

A PROPOSED LEAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR BUILDING ENERGY RETROFITS

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Some Definitions to Begin

- Building Retrofit: Changing or updating some or all of a building to improve its performance
- Building **Energy** Retrofit: Replacing, restoring, or updating one or more building systems in order to reduce the energy consumed by the building, generally on an annual basis
- Leaner: Less wasteful, more inclusive, and more transparent
- Retrofit Decisionmaking Process: A **system** comprising the **people** that decide which building systems to change and **how** those systems will change



Motivation

- Buildings consume a lot of energy (~40% of US national primary energy consumption)
- People spend ~90% of their time indoors
- Increasing climate extremes
- My kids (and yours!)





Local Examples







"Traditional" Building Energy Retrofit Decision-making Process



Hendron et al. 2013



Economic Approach to Retrofit Decisionmaking

Commission existing building	 Least cost 		
Load-based retrofits	 Generally cost effective 		
Air and water system retrofits	 Cost-effective in most cases 		
Heating and cooling system retrofits	 Cost-effective in extreme climates 		



Something is Missing...?







Let's Leverage CBA to Improve this Process

Charrette member crating	Measures deciding	Design alternatives generating	Decision- making charrette	Retrofit plan delivered
 CBA stage- setting phase: Identify the <i>stakeholders</i> Identify the <i>interest</i> and <i>criteria</i> 	 CBA innovation phase I: Create the <i>possibilities</i> 	 CBA innovation phase II: Determine the <i>attributes</i> of alternatives and thus, <i>advantages</i> 	 CBA decision- making phase: Decide the <i>importance</i> of each advantage Choose the prefered 	 CBA reconsideration phase: Check and evaluate before the delivery



THANK YOU & ANY QUESTIONS?

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