



U.S. General Services Administration

# High Performance Buildings

## Submetering

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# WHY IS SUBMETERING IMPORTANT?



Submetering is an important tool for reducing energy in buildings; it provides information at a local level, enabling building occupants and tenant agencies to identify energy intense systems and adjust their behaviors to achieve energy performance goals.

Promotes energy savings:

- ✓ Benchmarking – accurate knowledge of where energy is being consumed is the first step in creating energy savings.
- ✓ Continuous commissioning – Constant monitoring allows the user to gauge the results of an energy savings program.

# THE ROLE OF METERING

Why meter? *That which is not measured cannot be managed*

## Energy Savings – meters enable actions

Action	Observed Savings
Installation of meters	0 to 2% initial impact but savings will not persist
Bill allocation only	2-1/2 to 5% - improved occupant awareness
Building tune-up and load management	5 to 15% - improved awareness, identification of simple operations and maintenance improvements, and managing demand loads per electric rate schedules
Ongoing commissioning	15 to 45% - improved awareness, ongoing identification of simple operations and maintenance improvements, and continuing management attention

Table 3.2 - FEMP Metering Best Practices Guide (August 2011)

### Metering data provides visibility to energy use

- Trending of metered data shows consumption changes to help identify possible operational and equipment problems
- Taking **action** reduces energy costs

Metering data enhances efficiency strategies – Building Re-tuning and Retro-commissioning to improve financial payback

# THE ROLE OF METERING

**Why aren't more buildings metered or sub-metered?**

- **Meters and installation are currently expensive**
- **Analysis of raw data is challenging**



**Aren't low cost products available now?**

- **Products targeting residential and small commercial buildings exist in England (e.g., OWL), but are not physically robust. Robust US products (Shark 200) cost \$600 to \$800 per metered point.**



**How many Federal buildings are there?**

- 430,000 (Metering Best Practices 2011)
- Potential savings of 1.16 billion kilowatt-hours



# COMPLETED WORK

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- BTRD White Paper: The Power to Control – Submetering of Building Energy and Water Usage National Science and Technology Council, Subcommittee on Buildings Technology Research and Development – October 2011

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/submetering\\_of\\_building\\_energy\\_and\\_water\\_usage.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/submetering_of_building_energy_and_water_usage.pdf)

- Energy Submetering Finance paper – November 2012
- Submeter Comparison
- LEASED ASSET ENERGY AND GHG REPORTING INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE

[http://www.gsa.gov/portal/mediald/179639/fileName/GSA\\_Leased\\_Asset\\_GHG\\_Guidance\\_FINAL\\_071713\\_508\\_compliant.action](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/mediald/179639/fileName/GSA_Leased_Asset_GHG_Guidance_FINAL_071713_508_compliant.action)

- FEMP METERING BEST PRACTICES: A GUIDE TO ACHIEVING UTILITY RESOURCE EFFICIENCY 2015

<http://energy.gov/eere/femp/downloads/metering-best-practices-guide-achieving-utility-resource-efficiency>

- NREL Reducing Plug and Process Loads for a Large Scale, Low Energy Office Building

[http://www.nrel.gov/sustainable\\_nrel/pdfs/49002.pdf](http://www.nrel.gov/sustainable_nrel/pdfs/49002.pdf)

# What Type Of Submetering Is Right For Me?

## What Kind of Submeter Do I Need?

This simple guide allows you to compare the strengths and limitations of available low-to-moderate cost submeter types so you can match tool capabilities to your project goals. The variety and capability of device-oriented electrical submeters is expanding. But increased options make it more challenging to choose the most effective tool.

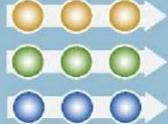


## When Might Submeters Be Helpful?

Submeters help Facility Managers, energy managers and tenant organizations identify:

- 1) inefficient equipment;
- 2) use and configuration alternatives; and
- 3) equipment and user profile management opportunities.

## Submetering Comparison Chart

	 <b>Simple</b> A device able to measure instantaneous power and cumulative energy data but requires manual reading and recording.	 <b>Enhanced</b> A device able to measure and record interval data but requires manual data file download.	 <b>Advanced</b> A device able to measure and record time-series interval data, communicate data to a remote location, and integrated into an energy management or building automation system.
<b>Data</b>  Unprocessed power and energy information collected by the submeters.			
<b>Cost</b>  Submetering equipment and installation cost.			
<b>Labor</b>  The labor required to operate and maintain the submetering effort, such as data recording.			
<b>Analysis</b>  Expertise required to utilize the data and apply it to energy management decisions.			

# OFHPGB SUBMETERING ACTIVITIES

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- **Submetering pilot w/ GSA Leasing, NCR, Vornado**
  - Test the costs and savings achievable from sub-metering fully serviced leased buildings through a landlord/tenant pilot partnership.
- **Low cost wireless meter testing w/DOE/BTO**
  - DOE will conduct a performance test of three working prototypes at the GSA HQ.
- **Plug and Process Load Study in Leased Buildings w/ GSA PBS Leasing, NREL, Hines**
  - The project helps stakeholders make more effective design decisions, enabling benefits such as: (1) reduced capital costs, (2) more energy-efficient system operation, and (3) improved ability of designers to model and optimize multiple interacting systems to achieve aggressive whole-building energy performance goals.
- **Green Proving Ground**
- **Submetering framework and decision making tool SFTool**

# VORNADO PILOT



## **One Skyline Tower**

**Address:** 5107 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA  
100% occupied by GSA via two leases (SSA, DOJ)

**Number of Floors:** 26

**Building Size:** 517,656 total RSF  
130 meter points installed

### **Detailed Project Approach:**

Phase 1: Metering Architecture & System Technical Design (cost \$50,000)

Phase 2: Project Management, Coordination & Installation Oversight

Phase 3: System Commissioning, Testing and Startup Services

Cost of Installation per Meter: \$1,460.00

Cost of EFT Connection Sub Total: \$150,000.00

Total Cost: \$339,800

Phase 4: Baseline period 11/01/2014 – 10/31/2015

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# THE ENERGY ISSUE IN LEASED SPACE

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- 95% of PBS's leases are done on a full service basis with utilities included in the rent
- Lack of current utility consumption information requires extrapolation and projection of estimated consumption and associated (scope 3) Green House Gas emissions.
- Disconnect between the user of utilities and the party paying for them (landlord/tenant) does not encourage reductions in energy use.
- Better measurement of utilities being consumed in leased space.
  - Costs and challenges
  - Impact on utility reductions
- Better understanding of cost implications to landlords when considering opportunities for policy shift from full service leases to leases net of utilities.

