

EXISTING BUILDING (EB) Services

Strategies to retool your facility for increased financial performance, productivity and building efficiency.

People, assets and competitive advantage – these are key to success in any economy and are primary motives for making a capital investment in buildings of all kinds. Green building has become the standard for good design, but also the foundation for strategies that increase the value of your property. Sustainable improvements to existing buildings realize quick paybacks resulting from reduced utility costs, decreased waste, increased productivity and improved social and corporate equity. With a holistic approach to optimizing your greatest assets – people, property and image – BNIM's **EXISTING BUILDING** services stimulate the success of your business with retrofits that can also qualify for tax incentives, stimulus funding or grants.

EB/ goals



Expand Human Capacity

Enable the intellectual capacity and potential of your most important asset – your people. BNIM can integrate solutions into your built environment that maximize user productivity, learning, interaction and health by targeting strategies that increase effectiveness and user comfort.



Increase Fiscal Performance

Buildings are capital investments.
BNIM identifies and implements the tools and strategies that create a more valuable asset and sustainable economic future. We customize solutions based on each client's needs by looking at energy efficiency, reduced resource consumption, decreased waste and renewable energy.



Improve Building Efficiency

Buildings are a crucial, impactful and inevitable part of our global ecosystem. Introduce systems and processes to lessen impact and resource consumption. Transform your company into a business model and community leader.





EB/ methods & strategies

When considering EB Building Integration and Green retrofitting, individual strategies are a good start. However, great things happens when the strategies are **integrated** into a holistic concept for the building, multiplying the potential impact. BNIM's job is to understand and investigate the possible strategies to create synergy and demonstrate the benefits and ROI. The strategies fall under five basic categories:

Electrical

Savings are usually relative to the mechanical system, as the reduced cooling load from less heat-generating lamp types place less demand on the HVAC system.

STRATEGIES LAMP RETROFIT / LIGHTING CONTROLS (OCCUPANCY AND PHOTO-SENSOR) / REDUCED PLUG LOADS

Mechanical

Modifications, upgrades, monitoring, and careful maintenance of a building's mechanical systems offers significant energy cost savings, while minimizing environmental impacts. These strategies often yield the fiscal benefits from increased human health and productivity through thermal comfort improvements.

STRATEGIES EQUIPMENT AND CONTROLS
UPGRADES / MEASUREMENT AND
VERIFICATION / RETRO-COMMISSIONING

Water

Water is an endangered resource on a global scale. Methods aimed at reduced consumption, reclamation, and on-site water treatment systems reduce costs and work towards resource independence.

STRATEGIES RAINWATER HARVESTING (REUSE) / GREYWATER REUSE / RETROFIT LOW-FLOW PLUMBING FIXTURES

Waste

Buildings produce waste products in forms such as water, biological, paper, plastics, metals, and exhaust (GHG's). The increased efficiencies gained from these strategies will consequently reduce a building's contribution to the waste stream; further reductions can be realized through streamlining processes, thereby reducing costs.

STRATEGIES GREEN CLEANING & PURCHASING, RECYCLING PROGRAMS, MATERIAL REUSE

Building Envelope

A significant amount of heat (and energy expenditure) is lost through the skin of a building. Strategies include a new, high performance envelope or changes to tighten the performance of the existing shell.

STRATEGIES RE-SEALING OPENINGS, RE-INSULATE, SHADING DEVICES, GREEN ROOF SYSTEM

EB/ facts & figures

- A 1% increase in productivity can save employers \$600 - \$700 per worker per year¹
- Employees who work in green buildings are taking 45% fewer sick days²
- In green buildings, energy can be reduced from 30 - 50% and water usage decreased by 30% or more 3

Research shows that many times green building projects, including LEED projects, can be constructed with a 0-2% increase over a standard budget 4

¹ cdn.thestreet.com/story/10440217/1/green-retrofits-more-than-pay-for-themselves.html

² Green Buildings and Productivity, Draft: August 19, 2009, Forthcoming in the Journal of Sustainable Real Estate, Vol. 1, No. 1, Fall 2009 see www.josre.org

³ edcmag.com/Articles/Leed/2eba4d6efa697010VgnVCM100000f932a8c0___ | A Blueprint for Green Building Economics, David Gottfried, July 11, 2003 4 Costing Green: A Comprehensive Cost Database and Budgeting Methodology, July 2004, Lisa Fay Matthiessen and Peter Morris, DAVIS LANGDON

