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EPA'S ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATING SYSTEM

Assess the Efficiency of Your Commercial Buildings

The EPA's energy performance rating system provides ratings that allow energy users, owners or managers of commercial buildings, to compare a building's energy performance to other buildings throughout the country. By benchmarking an entire portfolio of buildings, you can improve your approach to controlling energy costs by identifying top performing buildings that exemplify best practices, and by identifying below average performers as opportunities for operational improvements and upgrades.

The rating is calculated on a 1 to 100 scale based on data regarding a building's physical attributes, operating characteristics, weather, climate, and monthly energy consumption. Buildings that rate a 75 or higher are eligible to earn the ENERGY STAR.

The following are options for getting started with the EPA energy performance rating system:

- **Single Building Manual Entry:** Enter building and energy consumption information into Portfolio Manager, a simple-to-use on-line tool that generates ratings and tracks performance, through the ENERGY STAR Web site.
- **One Time Bulk Data Upload:** Upload large sets of building data into Portfolio Manager using an Excel template available on the Portfolio Manager Login page. Updating building information requires manual data entry after this first step.
- **Automated Benchmarking Services:** Utilize an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider to help with automated benchmarking. Automated benchmarking enables organizations that work with energy information and bill handling service providers to rate their building portfolios without manual data entry. Many energy information providers and bill handling service providers have now integrated the EPA energy performance rating system into their energy information services. As a result, these service providers are uniquely positioned to transfer data to ENERGY STAR and receive ENERGY STAR ratings in return. To find an automated benchmarking provider, visit the Service and Product Provider Directory at www.energystar.gov/spp or ask your current service provider about this service.

Eligible space types for the EPA energy performance rating system represent over 50 percent of US commercial floor space and currently include:

- Offices (general offices, financial centers, bank branches, and courthouses)
- K-12 Schools
- Hospitals (acute care and children's)
- Hotels and Motels
- Medical Offices
- Supermarkets
- Residence Halls
- Warehouses (refrigerated and nonrefrigerated)

To learn more about rating your portfolio of buildings, visit www.energystar.gov/benchmark.