# SUB-METERING PILOT GOALS

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1. Acquire a better understanding of energy use and costs in leased facilities where the landlord is paying for utilities;
2. Develop replicable processes for implementation of sub-metering in leased facilities, including an understanding of costs of equipment and installation;
3. Develop duplicable standardized tracking processes for analyzing and reporting energy usage data in sub-metered leased facilities;
4. Explore and test for a method of automated GHG reporting in leased facilities;
5. Develop a thorough understanding of the cost-benefit analysis of sub-metering; and
6. Test alternative approaches to motivating more energy efficient landlord and occupant behaviors and identify factors that encourage or hinder behavioral change.

# RESEARCH AREAS

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## **Installation and reporting concerns:**

- Does sub-metering of fully serviced leased space in itself reduce energy consumption, and to what extent?
- What are the costs of installing sub-metering and energy management systems in fully serviced leased buildings relative to the payback?
- Is it cost-effective to track energy use of different building components (lighting, HVAC, technologies, vertical transportation, plug loads)? Are only some of these components worth tracking?
- What level of sub-metering delivers the best cost-effective results (per floor, circuit, tenant)?
- What kind/type of sub-meters provide the best results for their cost?
- How can sub-metering be best implemented in multi-tenant buildings? Can it be cost-effective?

## **Operations and behavioral concerns:**

- What types of energy feedback are most effective for what audiences (occupants, building operators, building owners)?
- What level of data is most useful for influencing behavior and for what audiences (e.g., plug loads, HVAC; per floor, per occupant, per building)?
- How will tenants respond to the installation? Will they be motivated to reduce energy consumption if there are no economic consequences of doing so?
- How will individual tenants get credit for energy reductions?

# EFT DASHBOARD



# DOE LOW COST METERING CHALLENGE

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## Problems/Needs/Opportunities:

- Current mandate for Federal sector to meter building energy use
- Current cost of metering and data gathering is high

**Solution:** Produce a wireless sub-metering system specification for commercial buildings that will be used as the basis for meeting the needs

## Impacts:

- Radically reduce the price of these metering systems to an estimated \$50-\$100 per point based on achieving an estimated 3-year payback period by 1) consolidating demand around a single specification, and 2) encouraging volume purchases
- Send clear message to the industry that Federal buildings and private industry require these products now (demonstrate market need)
- Align with DOE's other ongoing efforts in technical specifications and equipment challenges

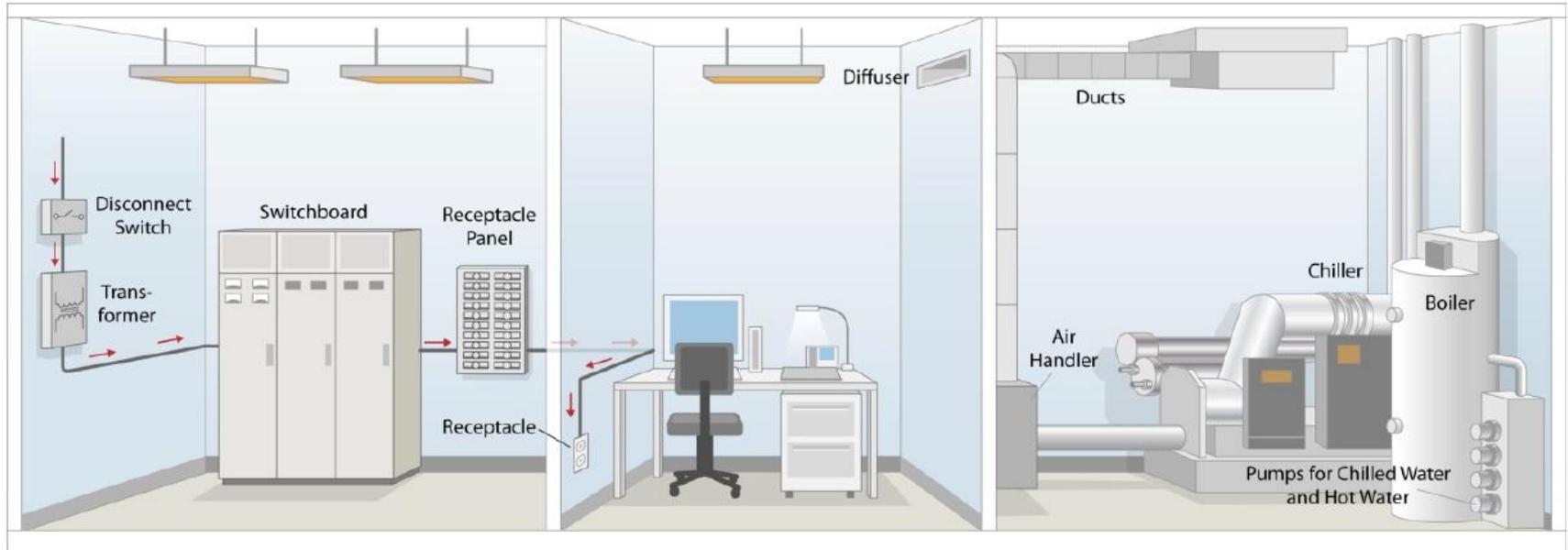
# SPECIFICATION – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS

