

# *Reducing Energy Usage by 50%*

## *Overview of the Advanced Energy Design Guides*

NASEO Annual Meeting  
September 10, 2014  
Savannah, GA

Mick Schwedler, PE, LEED® AP BD+C  
Manager, Trane Applications Eng.  
AEDG Steering Committee Chair  
ASHRAE Director-at-Large

# Acknowledgements

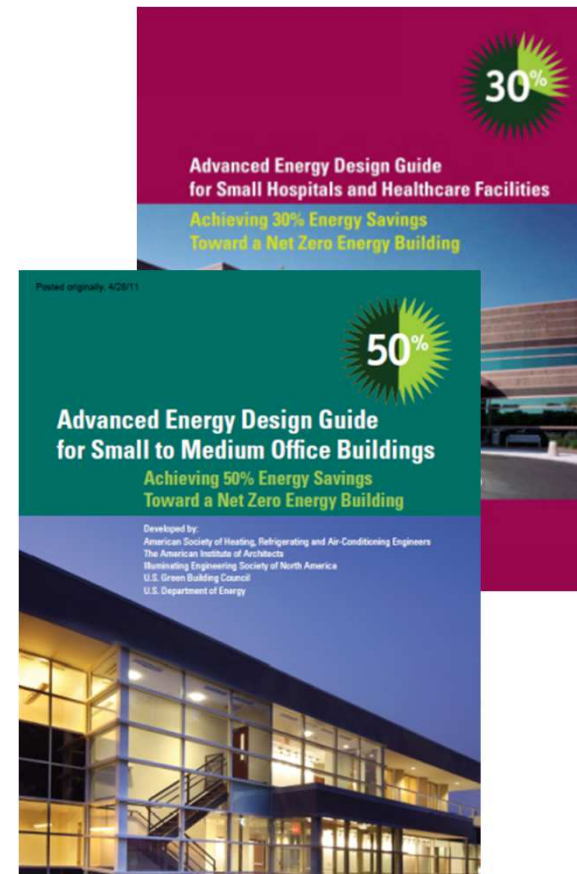
- ▶ Special thanks to....
  - Chris Wagner
  - David Terry

**Graphics from the Advanced Energy Design Guides  
used by permission of ASHRAE.  
Download at [www.ashrae.org/freeaedg](http://www.ashrae.org/freeaedg)**

# The AEDG Series

How do I achieve these energy savings targets (i.e., 30% or 50%) in my *real* building?

- ▶ Design and operation guidance — *not* a code or standard
- ▶ Two AEDG series:
  - 30% energy savings
  - 50% energy savings



# AEDG Partnership

- ▶ Collaboration of professional organizations and DOE
- ▶ Specialized Project Committee for each guide
- ▶ Oversight is provided via AEDG Steering Committee
- ▶ Backed by DOE's national laboratory leadership, energy simulation, technical analysis and support
- ▶ Open peer review and commentary process



AIA



# AEDG Document Content

AEDG presents:

- ▶ “A Way Not The Only Way...” to achieve the desired savings.
- ▶ How to use **energy modeling** for design of buildings not amenable to tables.
- ▶ A **prescriptive path by climate zone** to achieve desired savings
- ▶ **How-to tips** and caveats for selected energy conservation measures

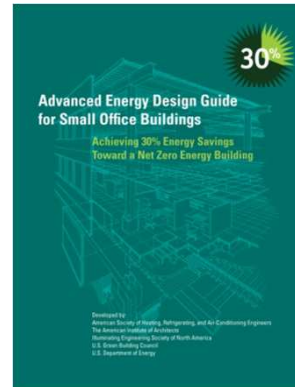
# Advanced Energy Design Guides



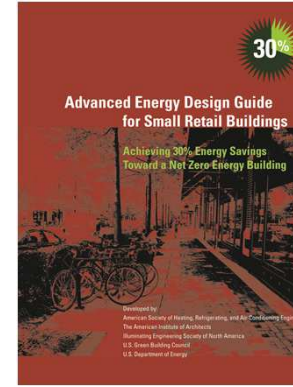
- ▶ Six 30% Guides published and available for free download
- ▶ Circulation of 30% Series Guides is 400,000+ copies
- ▶ 30% energy savings over 90.1-1999
- ▶ The 30% AEDGs help promote building energy efficiency worldwide

Free download at:

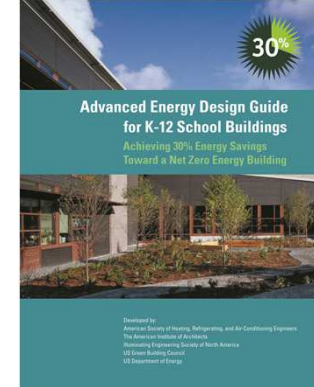
[www.ashrae.org/freeaedg](http://www.ashrae.org/freeaedg)



