### MARCH 2012 WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS FOR DATA CENTERS

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

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





#### 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 LOAD<sup>3</sup>

# EFFECTIVE

FOR ON-GOING OPTIMIZATION OF DATA CENTERS<sup>4</sup>

### **3.4** YEARS

PAYBACK AT \$0.045 kWh < 50% of national average \$0.11 kWh<sup>5</sup>

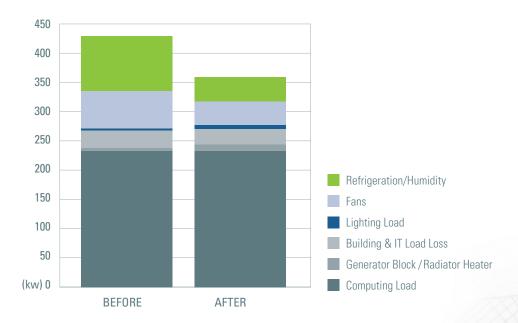
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**NON-IT LOADS**<sup>2</sup>

GOES TO

#### **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

<sup>1</sup>McKinsey & Company, "Revolutionizing Data Center Efficiency", 2008 <sup>2</sup>Wireless Sensor Network for Improving the Energy Efficiency of Data Centers. Rod Mahdavi, William Tschudi (LBNL), March 2012, p.27 <sup>3</sup>Ibid, p.29 <sup>4</sup>Ibid, p.7 <sup>5</sup>Ibid, p.29 \*Subject to evaluation and approval by GSA-IT and Security



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