Sources of electric power for meter system components	120V mains or Power scavenged from circuit measured
Power loss response	Automatic resumption of operation after power loss
Minimum number of measurement points	25
Electricity uses monitored	Electricity usage at whole building level where the utility service enters, at individual panels where the total usage of each panel would be metered, and for individual circuit, where the electricity usage of the circuit served by an individual breaker is measured.
Electrical service types (number of phases) measured	Must support measurement of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 120V to 240V single-phase</li> <li>• 208V to 600V three-phase</li> </ul>
Measurement time period	All raw data must be measured at a time interval of not more than 15 minutes
Minimum number of points	Raw measurements are required at each measurement point for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voltage (rms)</li> <li>current (rms)</li> <li>time averaged power (in W)</li> <li>total energy use (in Wh).</li> </ul> For multiphase measurements, each measured parameter must be provided for each phase individually and for the circuit total.

# SPECIFICATION – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS

Ranges of measured parameters	Voltage: 0 to 600 Volts AC or line-to-line 850 Volts AC Current: 5 to 2400 amps
Measurement resolution	Voltage: 0.1 volts Current: 0.5 amps Power: 0.5 watts
Maximum data collection interval	15 minutes
Accuracy of measurements	±1%

# PLUG AND PROCESS LOAD STUDY



**Figure 1–1 Systems that are affected by plug and process load densities specified in lease agreements  
(Photo credit: Alfred Hicks/NREL)**

- Peak PPL energy use intensity for offices with data centers is 0.88 W/ft<sup>2</sup>.
- On average, the typical PPL energy use intensity for offices is around 0.28 W/ft<sup>2</sup>
- Right-sizing HVAC system components led to an average 14% reduction in upfront capital costs and a 3–4% reduction in energy costs.

# GREEN PROVING GROUND



- **AutoDesk/Panoramic Power**
- **Plug Load Controls**
- **Integrated Daylighting Systems**
- **Occupant Responsive Lighting**
- **Wireless Sensor Networks**

# 2015 – AUTODESK/PANORAMIC POWER

## How Panoramic Power Works

Our patented sensor technology is coupled with cloud-based analytics to provide insights for optimizing energy management



### Wireless, self-powered sensors

By clamping on the outgoing electrical wire from the circuit breaker, the non-invasive sensors harvest the magnetic field as a power source for monitoring the flow of electricity and sending information wirelessly in real-time. No maintenance is ever required on the self-powered sensors.

### Deployed to deliver real-time data

Hundreds of sensors can be installed in a few hours. Transmitting data wirelessly through the bridge, they deliver energy information every 10 seconds to PowerRadar, the solution's cloud-based analytics platform.

### Aggregated and analyzed in an easy to use dashboard

PowerRadar provides users with a powerful interface to monitor, measure, report, and understand electrical energy consumption from the site level to an individual device level. Insight into energy usage enables users to optimize operations, processes and maintenance resources.

**OPPORTUNITY**

How much energy is lost to plug loads in U.S. commercial buildings?

**25% OF ELECTRICITY IS LOST TO PHANTOM POWER**  
IN EFFICIENT BUILDINGS THIS CAN INCREASE TO 50%\*

**TECHNOLOGY**

How do Advanced Power Strips save energy?

**DE-ENERGIZE CIRCUITS**  
BASED ON A TIMER, LOAD-SENSING, OR BOTH

**M&V**

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

**NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY** tested the effectiveness of 3 plug load reduction strategies in buildings throughout GSA's Mid-Atlantic Region

**RESULTS**

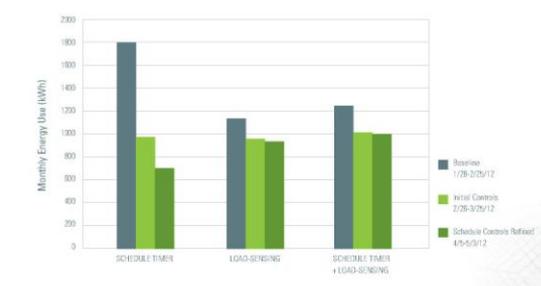
How did Advanced Power Strips perform in M&V?

**SIMPLE TIMER CONTROLS**  
MOST COST-EFFECTIVE<sup>2</sup>

**26% ENERGY SAVINGS**  
AT WORKSTATIONS with advanced computer management in place  
**48% IN KITCHENS & PRINTER ROOMS<sup>3</sup>**

**<8 YEARS**  
PAYBACK IN ALL APPLICATIONS  
< 1 year in kitchens & printer rooms<sup>4</sup>

**Energy Reduction for Tested Control Strategies**  
Schedule timer controls resulted in average-energy reduction of 48%



**DEPLOYMENT**

Where does M&V recommend deploying Advanced Power Strips?

**DEPLOY BROADLY**  
Energy savings & low payback support deployment throughout GSA's portfolio

\*Plug Load Control and Behavioral Change Research in GSA Office Buildings; Ian Metzger, Dylan Cullen, Michael Sheppy (NREL) September 2012, p.1 <sup>2</sup>Ibid, p.4 <sup>3</sup>Ibid, p.4 <sup>4</sup>Ibid, p.4

Energy Management : Adoption

# Advanced Power Strips



- Schedule-based control, where users determine the day and time when a circuit is energized, found to be most effective.
- 26% energy reduction at workstations with advanced computer management already in place, 50% energy reduction in kitchens and printer rooms
- Over 16,000 units deployed at 80 federal facilities across the country
- On GSA Schedule
- [www.gsa.gov/gpg](http://www.gsa.gov/gpg)

**OPPORTUNITY**



**TECHNOLOGY**

How do Wireless Sensor Networks save energy?

