



# Enercare

Zero Net Energy Building Controls

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# Overview of CABA

## CABA (Continental Automated Buildings Association)

### Vision

- CABA advances the connected home and intelligent buildings sectors.

### Mission

- CABA enables organizations and individuals to make informed decisions about the integration of technology, ecosystems and connected lifestyles in homes and buildings.



**CABA**  
Connected Home Council



**CABA**  
Intelligent Buildings Council



# CABA Board of Directors

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# About the “Zero Net Energy Building Controls” Research



- CABA commissioned New Buildings Institute (NBI) to conduct this research with a collaborative framework that engaged funders from a cross-section of building technology solution providers.
- Research Objective: Characterize Controls Technology & Strategies in Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Buildings.

# Project Funders





# Research Design

## Investigate Building Energy Monitoring & Controls Systems in Low-Energy and ZNE Buildings

### Areas of inquiry and participants:

#### 1. The Selection and the System.

What did they choose and why.

Design Firms

#### 2. The Energy Impact.

Savings assumptions in modeling and attribution in use.

Design Firms and Operators

#### 3. The Use and User Experience.

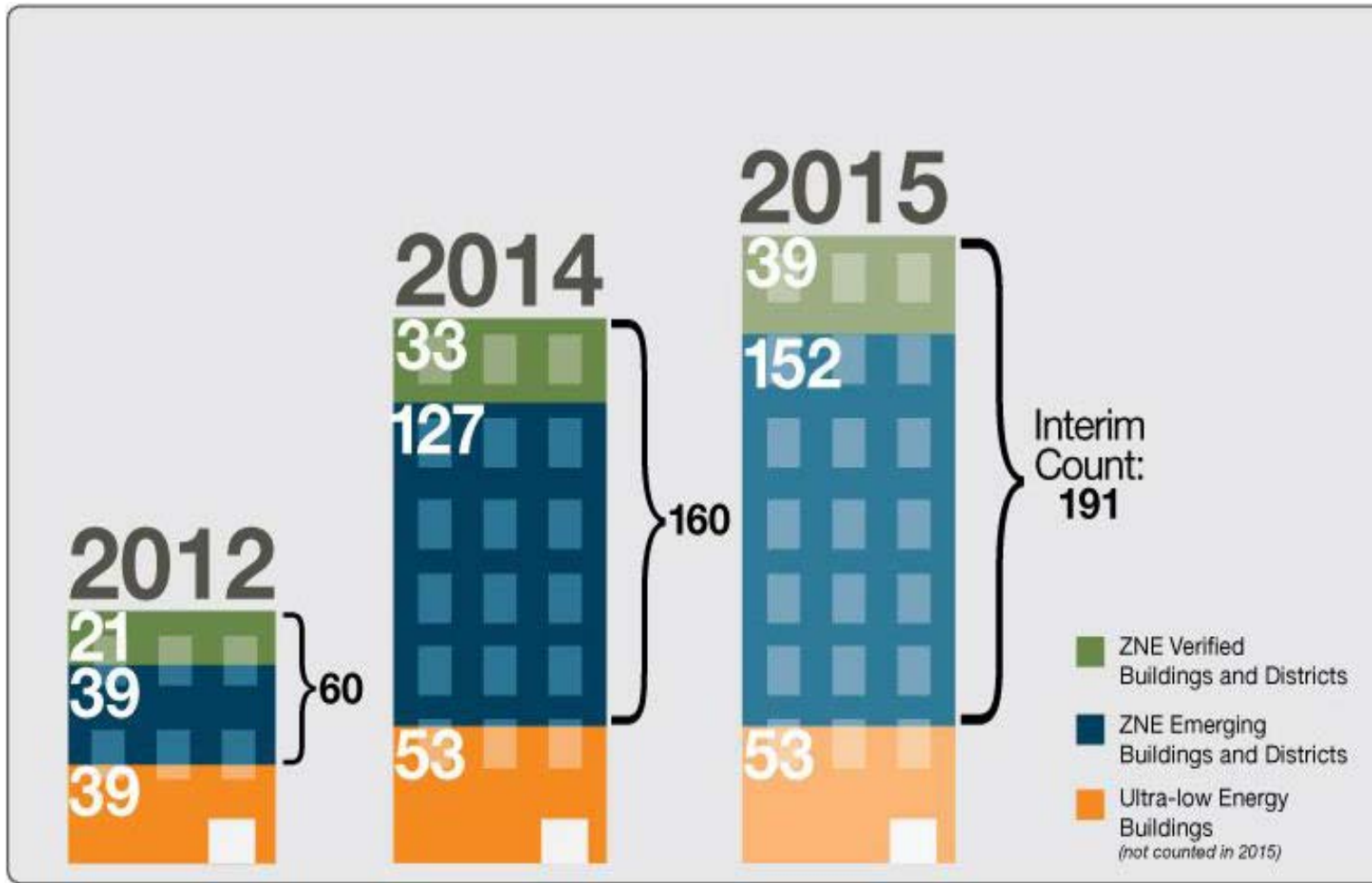
How is it being used, what is effective and lacking.

