

Accelerating Zero Energy Communities of the Future

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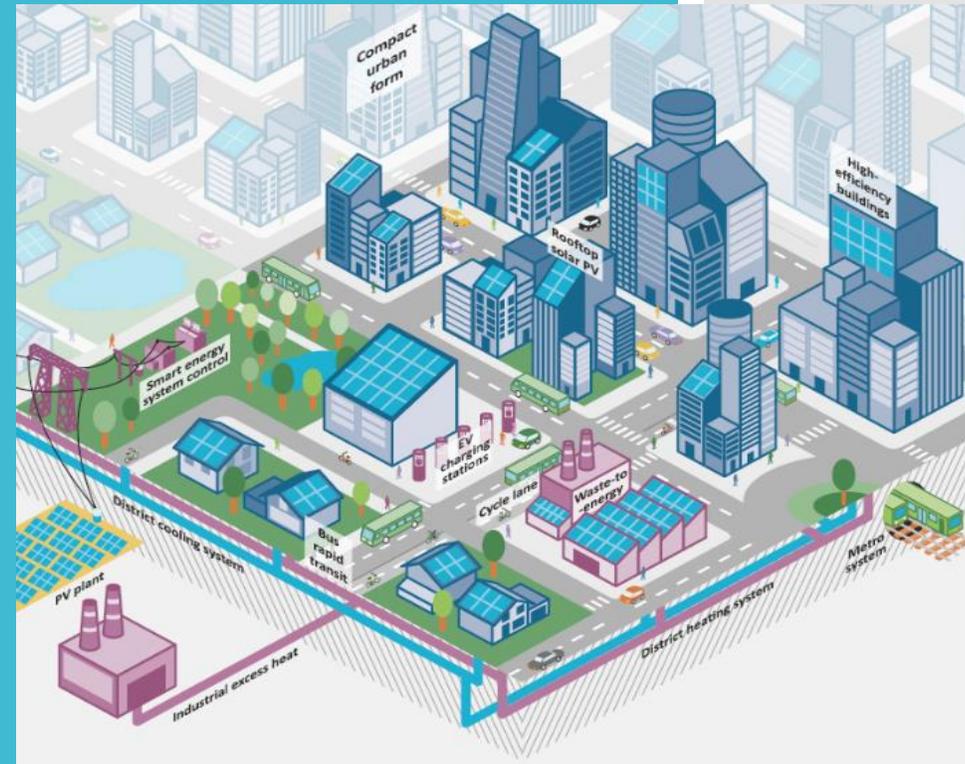


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The Mission

Innovative

Reliable

Affordable

Equitable

Resilient

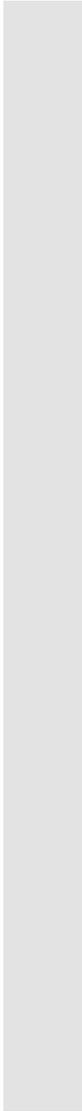
Engaged

HEALTHY

Connected

Ecological

Secure



Zero Energy
Buildings are
Here....

and Many
More are
Coming

Media

19 Global Cities Commit to Make New Buildings “Net-Zero Carbon” by 2030

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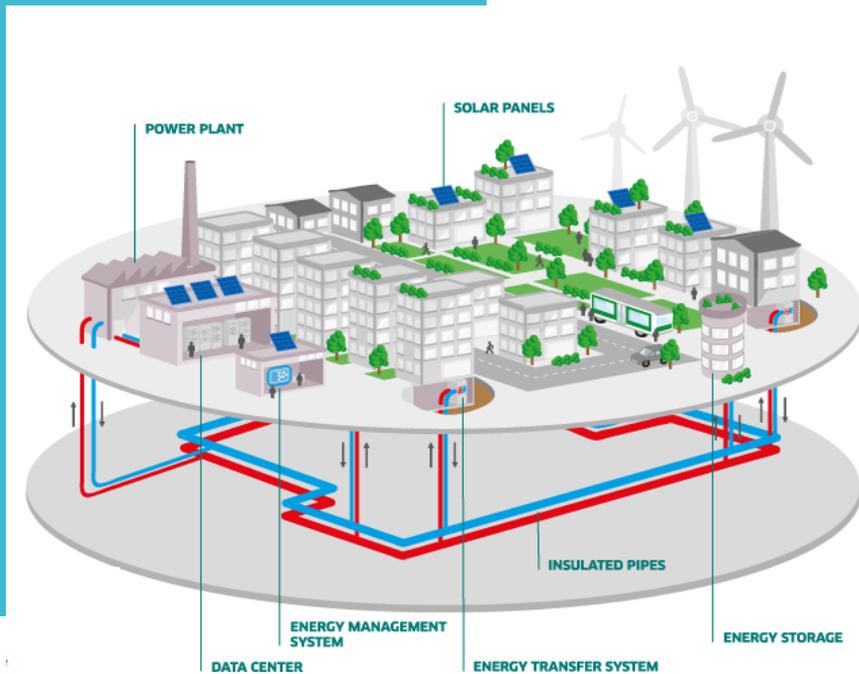
Regulations and planning policy will also target existing buildings to make them net-zero carbon by 2050 to ensure cities deliver on the highest goals of Paris Agreement.