**CAPTURE & DISPLAY CRITICAL INFORMATION IN REAL-TIME**

OPERATORS IDENTIFY WAYS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

**M&V**

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

**LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY** assessed the effectiveness of collecting real-time information to optimize data-center energy efficiency at the USDA National Information Technology Center in St. Louis, Missouri

**RESULTS**



**Data Center Power Usage Distribution**  
 48% Cooling Load Reduction, 17% Overall Data Center Energy Reduction



**DEPLOYMENT**

Where does M&V recommend deploying Wireless Sensor Networks?

**ALL DATA CENTERS**

Estimated \$81 million in annual savings and annual decrease of 532,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, if implemented by tenant agencies throughout the GSA portfolio

Data center assessment kit developed during study reduces deployment time and power interruptions during installation

\*McKinsey & Company, "Revolutionizing Data Center Efficiency", 2008 †Wireless Sensor Network for Improving the Energy Efficiency of Data Centers. Rod Mahdavi, William Tschudi (LBNL), March 2012, p.27 ‡Ibid, p.29 †Ibid, p.7 ‡Ibid, p.29

# Energy Management : Translation Wireless Network Sensors



- Dense network of wireless sensors provides real-time information enabling facility operator to better manage HVAC.
- 48% reduction in facility cooling load
- 3.4 years simple payback (@ \$0.045 kWh < 50% of national average \$0.11 kWh)
- Deploying at two GSA-operated data centers
- On GSA Schedule



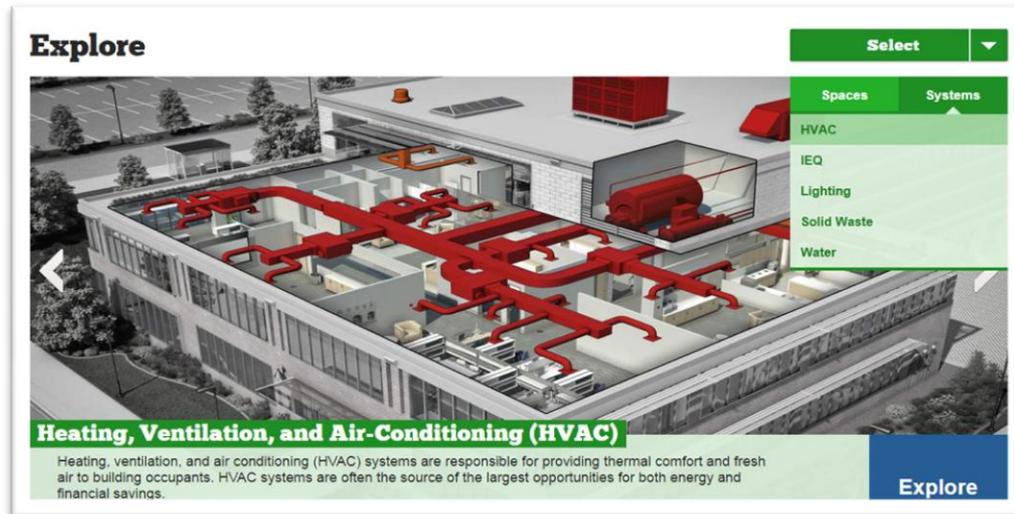
# SUBMETER DATA FRAMEWORK DESIGN



A Submeter Framework is needed to guide project planning, identify data needs, inform objectives and model cost savings. The Framework is currently designed to collect data that capture comprehensive system benefits.

Submeter Type	Functionalities	Benefits	Unit and Monetary Value
<p><b>Electrical:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circuit</li> <li>• System</li> <li>• End-Use Device</li> </ul> <p><b>Natural Gas</b></p> <p><b>Water</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency of data and storage</li> <li>• Visualization, Data Feedback and Dashboards</li> <li>• Resulting Capabilities for Fault, Detection Theft, Power Monitoring</li> <li>• Resource Measurement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Building Level:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Resources Demand &amp; Cost</li> <li>• Reduces O&amp;M Costs</li> </ul> <p><b>Portfolio Level:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Savings</li> <li>• O&amp;M Savings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Data points and formulas to calculate costs saved or avoided from identified benefits.</b></p> <p><b>Energy Waste Reduction Value (\$)</b> = [energy rate (\$/kwh)] * [total energy consumption at level (kwh)] * [estimated % of consumption reduction with roll-out]</p>

# EXPLORE: SUBMETERING



Recent industry trends show that, in addition to the primary utility meter, installation of metering devices after the primary utility meter that measure actual resource consumption provides multiple benefits to building performance. These submetering systems could allow building owners, designers and managers to monitor energy usage for individual tenants, departments, whole floors, pieces of equipment or other loads individually to account for their actual energy usage. This finer-grained facility data could be used to inform strategies for future cost-savings and sustainability projects and initiatives. Achieving sustainability goals will reduce capital investment and operating costs and potentially significantly decrease resource use and environmental footprint.

# SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Visualizing submetering systems is helpful for users to understand the differences in submeter types. Define and examine submeter types within the building:

- Electrical – Circuit
- Electrical – System
- Electrical – End Use Device
- Natural Gas
- Water



Similar to the HVAC components diagram, display submeter installations and data roll over points. This page is intended to educate the user with a general understanding of submeter types to enable proper selection of meter type, followed by corresponding functionalities and benefits shown in the framework.

# SYSTEM IMPACTS



[System Overview](#)

[Integrative Design Process](#)

**System Impacts**

**Resources**

[Human Behavior](#)

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Using the data from submetering systems to better manage building operations and maintenance can have a significant impact on a building's overall resource use.