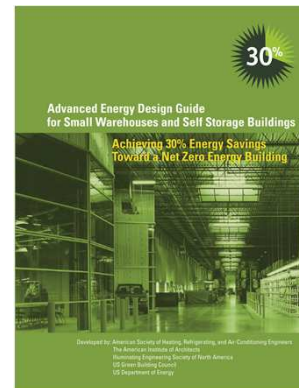
Small Office



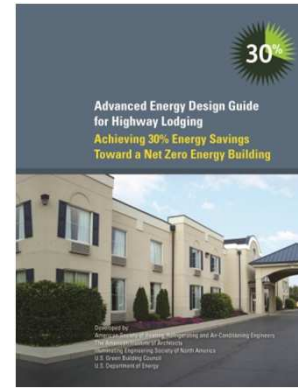
Small Retail



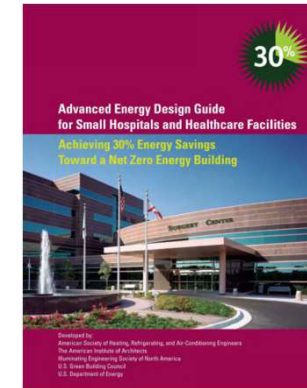
K-12 School



Warehouse



Highway Lodging



Small Hospital



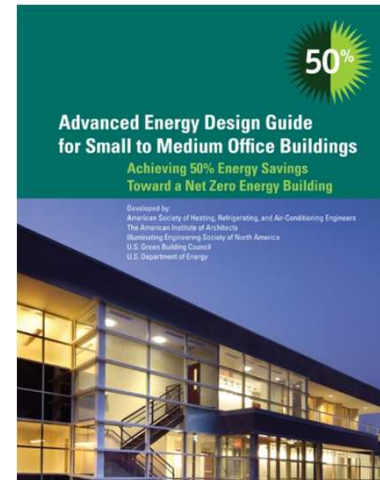
# Advanced Energy Design Guides



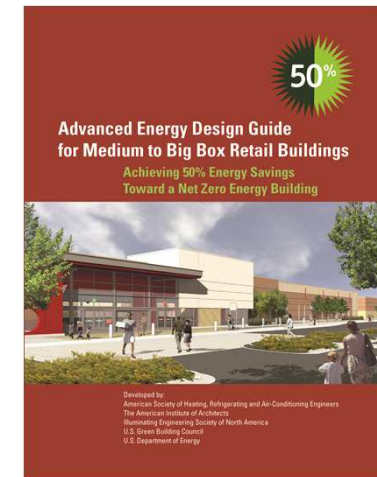
- ▶ Four 50% Guides published and available for free download
  - ▶ 50% Grocery Guide is in progress
- ▶ Circulation of 50% Series Guides is 100,000+ copies
- ▶ 50% energy savings over 90.1-2004
  - ▶ Think of the guides at 50% on the way to zero net energy

Free download at:

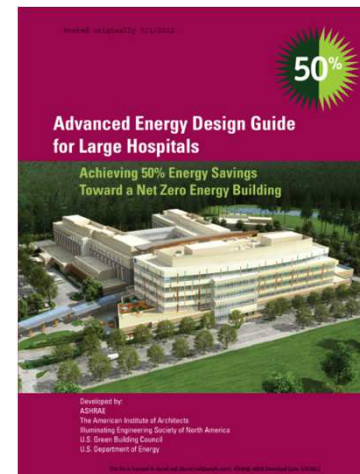
[www.ashrae.org/freeaedg](http://www.ashrae.org/freeaedg)



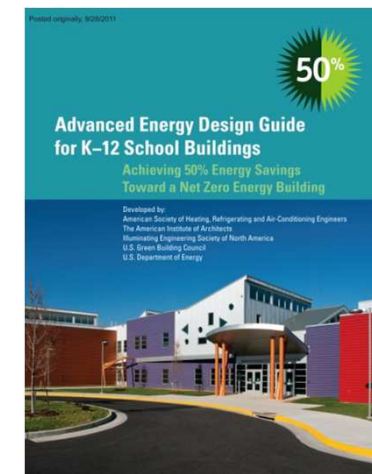
Office



Medium, Big Box Retail



Hospitals



K12 Schools

# AEDG Table of Contents

## Chapter – Introduction

- How to use this document

## Chapter 2 – Integrated Design Process

- How the design process changes in order to achieve 50% energy savings

## Chapter 3 – Integrated Design Strategies

- Overview of the technical approaches to achieving 50% savings

## Chapter 4 – Design Strategies and Recommendations by Climate Zone

- Specific technical requirements to meet the 50% goal

## Chapter 5 – How To Implement Recommendations

- Specific technical guidance for implementation of recommendations, including technical resources and warnings

## Appendices

- Envelope Thermal Performance Factors
- International Climatic Zone Definitions
- Commissioning Information and Examples
- Early Phase Energy Balancing Calculations



