De-Carbonizing the Campus: Planning, Tools & Technologies

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Energy Conservation vs. Campus Growth: Implementing Campus Utility Submetering

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Outline

- 1. Background
- 2. Problem
- 3. Goals
- 4. Finding a Partner
- 5. Designing a Solution
- 6. Implementation
- 7. Results
- 8. Lessons Learned









The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

- Facilities Management of Greehey Campus
- 1.4 million gross square feet of space over 14 buildings
- Two buildings currently under construction
 - Park West 80,000-square-foot outpatient clinic
 - 144-bed multispecialty & research hospital
- Future construction of Center for Brain Health and Barshop expansion





BACKGROUND

GREEHEY CAMPUS



BACKGROUND



The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio





Neuropsychology Clinic Space
 Imaging
 Shared Spaces

Vertical Circulation/ Building Services

Level 3

Exam Room/ Office Breakdown:

Shell Space (sf): 0

Admin Offices: 66 Workstations: 74

104

Exam Rooms:

Clinical Offices:



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Level 6







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BACKGROUND

Greehey Campus



OPENING DATE





Lack of granular insight into operations







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1: Cumbersome data collection processes

- * Once-monthly manual meter reads
- * 2 master spreadsheets
 - * 48 tabs
 - * 20,000 cells w formulas
 - = Data management nightmare

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- 2: Infrastructure gaps & safety concerns
- Insufficient meter coverage
- Outdated equipment that cannot network
- No primary system to capture, store, or display data
- Safety concerns and system impacts when reading meters
- Outage notifications







3: Low system visibility & deliverables

- No granular data for baseline evaluation
- No real-time dynamic alerting
- Inability to identify drift or effectiveness of energy conservation measures
- No detailed deliverables for tenants







4: Lack of bandwidth, resources & expertise

- Need time and resources (people and technology) associated with investigating interval data and making it actionable
- Existing BAS systems must have the ability and functionality for utility evaluation
- Staff have to focus on utility niche in addition to daily responsibilities
- Exporting data and creating customized graphs and tools to help diagnose electrical usage is a specialized skill

Without these tools & team, it would just be a report sitting on a shelf. It's nice to get information translated onto a system and operations center that makes the data actionable.

- Major Jeff Davidson





Net Results of Legacy Submetering Process



Underbilling of department utility costs



Laborious, timeintensive process that can't be delegated



Difficulty in troubleshooting data errors or anomalies



No ability to substantiate ECMs/ROIs and building drift



No baseline building consumption for comparison





Inability to scale with campus additions and changes



No data for informed decision-making as the campus grows



Tenants unable to visualize their electrical consumption



GOALS

Goals of New Submetering Process

- Transparency
- Utility costs per building
- Cost per degree program
- Data for campus planning
- Account for transmission loss & inaccurate readings
- Budgeting and allocating utility costs
- Environmental & sustainability planning
- Compliance with stricter reporting and decarbonization goals







IMPLEMENTATION



Voltages ranging from the incoming 35kV level to the 480V distribution level switchgear

Integration of electric metering from different manufacturers

Collecting data from various buildings and transmitting integral data through the JACE

Audit / Procure



Install / Replace

Test

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Capture Data

Validate





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Outcomes

Pre-Implementation [UTHSCSA]

- Manual period read meters
- Record in spreadsheet
- Allocate costs
- Cross-reference utility bills
- Submit to accounting/billing for payment

Post-Implementation [utiliVisor]

- Automatic interval readings
- Validation of utility fee structure
- Ability to pull utility reports and readings for any date & time interval
- Cross-reference of costs for similar building usage
- Utility bill reconciliation
- Continuous oversight of utilities consumption from an operations center
- Alerts for high electrical usage & anomalies
- Dynamic notifications from operations team
- Billing package & deliverables





Full Oversight Capability

Metrics for Future Growth & Decarbonization Decisions

- Where are electrical loads constant?
- What is each building's electrical profile?
- What is the cost per square foot?
- What are peak load characteristics?
- Is watts/sq. foot similar to comparable buildings?
- What is our baseline carbon footprint?
- What is the best basis of design for efficient building materials and mechanical systems?







Full Campus Visibility

BUILDING WATTS / SQ. FT





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Full Campus Analysis

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- User-defined
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- Setup by an experienced operations team
- Access control
- Download to Excel





Full Campus Analysis

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Increased Building Visibility

Example Building Metrics

STRF Building

cost / sq. ft **\$2.88**

WATTS / SQ. FT **3.9255**

ELECTRIC COST / HR \$49.39

AS OF 12/27/22







Increased Building Visibility

MONTHLY READING

REAL-TIME READINGS





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Example: STRF Total kW Trend Anomaly



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Senior Systems Engineer at utiliVisor







Early Successes

RESULT

 $5\,\mathrm{min}$

Interval meter data

RESULT

Real-time

Outage alerts

\$427K saved in 3 mo.

Utility overbilling







Continuous Energy Oversight

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How can we help shortcut your learning curve?

- 1. Coordinate across all shareholders (Especially campus electrical and IT departments) early and often.
- 2. Expect delays to occur periodically.
- 3. Partner with a metering expert that has a turnkey reading, billing, and performance monitoring solution.
- 4. Provide guidance on meter selection.





Questions?

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