Copenhagen, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York City, Newburyport, Paris, Portland, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Monica, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Tshwane, Vancouver & Washington D.C. make bold commitment ahead of Global Climate Action Summit.

London, UK (23 August 2018) – Today, 19 pioneering mayors, representing 130 million urban citizens, committed to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions from their cities by ensuring that new buildings operate at net zero carbon by 2030. By signing the **Net Zero Carbon Buildings Declaration**, the leaders of Copenhagen, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York City, Newburyport, Paris, Portland, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Monica, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Tshwane, Vancouver & Washington D.C. also pledged to ensure all buildings in the cities, old or new, will meet net-zero carbon standards by 2050.

Districts are Key to our Zero Energy Future

- Economies of scale
- Shared infrastructure
- Balance across buildings
- Opportunity for enhanced “code”
- Social structures and accountability
- Large collective impact



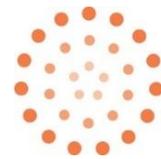
DOE's Zero Energy Districts Accelerator

6 District Partners

- Sun Valley EcoDistrict (CO)
- Erie County Industrial Redevelopment (NY)
- St. Paul Ford Site Redevelopment (MN)
- National Western Center (CO)
- Huntington Beach Advanced Energy Community (CA)
- Catalyst Spokane (WA)

4 National Partners

Commit to provide resources and support to districts



EcoDistricts



National Western Center



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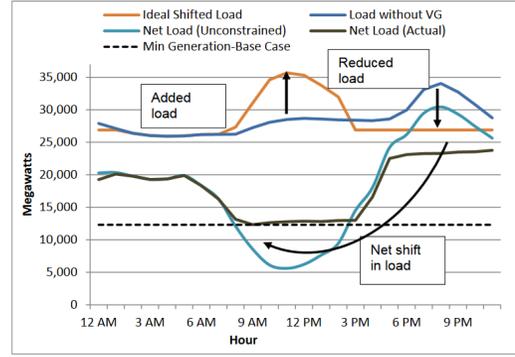
Mayor's Office of the National Western Center Announces Energy Partner

DENVER – The Mayor's Office of the National Western Center (NWCO) today announced that EAS Energy Partners (EAS) has been selected to enter into an exclusive negotiation to become the official campus energy partner of the National Western Center (NWC).

The National Western Center has set a long-term goal of becoming a net-zero energy campus, where energy consumption would be completely offset by renewable on-site energy production annually. As the campus energy partner, EAS will deliver district and renewable energy solutions while also being responsible for the long-term operation and maintenance of NWC energy systems.

The current energy concept features a sewer heat recovery system to transfer heat between the Delgany sewer main and an ambient campus wide piping distribution loop as well as a solar photovoltaic (PV) system located on the rooftops of campus buildings.