# Savings Opportunities Vary with Climate

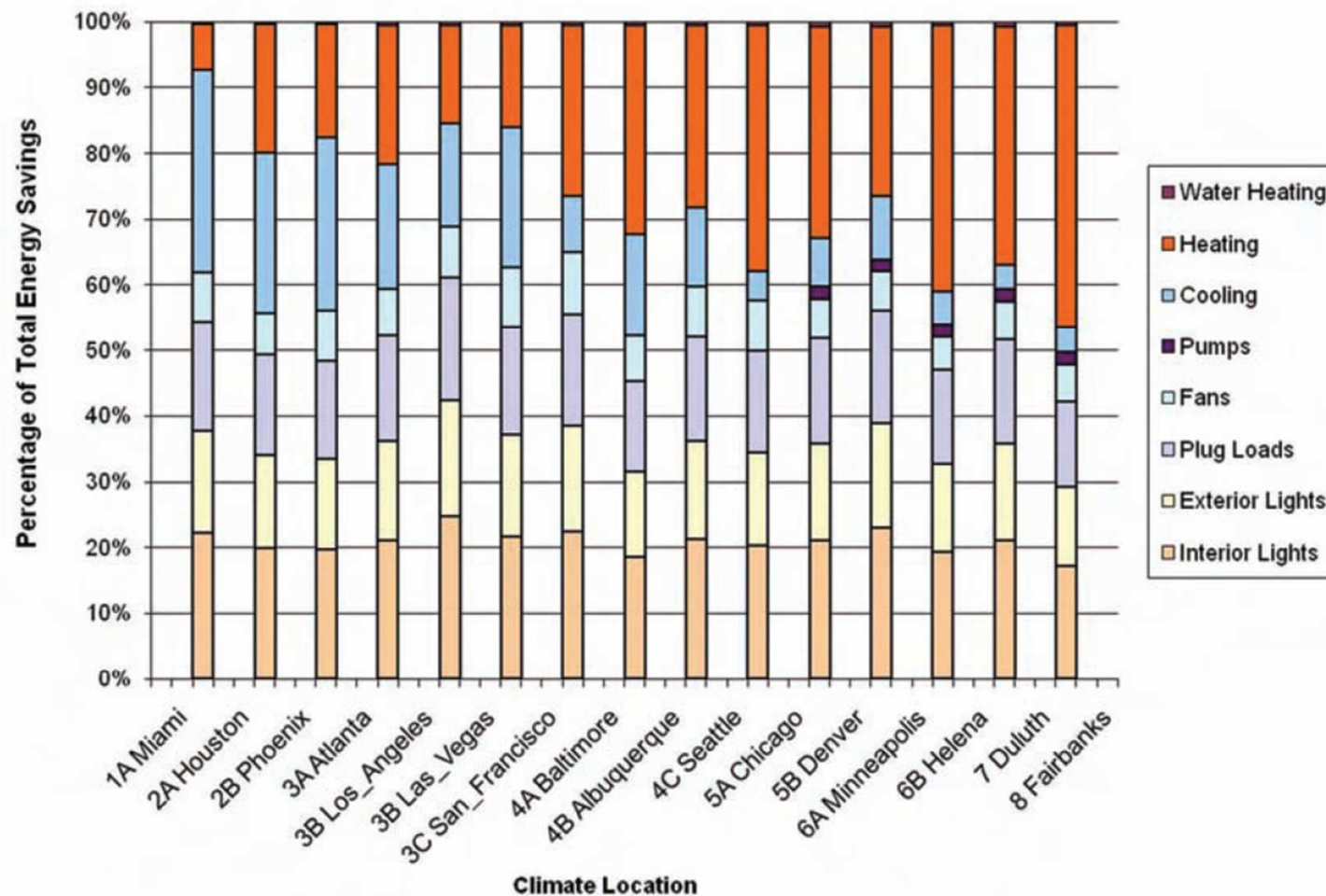
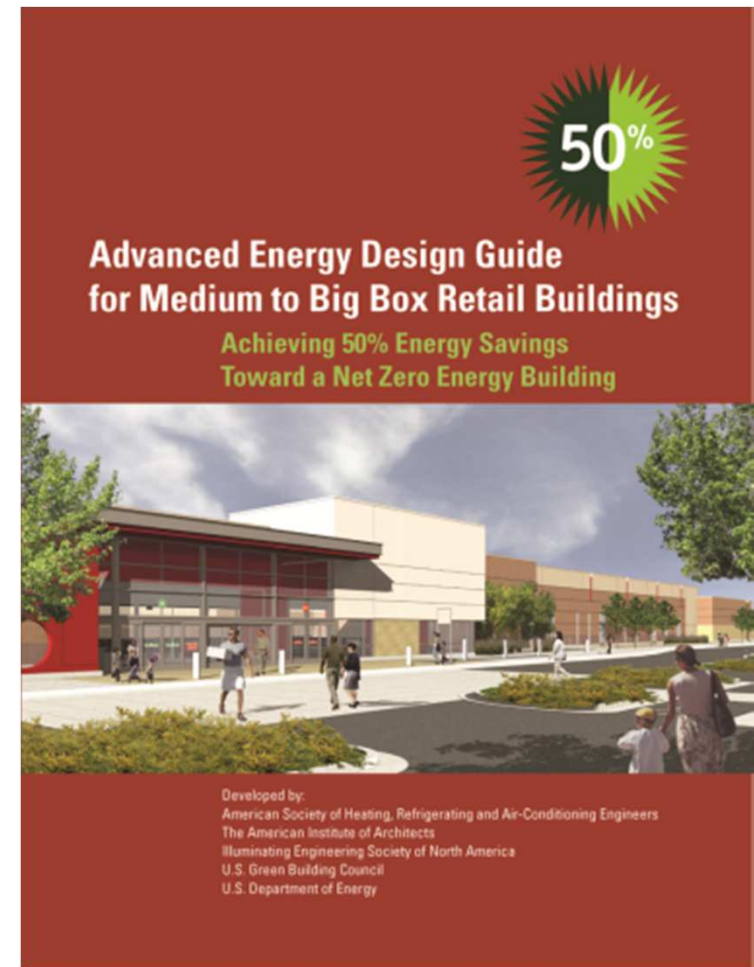