Use of submetering data:

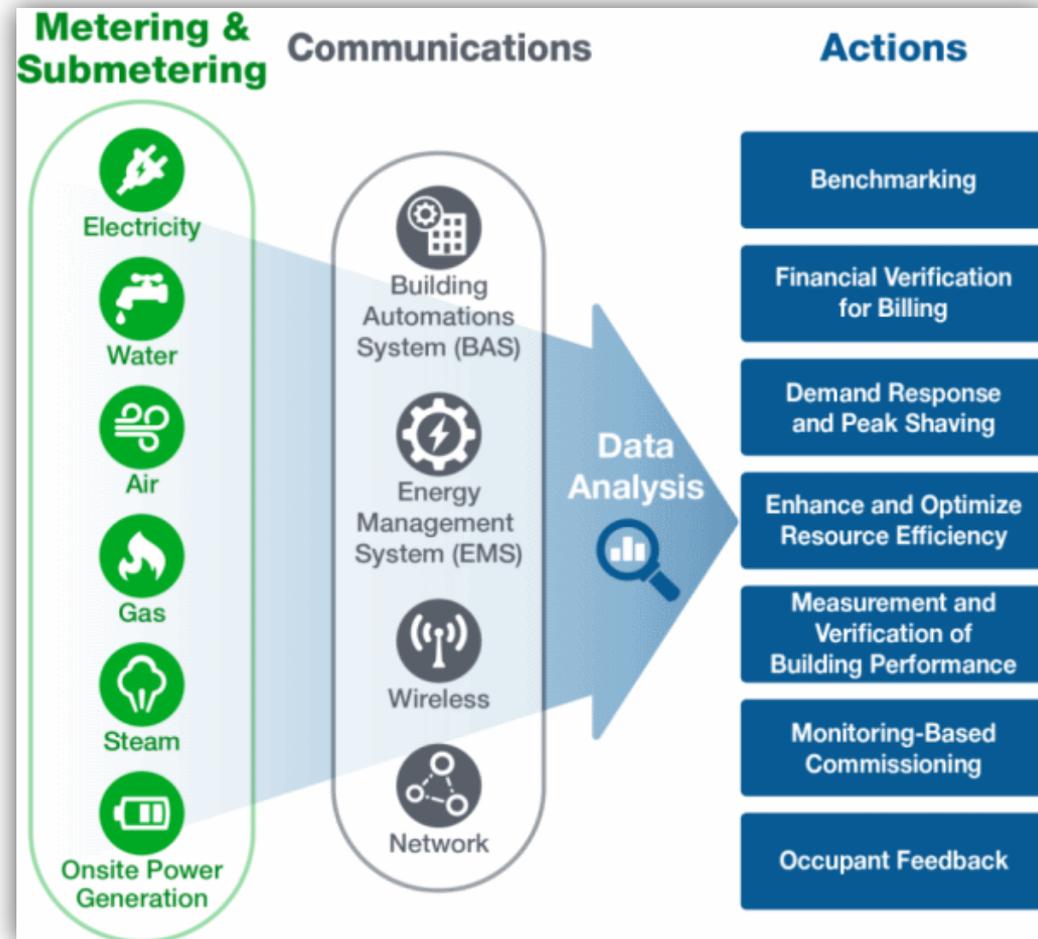
- Enabling monitor-based commissioning
- Identifying and monitoring efficiency retrofits
- Aligning incentives and enabling behavioral conservation
- Demand response

Based on the knowledge compiled in the framework, submetering system benefits are:

- Economic Benefits
- Reliability Benefits
- Environmental Benefits
- Security Benefits
- Behavioral Benefits

# GSA'S OFFICE OF FEDERAL HIGH-PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDINGS SUBMETERING FRAMEWORK REVIEW

FRED WINTER



# METERS AND SUBMETERING

*One of the best ways to save energy is to manage it.*

## Meters

Meters are sensors that measure and record resource use, such as energy or water consumption. Conventional metering (or master-metering) typically provides utility readings for an entire building or facility once per month.

## Submeters

Submeters can measure resource use for different buildings in a multi-building campus, different floors of the same building, different tenants in a multi-tenant office or facility, individual building systems, electrical circuits, or even specific devices. **Data from well designed submetering systems can guide management strategies to significantly reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and portfolios.**