Zero Energy District Design Principles



1. Optimize Building Efficiency



2. Optimize Thermal and Heat Recovery



3. Optimize Solar Potential



4. Optimize Demand Flexibility

Optimize Building Efficiency



Orientation and
Natural Lighting

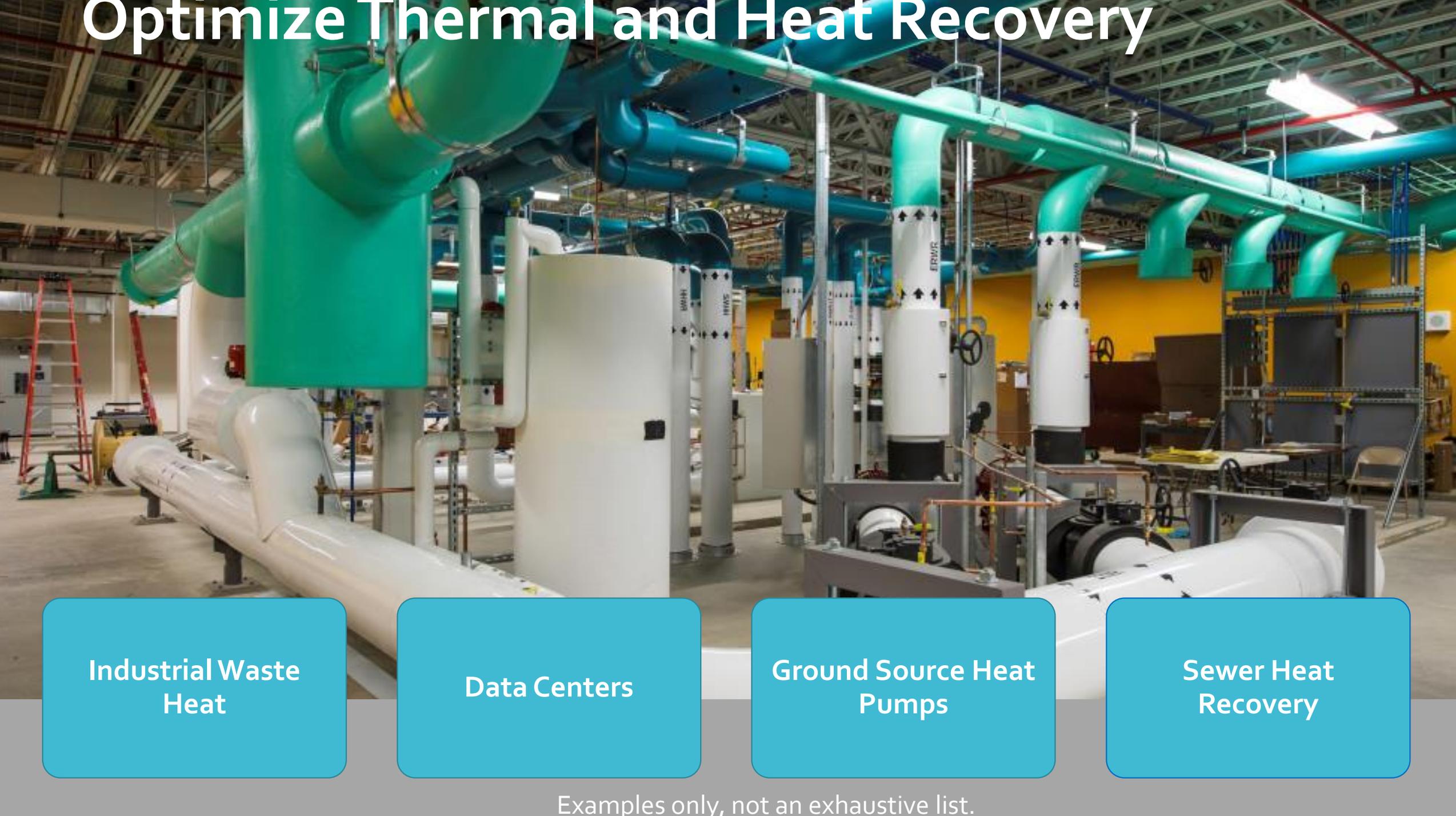
Enclosure
Efficiency

Misc. Electric
Loads

High Efficiency
Lighting and
Controls

District-
Connected HVAC

Optimize Thermal and Heat Recovery

A large industrial facility, likely a data center or manufacturing plant, featuring a complex network of teal and white pipes and machinery. The ceiling is high with exposed steel trusses and lighting fixtures. The floor is concrete, and there are various pieces of equipment and shelving units visible in the background.