Figure 3-14 Percentage of Total Energy Savings arising from Each End-Use System

Source: Thornton et al. (2009)

# Medium to Big Box Retail Buildings

- ▶ Applies primarily to retail buildings with 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> to 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of floor area
- ▶ Many recommendations also apply to smaller and larger retail buildings
- ▶ Defines an MBR building as having the following common space types:
  - Sales areas
  - Administrative and office areas
  - Meeting and dining areas
  - Hallways and restrooms
  - Storage spaces and mechanical/electrical rooms
- ▶ Does not cover specialty items such as commercial refrigeration



# Big Box Retail with Variable Air Volume

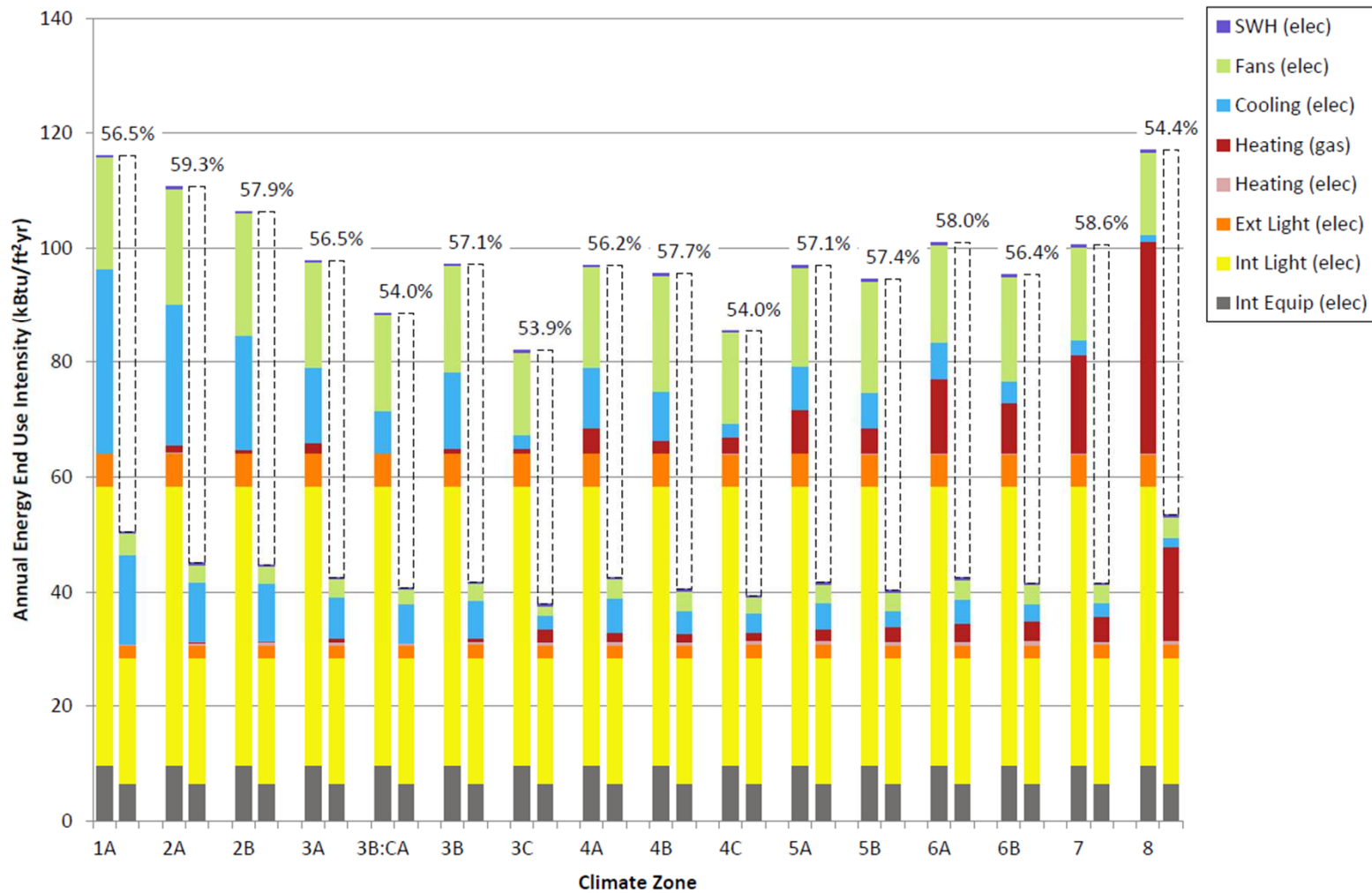


Figure 5-3 Big box VAV simulation results

Baseline and Energy Efficient Building EUI Comparison

# Recommendations by Climate Zone

## Each CZ table fits on two pages

- ▶ **Building envelope**
  - insulation, fenestration, leakage
- ▶ **Lighting**
  - interior, exterior, daylighting
- ▶ **HVAC**
  - design, equipment, controls
- ▶ **Plug/process loads**
  - equipment, controls, kitchens
- ▶ **Service water heating**
  - equipment, insulation
- ▶ **Measurement & verification**

**Climate Zone 3 Recommendation Table for Table for Large Hospitals**

Item	Component	Recommendation	How-to Tips		
Envelope	Form/space planning	Proper zoning	Group similar space types within the building footprint. E1.4-6		
	Roofs	Insulation entirely above deck	R-25.0 c.i.	EN2, 15-17	
		Solar reflectance index (SRI)	78	EN1	
	Walls	Mass (HC > 7 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	R-11.4 c.i.	EN3, 15-17	
		Steel framed	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	EN4, 15-17	
	Floors	Below-grade walls	R-7.5 c.i. (Comply with Standard 90.1* in 3A)	EN5, 15-17	
		Mass	R-12.5 c.i.	EN6, 15-17	
	Slabs	Steel framed	R-30.0	EN7, 15-17	
		Unheated	Comply with Standard 90.1*		
	Doors	Heated	R-15.0 for 24 in.	EN9-10, 15-17	
	Nonswinging				
<b>Climate Zone 3 Recommendation Table for Table for Large Hospitals (Continued)</b>					
Item	Component	Recommendation	How-to Tips		
Plug/process loads	Vestibules	At primary visit			
		Continuous air			
	Continuous air barriers	Window-to-wall	Cooking equipment	ENERGY STAR or California rebate-qualified equipment. PL8-9	
		Thermal transmittance	Refrigeration equipment	6 in. insulation on low-temp walk-in equipment, insulated floor, LED lighting, floating-head pressure controls, liquid pressure amplifier, subcooled liquid refrigerant, evaporative condensers. PL8-8, 12	
	Vertical fenestration (full assembly—NFRC rating)	Solar heat gain coefficient	Exhaust hoods	Side panels, larger overhangs, rear seal at appliances, proximity hoods, VAV demand-based exhaust. PL8, 10, 13	
		Light-to-solar-gain ratio	Process loads	Elevators	Use traction elevators for all elevators, and use regenerative traction elevators for all high-use elevators. PL16