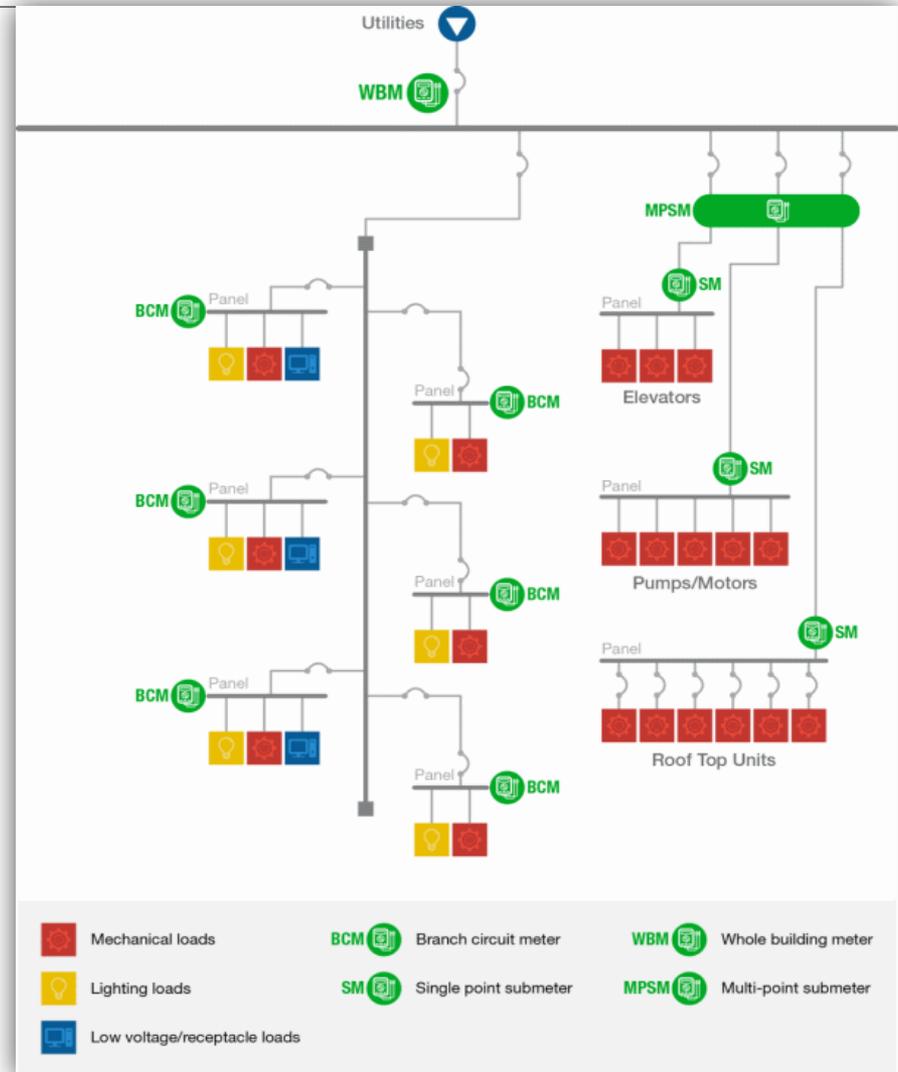


# SUBMETERING

*Submetering offers a powerful insight into a building's resource use by capturing more detailed consumption information, which helps to identify building inefficiencies, meet performance goals, and improve occupant awareness.*

*As the saying goes, “what gets measured gets managed.”*

<https://sftool.gov/Explore#building-systems=submetering>



## Agenda

1. Framework Overview
2. Real-Time Framework Application
3. Online Submeter Wizard Development

# 1. Framework Overview

# SUBMETER FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

## Purpose

As the US Government's lead for enabling and enhancing federal leadership in the field of sustainable real property portfolio management and operations, OFHPGB seeks to leverage technology and innovative management practices to green federal buildings and realize financial and operational benefits.

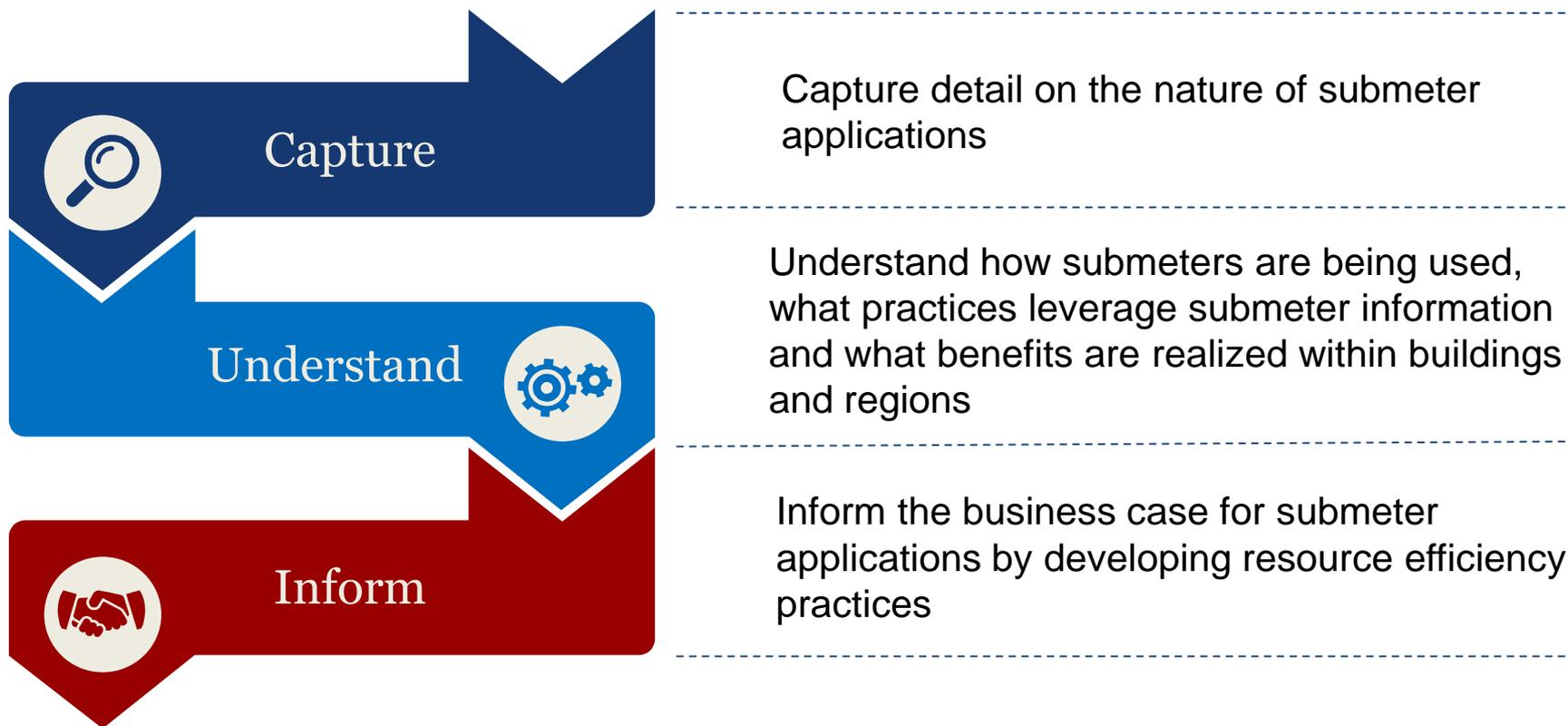
One area of focus is to leverage the deployment of submetering to find new ways of effectively and efficiently managing its real property portfolio and reduce costs.