Industrial Waste Heat

Data Centers

Ground Source Heat Pumps

Sewer Heat Recovery

Examples only, not an exhaustive list.

Optimize Solar Potential

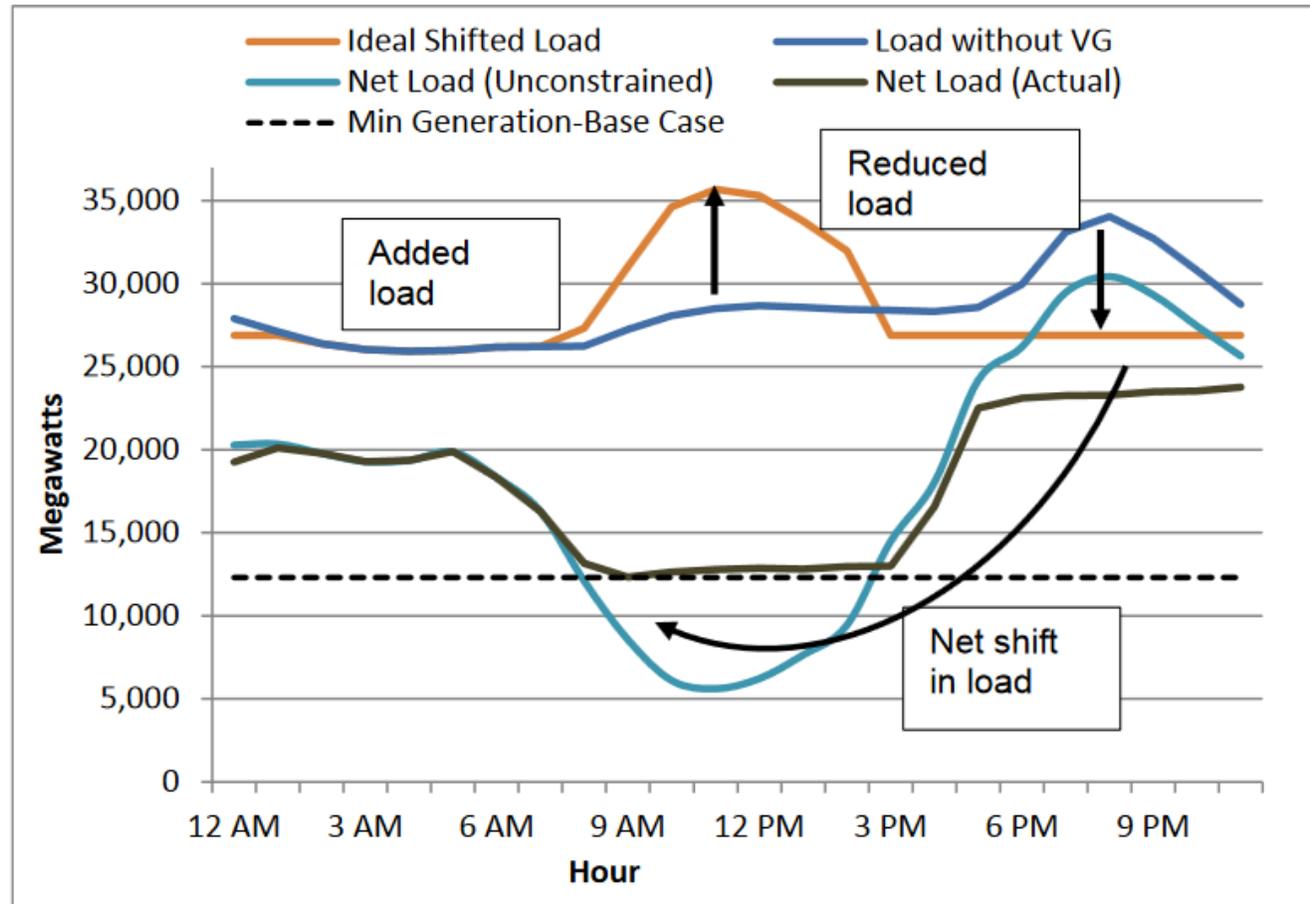
An aerial photograph of a large-scale solar installation on a building's roof. The solar panels are arranged in a dense grid, covering most of the roof area. The building's structure is visible, showing a series of metal beams supporting the roof. Several cars are parked in a lot directly beneath the solar array, demonstrating the shading effect. The surrounding area includes a paved road, some greenery, and a small blue structure in the background.