	Form-driven daylighting option	Diagnostic and imaging	Service water heating	Gas water heater (condensing) 90% efficiency Point-of-use water heater 0.81 EF or 81% E <sub>f</sub> Electric-heat-pump water heater 2.33 EF Pipe insulation (d < 1.5 in./d ≥ 1.5 in.) 1.0 in./1.5 in.	
		Inpatient units	Heating system	No central steam Use hot-water distribution system Water-cooled chiller 6.5 COP Water-circulation pumps VFD and NEMA premium Cooling towers VFD on lower fans	
	Daylighting/ Lighting	Uniform-driven daylighting option	Staff areas (no offices, comms reception) and spaces as app	Water-source heat pump (WSHP) system with DOAS	Boiler efficiency 90% E <sub>f</sub> Maximum fan power bhp ≤ supply cfm × 0.0012 + A Economizer Comply with Standard 90.1* WSHP part-load/full-load cooling efficiency 17.615.0 EER WSHP part-load/full-load heating efficiency 5.7/5.0 COP WSHP compressor capacity control Two-speed or variable-speed
			Staff areas (no offices, comms reception)	Central air-handling system	Water-circulation pumps VFD and NEMA premium Closed-circuit cooling tower VFD on fans Boiler efficiency 90% E <sub>f</sub> Maximum fan power 0.4 Wlcm Exhaust-air energy recovery in DOAS A (humid zones) = 60% total effectiveness B (dry zones) = 60% sensible effectiveness C (marine zones) = 60% total effectiveness
Interior finishes		Room interior	Surgery	DOAS ventilation control DCV with VFD HV10-11 Water-cooled chiller 6.5 COP HV8, 35 Water-circulation pumps VFD and NEMA premium HV35 Cooling towers VFD on lower fans HV37	
		Lighting power		Water-cooled chiller 6.5 COP HV8, 35 Water-circulation pumps VFD and NEMA premium HV35 Cooling towers VFD on lower fans HV37	
Interior lighting		Ballasts—4 ft	Nonemergency	Boiler efficiency 90% E <sub>f</sub> Maximum fan power 0.4 Wlcm Exhaust-air energy recovery in DOAS A (humid zones) = 60% total effectiveness B (dry zones) = 60% sensible effectiveness C (marine zones) = 60% total effectiveness	
		Ballasts—Fluo		DOAS ventilation control DCV with VFD HV10-11 Heat recovery water-cooled chiller 4.55 COP HV8, 36, 38 Water-cooled chiller 6.5 COP HV8, 35 Water-circulation pumps VFD and NEMA premium HV35 Cooling towers VFD on lower fans HV37	
Exterior lighting		Surgery task li	QA/A	Boiler efficiency 90% E <sub>f</sub> Maximum fan power bhp ≤ supply cfm × 0.0012 + A Economizer Comply with Standard 90.1* Exhaust-air energy recovery in DOAS A (humid zones) = 60% total effectiveness B (dry zones) = 60% sensible effectiveness C (marine zones) = 60% total effectiveness	
		Exit signage		DOAS ventilation control DCV with VFD HV10-11 Motorized HV14, 31 Dust seal class A HV22, 24 Insulation level R-6 HV22-23	
Equipment choices		Computers	Measurement and verification	Electrical submeters QA12-14 Benchmarks QA15 Training QA12-15	
		Vending mach	Occupancy sen		
Controls	Timer switches				

