

COMMERCIAL BUILDING STOCK ASSESSMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the Commercial Building Stock Assessment (CBSA)?

The CBSA is a comprehensive research study of energy efficiency in Northwest commercial buildings. The CBSA will provide the region with useful information for businesses (to compare their energy use with the average energy use of similar Northwest facilities), utilities (for use in program planning), researchers (for use in energy use characterization), and be a key input into regional power planning.

Who conducts this study?

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) conducts the CBSA on behalf of the region's energy efficiency organizations and is funded by the region's utilities.

What is NEEA?

NEEA is a collaboration of 140 utilities and efficiency organizations working together to advance energy efficiency in the Northwest on behalf of more than 13 million consumers.

What is Cadmus?

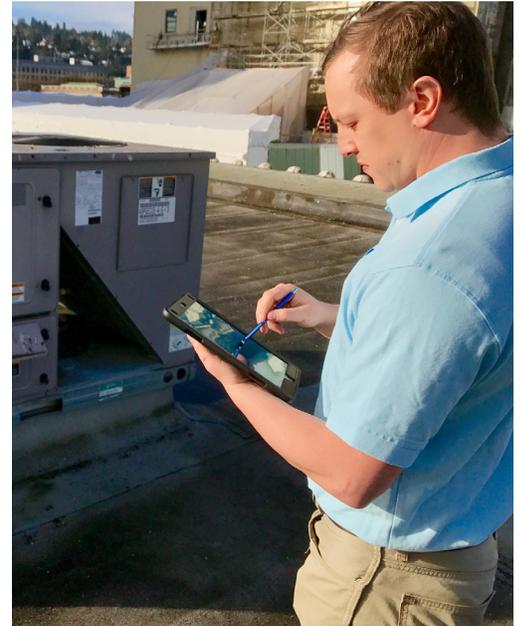
Cadmus is a consulting company contracted by NEEA to perform the CBSA. NEEA chose Cadmus to conduct this work through a competitive process, which included input from regional utilities. Cadmus is working with three other firms throughout the region to gather this important data; they are McKinstry, Energy 350, and DNV GL.

What does this study involve and why are you contacting our customers?

This study involves gathering information from on-site assessments at participating businesses. Cadmus and our partner firms will collect information on energy-using equipment and building characteristics that affect energy consumption. Site technicians will also report on various energy efficiency opportunities throughout each participating building. Your facility was randomly selected from a list of hundreds of similar facilities in the Northwest to participate in this important study.

What do participating business receive?

We will work with participating businesses to provide either a gift card or site specific report with the results of the CBSA assessment. The monetary value and scope of the report will vary based on the size and complexity of the participating business.



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What kind of information will you gather during the site assessment?

Using an iPad-based data collection tool, field technicians will gather information needed to characterize energy use by each of the following:

- HVAC equipment (space heating and cooling)
- Lighting
- Building envelope (windows, doors, insulation, etc.)
- Water heating
- Refrigeration and cooking
- Computers and miscellaneous equipment
- Cooling towers

How long will this assessment take?

Field technicians will remain on-site for approximately 2-8 hours, depending on the facility's complexity. The field technicians will initially work with the site contact by phone or email to identify the specific information they hope to obtain on-site. At the site, the field technicians will focus first on the systems expected to use the most energy, such as HVAC equipment, and then work their way down to smaller energy uses.

How will this information be used?

The results of this study will provide immense value to the region by identifying opportunities to save energy and lower utility bills while growing the economy of the Northwest. The information will also allow the region to more effectively characterize current energy loads to meet future demand.

Who will be able to access my information?

Site-specific information gathered through the CBSA can only be accessed by those working on NEEA's behalf to complete the research study. All participant responses will remain confidential. When published, data will be grouped by building-types and all personal or identifying information will be removed.

Who do I call if I have questions?

Cadmus works on NEEA's behalf to implement this phase of the research study. You can contact Nora Twichell by calling (971) 712-7929 or emailing Nora.Twichell@cadmusgroup.com.

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