Operators and Occupants

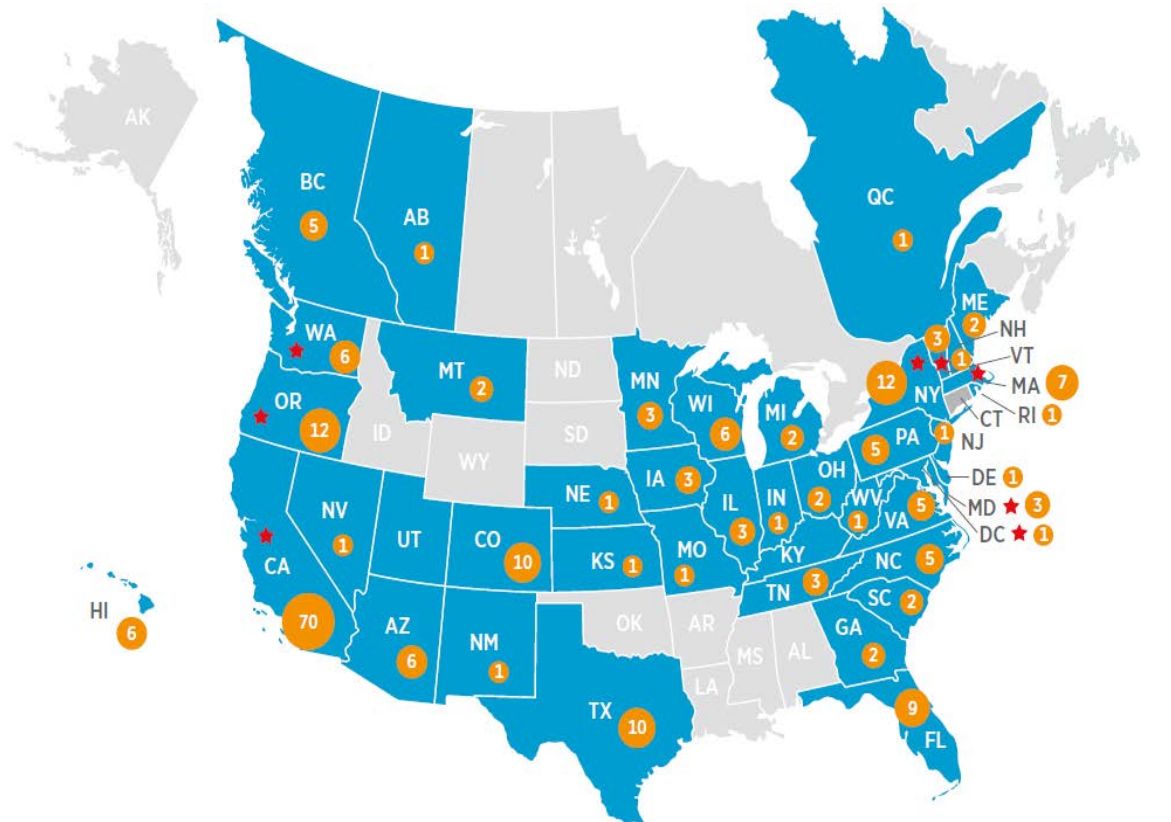




# Sample Group



# Sample Location



**NBI's North America database**

**Mainly 10,000 – 100,000+ sqft**

**Mainly Offices & Higher Ed**

- (Also: Courthouse, Lab, Library...)

**Climate: CA has most ZNE buildings**

- (Also: Canada, PNW, NE, CO)

# Number of buildings and projects (225)

ZNE emerging and/or verified buildings (42 states and provinces, and the District of Columbia)

★ States with reach code adopted or in development

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# Background – Getting to Zero Net Energy Buildings

A Zero Net Energy (ZNE) building generates as much energy as it consumes annually. Also known as Net Zero Energy.