\*Note: Where the table says "Comply with Standard 90.1," the user must meet the more stringent of either the more current version of Standard 90.1 or the local code requirements.

Source: 50% AEDG for Large Hospitals from ASHRAE

# Recommendation Table Contents

Climate Zone 3 Recommendation Table for Table for Large Hospitals

Item	Component	Recommendation	How-to Tips
Form/space planning	Proper zoning	Group similar space types within the building footprint	DL4-6
	Insulation entirely above deck	R-25.0 c.i.	EN2, 15-17
Roofs	Solar reflectance index (SRI)	78	EN1
	Mass (HC > 7 Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	R-11.4 c.i.	EN3, 15-17
Walls	Steel framed	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	EN4, 15-17
	Below-grade walls	R-7.5 c.i. (Comply with Standard 90.1* in 3A)	EN5, 15-17

Item	Component	Recommendation	How-to Tips
------	-----------	----------------	-------------

- How-to Tips contain
  - Specific recommendations
  - Guidance on good practice for implementation
  - Cautions to avoid known problems

Daylighting/ Lighting	Vertical fenestration (full assembly—NFRC rating)	Window-to-wall ratio	40% of net wall (floor-ceiling)	DL7, EN20
		Thermal transmittance	Nonmetal framing windows = 0.56 Metal framing windows = 0.65	EN18-20, 22-25
	Form-driven daylighting option	Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC)	Nonmetal framing windows = 0.41 Metal framing windows = 0.6	EN19-20, 23-25
		Light-to-solar gain ratio (LSG)	All orientations ≥ 1.5	EN24
	Nonform-driven daylighting option	Exterior sun control	South orientation only – PF = 0.5	EN21, DL13-14
		All spaces	Comply with LEED for healthcare credits IEQ 8.1 (daylighting) and IEQ 8.2 (views)	DL3-6
	Interior finishes	Diagnostic and treatment block	Shape the building footprint and form such that the area within 15 ft of the perimeter exceeds 40% of the floorplate.	DL6
		Inpatient units	Ensure that 75% of the occupied space not including patient rooms lies within 20 ft of the perimeter.	DL6
	Interior lighting	Staff areas (exam rooms, nurse stations, offices, corridors), public spaces (waiting, reception), and other regularly occupied spaces as applicable	Design the building form to maximize access to natural light, through sidelighting and toplighting.	DL8-14, 20-23
			Add daylight controls to any space within 15 ft of a perimeter window.	DL20-23
Room interior surface average reflectance		Ceilings ≥ 80% Walls ≥ 70%	DL17	
Lighting power density (LPD)		Whole building = 0.9 W/ft <sup>2</sup> Space-by-space per Table 5-4 T8 & T5 > 2 ft = 92	EL1, 12-20	
Interior lighting	Light source efficacy (mean lumens per watt)	T8 & T5 < 2 ft = 85	EL2-5	
		All other > 50		
	Ballasts—4 ft T8 Lamps	Nondimming = NEMA Premium Dimming = NEMA Premium Program Start	EL2	
	Ballasts—Fluorescent and HID	Electronic	EL2-5	
	Dimming controls daylight harvesting	Dim all fixtures in daylighted zones.	DL20-23, EL11	
	Lighting controls—General	Manual ON, autotimed OFF in all areas as possible	EL6,21	
Exterior lighting	Surgery task lights	Use LED lights exclusively.	EL14	
	Exit signage	0.1-0.2 W Light Emitting Capacitor (LEC)	EL22	
	Facade and landscape lighting	exit signs exclusively	EL23	
Equipment choices	Parking lots and drives	LPD = 0.15 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	EL23	
	All other exterior lighting	LPD = 0.1 W/ft <sup>2</sup>	EL23	
Controls	Computers	LPD = Comply with Standard 90.1* Auto reduce to 25% (12 am-6 am)	EL23	
	ENERGY STAR® equipment	Laptops = minimum 2/3 of total computers All others = mini desktop computers	PL2	
Controls	Vending machines	All computers, equipment, appliances	PL5	
	Computer power control	Delamp and specify best in class efficiency.	PL3, 7	
Controls	Occupancy sensors	Network control with power saving modes and control during unoccupied hours or IT enterprise power management software	PL2	
	Timer switches	Office plug occupancy sensors	PL3	
Controls	Water coolers, coffee makers, small appliances = auto OFF during unoccupied hours		PL3	



