



Overview of Foundations' Roundtable Meetings and Reports on Building Retrofit Priorities

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Consortium of Foundations – Energy Foundation, Doris Duke, Rockefeller, Kresge, MacArthur, and Living Cities. Sea Change also attended along with several regional foundations.

Retail

- 5 building sectors
 - Commercial Office
 - Residential Multi-Family Health Care

Goal

- (1) most promising approaches to stimulate retrofit market
- (2) areas for further research
- (3) identify cross sector synergies

+ EXAMPLE: Multifamily

- Foster "one stop" shop
- Document best practices of States and utilities.
- Mandatory energy rating and disclosure
- Connect equity markets to centers of excellence
- Lessons learned and replication of on-bill financing
- Messaging to landlords, mortgage holders and tenants
- Mine data to drive demand, financial analysis and benchmarking
- Facilitate mission-driven ESCO's
- Fill gaps with TA, tools, data, packaging, etc.

Further Scoping by Foundations

- Continuing to synthesize the Roundtable information.
- Hiring 5 consultants one per sector, to vet information, research top approaches, and identify any other options.
- Also identified and interviewed other sector experts and leaders to further examine recommendations and strategies to advance the approaches.
- Consultants prepared reports on each of the most promising EE approaches for the Building Retrofit and Industry Market [BRIM] sectors.

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Establish a national network of centers of excellence

• Data acquisition and consistency; support local expertise.

Purse initiatives to improve the availability and affordability of financing

• Strategies to transform the market; address barriers; but not another ESCO.

Foster research focusing on the tenant

• Better understand behavior; energy use feedback; education.

Engage in policy initiatives at the state and local level

• Utility program with whole building approach; benchmarking and disclosure; trained and certified building staff.



- Discussions continuing at the Foundations about the implications of these BRIM report findings for their programs.
- Copies of each of the BRIM reports can be found on the Energy Foundation web-page <u>http://www.ef.org/news_reports.cfm</u>

Under the second listing entitled: "How can Philanthropy Support the Building Retrofit Market?"

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