Minimize Building-to-Building Shading

Minimize Other Systems that Require Roof Space

Shade Parking with Solar Panels

Improve Potential for Off-Grid Resiliency

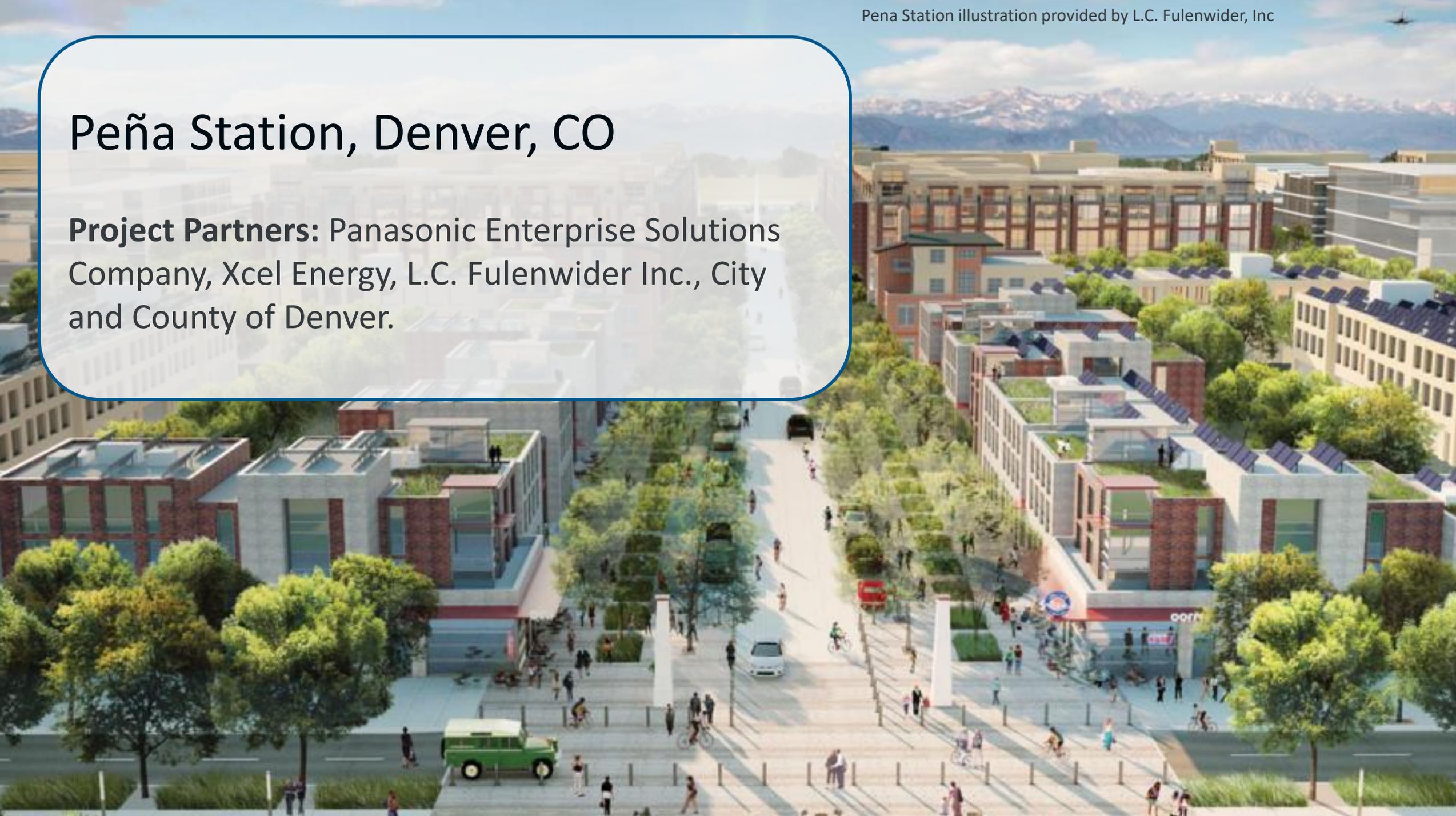


Accommodation of increased penetration of PV by flattening the duck (increasing mid-day demand). Source: [Denholm et al. 2015](#)

