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WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS FOR DATA CENTERS

OPPORTUNITY

How much energy is used by data centers in the U.S.?

2%
OF ALL U.S. ENERGY
is consumed by data centers¹



~50%
GOES TO
NON-IT LOADS²

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 a wireless sensor network provided by Synapsence at the USDA National Information Technology Center in St. Louis, Missouri

RESULTS

How did Wireless Sensor Networks perform in M&V?

17%
ENERGY
SAVINGS
48% reduction
in cooling load³

EFFECTIVE TOOL

for on-going optimization of data centers⁴

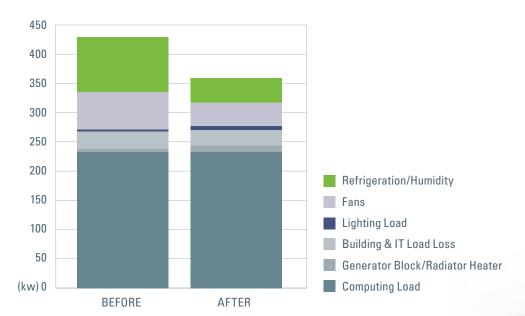
3.4 YEARS

payback at \$0.045 kwh

< 50% of national average \$0.11 kWh⁵

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 \$61 million in annual savings and annual decrease of 532,000 metric tons of CO2, if implemented by tenant agencies throughout the GSA portfolio

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

¹McKinsey & Company, "Revolutionizing Data Center Efficiency", 2008 ²Wireless Sensor Network for Improving the Energy Efficiency of Data Centers.

Rod Mahdavi, William Tschudi (LBNL), March 2012, p.27 ³Ibid, p.29 ⁴Ibid, p.29 *Subject to evaluation and approval by GSA-IT and Security

