Building Retrofit:**

- 8 month design phase, 60 ideas considered, 8 projects (financial and environmental ROI).
- · 3.1 year payback
- Initial \$20 million, 38% energy reduction, \$4.4 million savings annually.
- · Creation of hundreds of jobs



# **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**



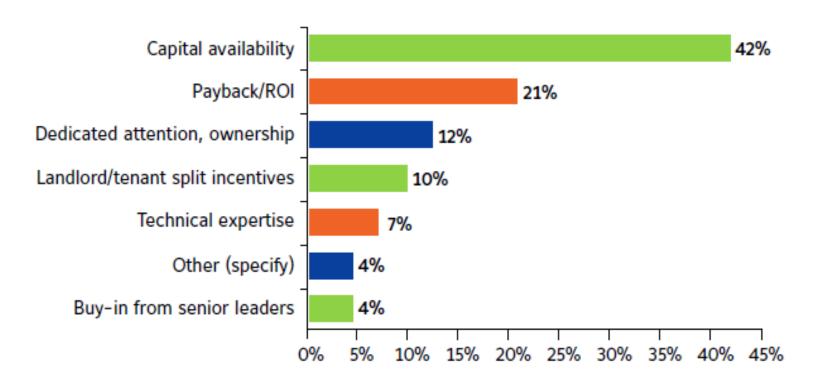
### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- IPCC Most of the observed increase in the globally-average temperature since the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century is *very likely* (i.e. > 90% likelihood) due to the observed increase in anthropogenic (i.e. man made) GHG concentrations
- IEA -rising fossil-fuel energy use will lead to irreversible and potentially catastrophic climate change
- Ban Ki-moon slowing or even reversing the existing trends of global warming is the defining challenge of our ages.
- World Economic Forum's climate change has the highest combined perceived impact and likelihood
- 82% of Canada's man-made green house gas emissions come from the production and use of energy

# SIGNIFICANCE OF BARRIERS

Figure 1. Barriers to Energy Efficiency Retrofits

What is the top barrier to capturing potential energy savings for your organization?



Source: Johnson Controls and IFMA (2009) "Energy Efficiency Indicator" survey results.

# ENERGY SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

- Incorporated August 2010
- 8 founding independent energy service companies
  - Ainsworth Johnson Controls
  - Ameresco MCW Custom Energy Solutions
  - Direct Energy Siemens
  - Honeywell Trane
- Represent >90% \$450 million/year market for guaranteed Energy Performance Contracts (EPC)



# WHAT IS AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

- Involves: a building owner and energy service company (ESCO)
- Savings financing: comprehensive measures with guarantees that the energy savings will be sufficient to finance the cost of the project
- Performance guarantee: Transfers technical and financial risk to ESCO



# BENEFITS OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

- Turnkey one contract managing many activities
- Releases pressure on capital funding allocations
- Tried and true approach used by organizations across Canada since 1993
- Less expensive than alternatives when all staff/management costs included

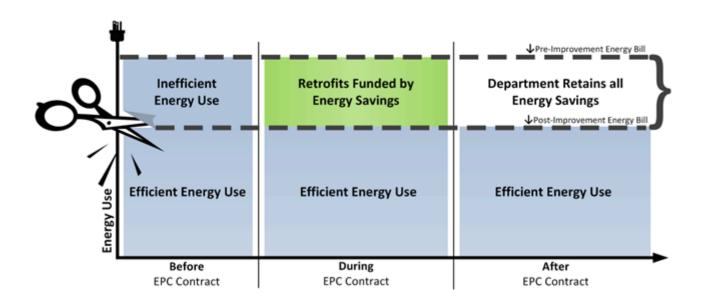


# ILLUSTRATION OF HOW EPCs WORK

### **EPC Funding Model**



Budget-Neutral approach to funding Energy Efficiency improvements



# ROLE OF ESCOs

- Think of an ESCO as an extension of building owners/operators resources
  - Carries out feasibility studies / energy audits
  - Puts together a plan of action –, design, implementation plan, purchase, installation, commissioning and measurement/verification of savings. Let's not forget training and awareness.
  - Arranges for financing
  - Reports to facility manager on an on-going basis



# ADDRESSING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

- Projects or facilities can be bundled to increase scope and energy savings
- Guaranteed energy savings from EPC can also be used to fund non-energy deferred maintenance priorities
- Typically achieved by extending the term of the EPC contract



# CANADIAN CASE STUDIES

- 37 Case Studies of successful projects on ESAC's web site
  - 2 federal buildings
  - 4 DND bases
  - 6 provincial/municipal buildings
  - 14 universities/colleges/school boards
  - 7 hospitals
  - 4 commercial/industrial



# EMPIRE STATE BUILDING



- Part of \$500 million building retrofit
- 38% energy reduction (3. 1 year payback) on initial \$20 million project
- Creation of hundreds of jobs
- Clinton Climate Initiative involved
- Success confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> year savings exceeded guarantees

### TD CENTRE



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- \$30 million retrofit undertaken in 1999
- Undertaken without disturbing 20,000 tenants
- Focus on creating comfortable, healthy and productive environment while also saving money
- Toronto's Better Building Partnership part of publicprivate collaboration

# DORCHESTER SQUARE



- Update to 30 year old building in downtown Calgary
- Automated building system, variable speed technologies, HVAC upgrade
- Final savings over \$90,000/year, \$20,000 more than predicted

# LEAGUE ASSET CORPORATION



- \$2 million project resulted in savings \$245,000/yr or about 40% of base
- Life safety, accessibility and elevators also brought up to current code
- Increased asset value from \$15 to \$22 million

# VISTA CARGO TERMINALS



- Mile long building with 12 bay doors and offices on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- \$1.3 million project completed in July 2009
- Lighting and HVAC upgrades
- 17% energy savings
- Performing above the guaranteed level

# DISCUSSION

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