Optimize Demand Flexibility

Peña Station, Denver, CO

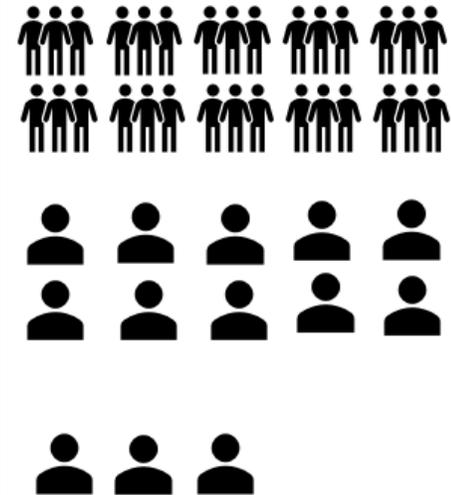
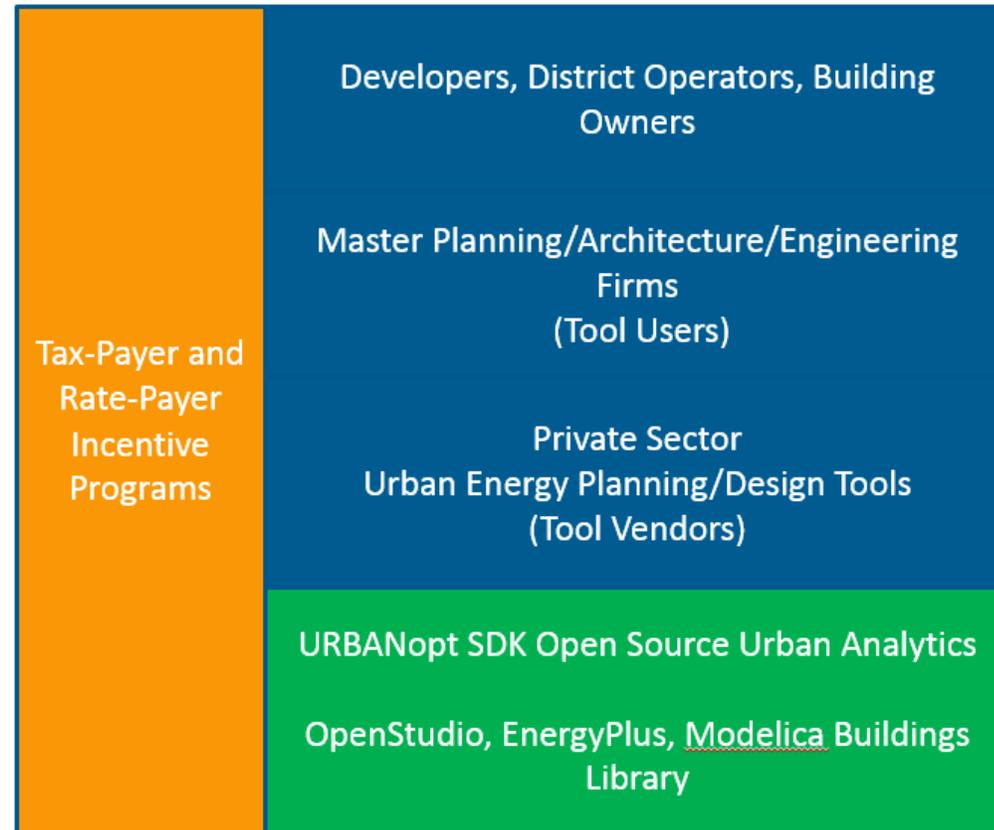
Project Partners: Panasonic Enterprise Solutions Company, Xcel Energy, L.C. Fulenwider Inc., City and County of Denver.