# Guide Contents—Case Studies

## Great River Medical Center

- ▶ West Burlington, Iowa
- ▶ 700,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ 190 inpatient beds, 8 operating rooms
- ▶ Two 99,000-ft<sup>2</sup> medical office buildings
- ▶ Heated and cooled with one of the largest lake-coupled geothermal systems in the United States
  - 1800 tons of cooling
  - 85-mile long piping system
  - 800 heat pumps
- ▶ 96 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>·yr whole-building energy use intensity
  - Average hospital is at about 240 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>·yr
- ▶ \$0.94/ft<sup>2</sup>·yr in utility costs
  - Average hospital is at about \$2.39/ft<sup>2</sup>·yr







# Guide Contents—Technology Case Studies

- Daylighting Examples


Examples of Daylighting Strategies in K-12 School Spaces



Classroom and Gymnasium with Baffles tracks South Facing Monitor



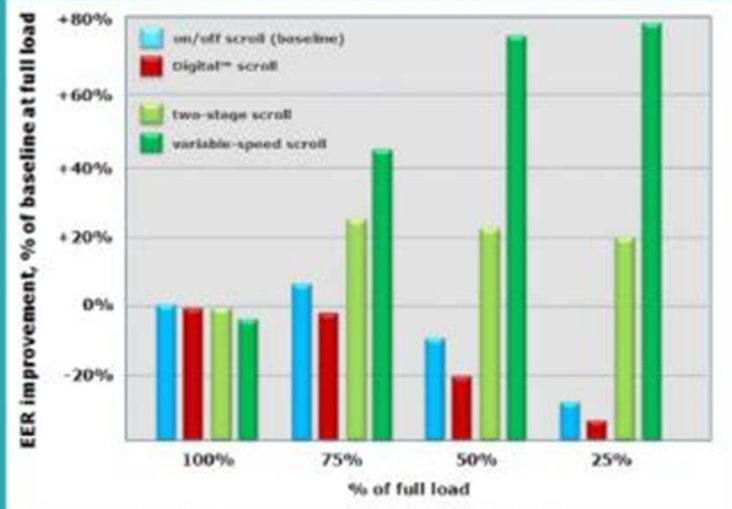
Cafeteria and Multipurpose Rooms with Roof Monitors



Library/Media Centers Using South Facing Roof Monitors with Baffles

- Variable-Speed Compressors

Two-Stage or Variable-Speed Compressors



% of full load	on/off scroll (baseline)	Digital™ scroll	two-stage scroll	variable-speed scroll
100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
75%	~8%	~-5%	~25%	~45%
50%	~-10%	~-20%	~22%	~75%
25%	~-15%	~-25%	~20%	~78%

Relative performance of variable-capacity compressors  
(4-ton water-source heat pump)

Recently, several equipment manufacturers have developed water-source or ground-source heat pumps that include a two-stage or variable-speed compressor. Compared to the on/off compressor that has historically been used in this type of equipment, a two-stage or variable-speed compressor is better able to match cooling or heating capacity with the changing load in the zone. This typically improves comfort and also results in reduced energy use during part-load conditions, as demonstrated in the chart showing relative performance of variable-capacity compressors.