## Submeter Objectives

Submetering technologies can assist GSA in achieving its overall sustainability and energy performance goals. These goals could be realized through operational cost savings, improved building management, and enhanced operational efficiency.

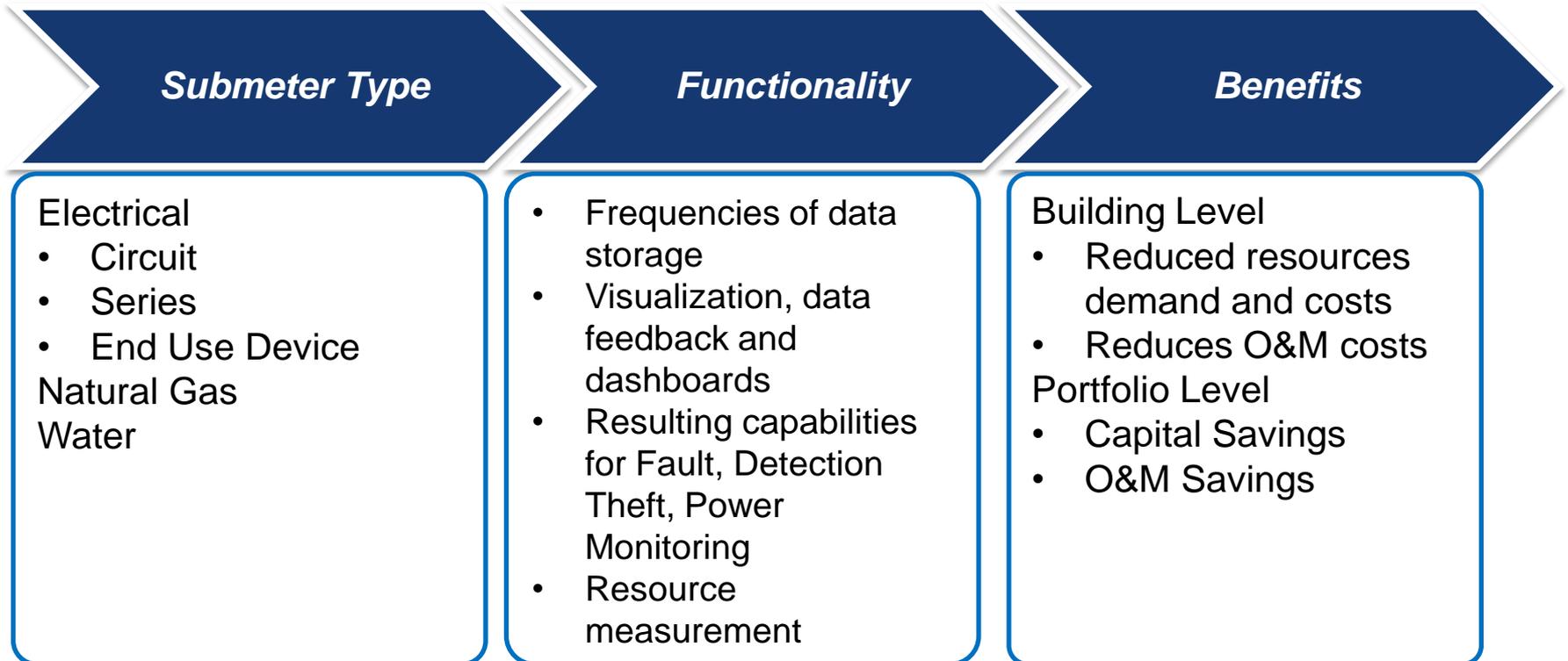
# DEVELOPING THE FRAMEWORK

OFHPGB developed a Submeter Data Framework (Framework) that standardizes data capture for mapping submeter functionalities to a range of benefits in order to:



# CONTENT OF THE FRAMEWORK

The objective of the Submeter Data Framework is to map submeter functionalities to a range of benefits, assist stakeholders including O&M staff, Energy Managers, and Project Managers with identifying data needed to determine the associated resource benefits resulting from submetering projects.



# THE FRAMEWORK

Using the data captured by the framework type, functionality, and resulting benefit (shown below), a stakeholder can use their personalized mapping to build a business case for submetering.

Type	Functionality	← Mapping functionality to benefit →		
<b>Electrical - Circuit</b>	Align circuit data/consumption by tenant in multi-tenant facility	Economic	Building and Regional O&M Savings	Optimize use of assets
				Reduce meter reading cost
				Reduce resource connect and disconnect costs
			Reduce call center/customer care costs	
			Reduce billing costs	
			Reduce outage identification, localization, prioritization, and restoration time	
		Resource Loss Reduction	Reduce electricity theft	
		Energy Efficiency	Reduce resource consumption	
			Improve space resource use	
		Electricity Cost Savings	Reduce demand	
		Reliability	Decrease Power Interruptions	Reduced outage frequency
				Reduced outage duration
	Behavioral	Occupant energy-use behavioral awareness	Reduction in energy waste	
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## 2. Real-Time Framework Application

# APPLICATIONS TO THE SUBMETER FRAMEWORK

## GSA Building Highlights

OFHPGB identified three exemplary building case studies to review as a sample subset of GSA's submetering progress in realizing building-level and portfolio-level efficiencies and benefits. A review of each building case was conducted leveraging the industry leading practices and the Submeter Data Framework to document the current state of submetering deployment and associated benefits.



***1800 F Street  
GSA Headquarters***



***Edith Green-  
Wendell Wyatt  
Federal Building***



***Wayne Aspinall  
Federal Building &  
US Courthouse***

# MAPPING EDITH GREEN-WENDELL WYATT

The Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Building project team and Operations and Maintenance Staff leveraged the provided Submeter Framework to identify the full range of benefits realized from each submeter functionality.