URBANopt – Advanced Analytics Platform for High Performance Buildings and Districts

- Built on top of OpenStudio® and EnergyPlus™ through new U.S. DOE investments in tools
- Modular, open source platform; “underlying analytics” that can be integrated into private sector tools



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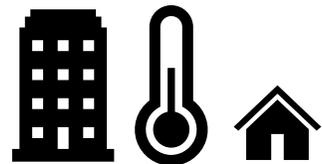
Three Primary Analytics Use Cases



Design of low energy campuses and districts using advanced analytical capabilities integrated into typical planning workflows for architects and urban planners.



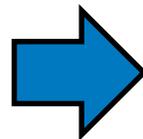
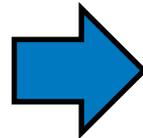
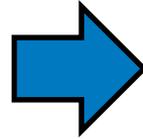
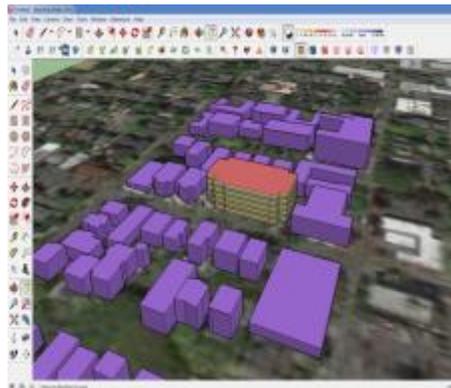
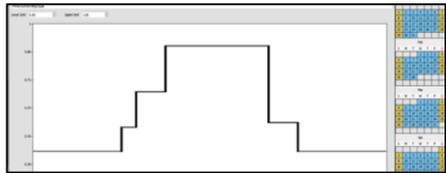
Design and optimization of grid-interactive efficient buildings (GEBs) at a district-scale in conjunction with distributed energy resources (DERs) and electric distribution systems.



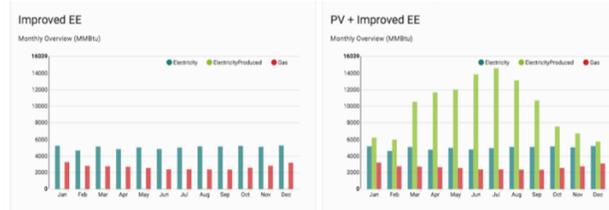
Tools for design and operation of next-generation district energy and control systems.

Analysis Workflows

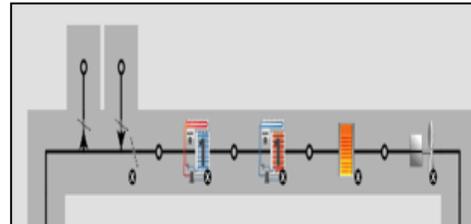
Geometry/Building Data
Input and Detailed
Building Energy Model
Creation



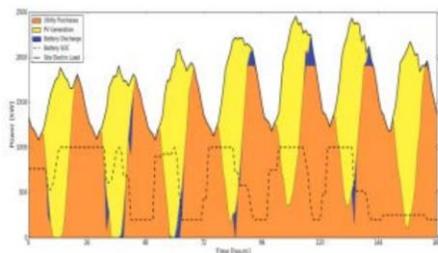
District-Scale Annual Energy
Scenario Analysis



District Thermal System
Analysis w/Modelica



Grid-Interactive
Analysis w/ REopt/OpenDSS



Seek Answers to these and Other
Questions

What efficiency and energy
generation levels are required to
achieve a Zero Energy District?

Should one central system or
multiple smaller systems be used
and which potential thermal
network layout is best?

What impact does the efficiency,
demand flexibility, and distributed
generation/storage have on the
electric distribution grid
requirements?

URBANopt Targeted Outcomes

- **Provide accurate, transparent, and robust analytics** to support industry tools and applications for district-scale analysis.
- **Identify opportunities for additional efficiencies and cost savings** through the concurrent design, upgrade, and/or optimization of buildings, DERs, district thermal systems, and electricity distribution infrastructure.
- **Accelerate R&D** in district and campus level energy-efficiency and grid-interaction technologies and strategies.



High Performance Districts Planning Guide



- Focus on Zero Energy principles that support high performance district projects
- Document best practices from Zero Energy District Accelerator and other advanced energy community projects
- Suggest what analysis is most valuable at what stage
- Leverage, reference, and build on existing resources (IDEA resources, RMI, etc.)
- In development – due Fall 2019

Thank you!

Questions?