When combined with a multiple-speed or variable-speed fan, this type of equipment can also result in better part-load dehumidification performance than a traditional heat pump with a constant-speed fan and an on/off compressor. This improvement is due to the reduction in airflow at part load, which allows the heat pump to deliver cooler and therefore drier air to the zone. This can lower indoor humidity levels.

## 7. Quality Assurance How-To Tips

- ▶ Good Design Practice
- ▶ Commissioning
- ▶ Measurement and Verification
- ▶ Operations and Maintenance

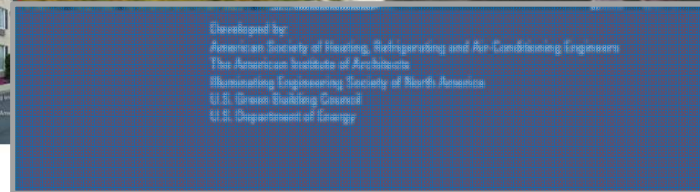
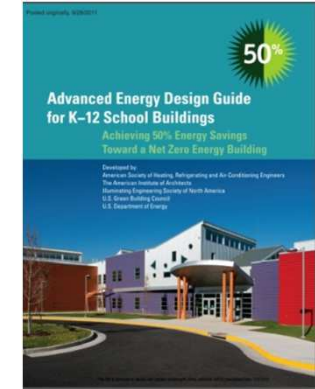
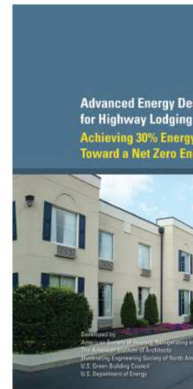
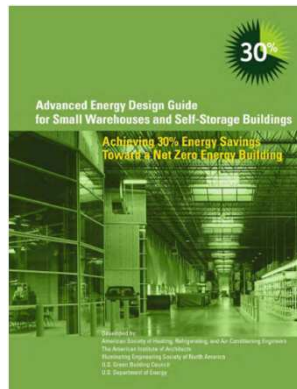
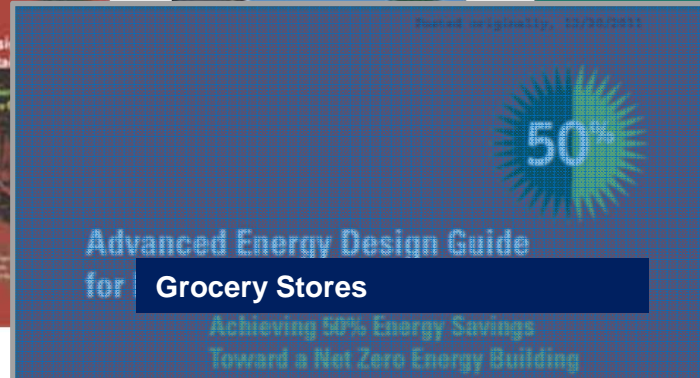
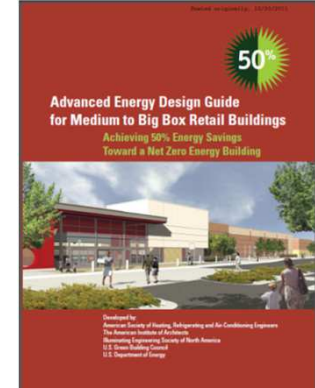
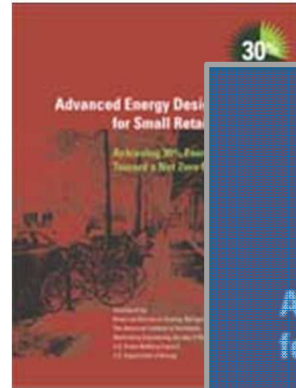
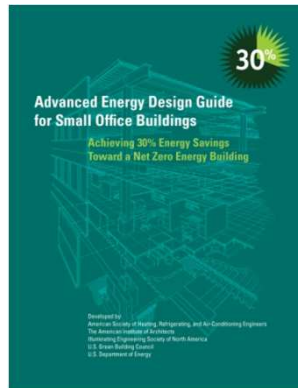
## 8. Bonus Savings and Renewables How-To Tips

The below strategies are not required to achieve the performance goals of the AEDG's, but offer the opportunity for additional savings:

- ▶ Natural Ventilation
- ▶ Thermal Storage
- ▶ Cogeneration
- ▶ Evaporative Cooling
- ▶ Solar Thermal
- ▶ Photovoltaics
- ▶ Wind Energy



# The ASHRAE Advanced Energy Design Guides





# Advanced Energy Design Guides

- ▶ Developed by AIA, ASHRAE, IES and USGBC; and supported by the U.S. DOE
- ▶ Recommendations fit on two pages
  - Practitioners consider this a menu of vetted options
- ▶ Significant “How-to” expertise shared
- ▶ May download for free



**Questions?**

**[www.ashrae.org/freeaedg](http://www.ashrae.org/freeaedg)**