Align circuit data/consumption by tenant in multi-tenant facility	Economic	Building and Regional O&M Savings	Optimize use of assets
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	Improve Asset Utilization		Improve economic operation of plants
			Extended useful life of assets due to optimized utilization
			Reduce onsite generation capacity investments
			Defer onsite generation capacity investments
			Defer building system investments
	Building and Regional Capital Savings		Optimize use of capital for major maintenance and repairs
			Optimize use of capital for retrofits

# EGWW SUBMETER FRAMEWORK

Submeter Types and Functionalities	Objective and Achieved Benefits
<p><b>Electrical- Circuit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Align circuit data/consumption by tenant in multi-tenant facility</li><li>• Fault or anomaly detection</li><li>• Remote Meter Reading</li><li>• Frequent data collection</li><li>• Measure resource use</li><li>• Identification of where resource is consumed</li></ul> <p><b>Electrical- End-Use Device</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More frequent end device energy data collection</li><li>• Ability to align circuit data and consumption by end device</li><li>• Visibility of end device performance data</li><li>• Remote Meter Reading</li><li>• Measure Resource Use</li><li>• Ability to trend end use device energy consumption</li></ul> <p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measure Resource Use</li><li>• Remote Meter Reading</li></ul>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine-tune building performance</li><li>• Measurement and Verification</li><li>• Facilitate Load Shifting, Demand Response and Improved Renewable generation performance</li><li>• Trend System Performance to Optimize System Efficiency</li></ul> <p><b>Achieved Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine-Tune Initial Building Performance</li><li>• Building O&amp;M savings through Fault Detection</li><li>• Measurement and Verification of Building Performance</li><li>• Remote Meter Reading leading to O&amp;M Savings</li><li>• Reducing Consumption through Improve Occupant Engagement</li><li>• Measure Resource Use to Reduce Peak Usage</li></ul>

# KEY FINDINGS AND TRENDS



The framework helps to identify existing submeter assets that are not being utilized for the range of accessible benefits or practices.



Measurement and verification (M&V) and fine-tuning of building systems and equipment are the primary uses for submetering in reviewed case studies.



Training, education and communication are key to achieve and sustain submeter benefits going forward.



Adoption of a methodology such as the Submeter Framework could standardize submeter planning and deployment to further performance benefits and costs savings.

### 3. Online Submeter Tool Development

# SUBMETER WIZARD OBJECTIVES

The Submeter Wizard will help users understand the comprehensive benefits of submetering programs by providing a guided tutorial of submeter types by functionality.

**1**

**Learn about submeter types, functionalities, and benefits in buildings**

**2**

**Demonstrate the comprehensive benefits of submetering systems to users**

**3**

**Provide a mapping document that can be used as a business case for installing a submeter system**

**4**

**Help users understand the value of metered data and drive the use of metered data as evidence for buildings and systems performance changes**

## Submetering

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### Electrical Circuit

An electrical circuit submeter measures a specific closed loop circuit in a building which is comprised of an interconnection of many electrical elements that can measure utility consumption to the tenant or the occupant level

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### Electrical End Use Device

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## Electrical Circuit » Functionalities

Select functionalities in the section below and click the button at the bottom of the screen to learn more about the associated benefits.

Select All

Deselect All

### Occupancy Data

- Align circuit data/ consumption by tenant in multi-tenant facility** +  
Tenant submetering helps to bill tenants in facilities for their actual energy usage. This allows property owners who supply utilities to their tenant...

### Measurement and Evaluation

- Data is accessible to building occupants in graphical form** +  
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- Measure Resource Use** +  
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- Occupancy Data
  - Align circuit data/ consumption by tenant in multi-tenant facility
  - Remote Meter Reading
- Measurement and Evaluation
  - Data is accessible to building occupants in graphical form
- Frequent Data Collection**
- Measure Resource Use

## Frequent Data Collection

[Remove Functionality](#) ✕

**Security**

- Energy Security
  - Reduce fossil fuel usage
  - Reduce wide-scale blackouts
- Data Security
  - Improve Cybersecurity

**Behavioral**

- Not Applicable

**Economic**

- Not Applicable

**Environmental**

- Increase occupant comfort
  - Improve air quality

**Reliability**

- Not Applicable

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Security Benefits	Outcomes
<p><b>Energy Security</b> The U.S. Department of Energy’s Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) facilitates the Federal Government’s implementation of sound cost-effective energy management and investment practices to enhance the nation’s energy security and environmental stewardship. Submetering and the data visibility it provides play a large role in cost-effective energy management ensures compliance with security standards.</p>	<p><b>Reduce Fossil Fuel Usage</b> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Mark as Achieved</a></span> Utility and fossil fuel consumption directly relates to a facility's carbon footprint. By retrofitting with more efficient systems using fewer resources, a noticeable difference can be made in their depletion.</p> <p><b>Reduce Wide-Scale Blackouts</b> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Mark as Achieved</a></span> Not all power generation sources provide the same quality of power, and in managing critical loads the quality of power delivery becomes very important. Power quality submeters provide the following critical information to reduce wide-scale blackouts: size and duration of any voltage sags, swells, or interruptions, voltage and load unbalance, frequency monitoring, harmonic distortion, and digital waveform recording.</p>
<p><b>Resources</b> <a href="#">U.S. DOE FEMP: Achieving Energy Security in Federal Facilities</a></p>	

Thank You!

*Although submetering by itself does not save energy; it should be viewed as a technology that enables optimized performance and energy efficiency.*

# RESOURCES

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- Sustainable Facilities Tool <https://sftool.gov>
- GSA Green Proving Ground [www.gsa.gov/gpg](http://www.gsa.gov/gpg)
- GSA Office of Federal High Performance Green Buildings [www.gsa.gov/hpgb](http://www.gsa.gov/hpgb)
- NREL Plug and Process Load [www.nrel.gov/docs/fy14osti/60266.pdf](http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy14osti/60266.pdf)

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