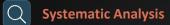


LAC Energy Management
Program Proposal: Building
Efficiency for a Sustainable
Future



# **Energy Management: A Strategic Approach**



Audit building systems to identify inefficiencies, repair malfunctioning equipment, and optimize control sequences

Performance Tracking

Monitor utility data and building metrics to validate improvements and identify opportunities

**(L)** Comfort Optimization

Balance energy efficiency with occupant comfort through intelligent setpoints and schedules

Climate Action Alignment

Reduce emissions and energy waste to support LAC's sustainability commitments



### **Program Implementation Roadmap**

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#### **Targeted Energy Audits (Months 1-12)**

Begin with 2-3 high-energy-use County buildings to demonstrate early results and savings of and savings of 15-20% per building



#### **Develop Audit Templates & Intern Program (Months 3-12)**

Scale efforts through standardized processes and recruit local talent to expand coverage to coverage to 6-8 additional facilities



#### **Pilot BrainBox AI Optimization (Months 6-18)**

Evaluate Al-based HVAC control on one County building with potential for 15-25% additional 25% additional energy reduction



#### **Full Program Implementation (Months 18+)**

If demonstrated success, propose adoption of an Energy Manager position funded entirely funded entirely through energy savings



### Municipal Building Audit: Revealing Opportunities

#### **The Challenge**

The Municipal Building consumed 16.3 kWh/SF-YR of electricity—electricity—approximately 25% higher than similar buildings in the buildings in the region. Despite LEED Gold certification, operational operational inefficiencies had developed over time.

Total annual consumption: 1,220,960 kWh electricity and 17,076 CCF natural gas, representing significant opportunity for improvement.

#### **Audit Findings**

- HVAC equipment running 7 days/week unnecessarily
- Economizers broken or disabled for 2+ years
- Supply air temperature fixed at 62°F
- Static pressure controls not optimized
- Heating Hot water loop operating 24/7/365
- Outdated BAS controls limiting capabilities





## Municipal Building Improvements: Tangible Tangible Results



#### **Schedule Optimization**

Revised operations from 7-day to 5-day schedule, reducing runtime by 28% with no comfort impact



#### **Economizer Restoration**

Repaired economizers to utilize free cooling instead of mechanical refrigeration when outdoor conditions permit



#### **Supply Air Reset**

Implemented dynamic temperature adjustment using trim and response algorithm based on Pacific Northwest National Labs best practices



#### **Duct Static Reset**

Enabled dynamic fan speed control, reducing unnecessary air movement and associated energy use



#### **Boiler Reset**

Reprogrammed heating hot water loop to provide heat only when called for, eliminating unnecessary continuous operation



# BrainBox AI: Maintaining Optimization Through Intelligence

#### **Continuous Learning**

System analyzes building performance performance patterns, weather data, and and occupancy to predict optimal settings settings and identify faulty equipment equipment

#### **Continuous Improvement**

Refines strategies over time to adapt to to seasonal changes and building usage usage patterns



#### **Autonomous Adjustment**

Makes real-time adjustments to maintain maintain efficiency without requiring staff staff intervention

#### **Performance Tracking**

Monitors results and validates energy savings with detailed reporting



## **Airport Terminal Net-Zero Demonstration Project**



#### **Energy Audit**

Comprehensive assessment of current energy usage patterns and identification of efficiency efficiency opportunities in terminal operations



#### **Renewable Energy Implementation**

Possible repurposing of PV panels from the Los Alamos Power Pool landfill PV array for for installation on the terminal roof to generate clean electricity for operations



#### **HVAC Modernization**

Replacement of conventional heating systems with efficient heat pumps to eliminate natural gas eliminate natural gas consumption and utilize daytime solar for cooling



#### **Smart Building Controls**

Implementation of automated systems for window shades, lighting, and access control to control to optimize energy usage