**Zero** = 'nothing'

**Net** = On-site Energy Production (renewable) minus Energy Use, over 1 year

**Energy** = All energy (electric, gas, steam, liquid fuel etc.) consumed on site

# What does ZNE look like?



ZNE Buildings have very low energy loads such that the annual energy consumption is balanced by on-site renewable energy



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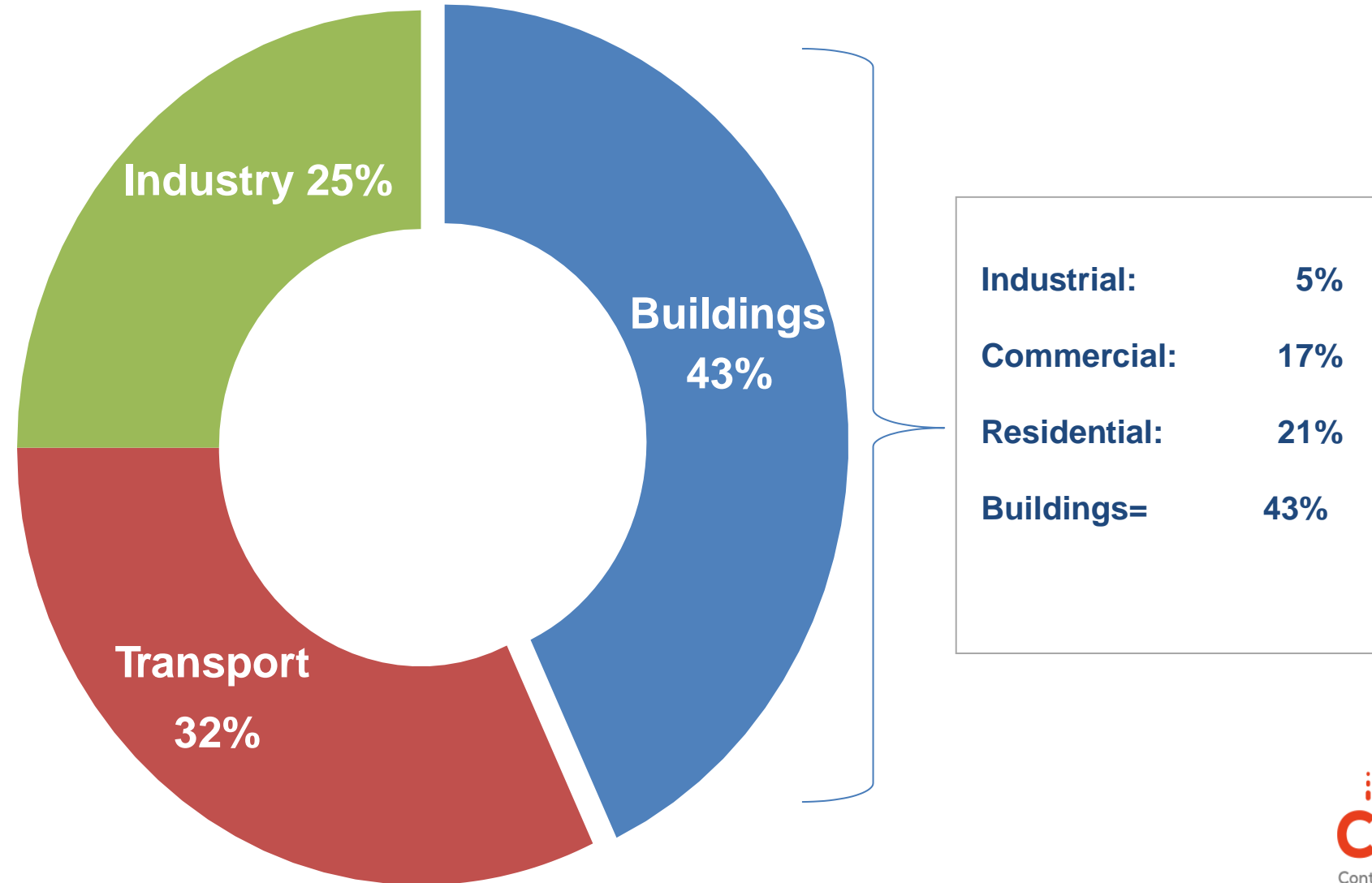
Germany's Solar Coated Building  
by surPLUShome



The Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building  
and U.S. Courthouse in Grand Junction,  
CO, which GSA is aiming to turn into a  
Net-Zero Energy usage historic  
building.  
(Photo courtesy of GSA)



# CO2 Emissions from Fossil Fuels by Sector



Data Source: Pew Center on Global Climate Change

# NZE Facts

1-3% added initial cost of construction could save up to 60 percent of energy use in new buildings. (2013 Cost Comparison of ZNE and LBC for the District of Columbia)



Buildings are responsible for at least 40% of energy use in most countries. (The World Business Council for Sustainable Development)

The first commercial-scale net-zero building was a center for environmental studies, completed at Oberlin College in Ohio in 2000. (Scientific America)

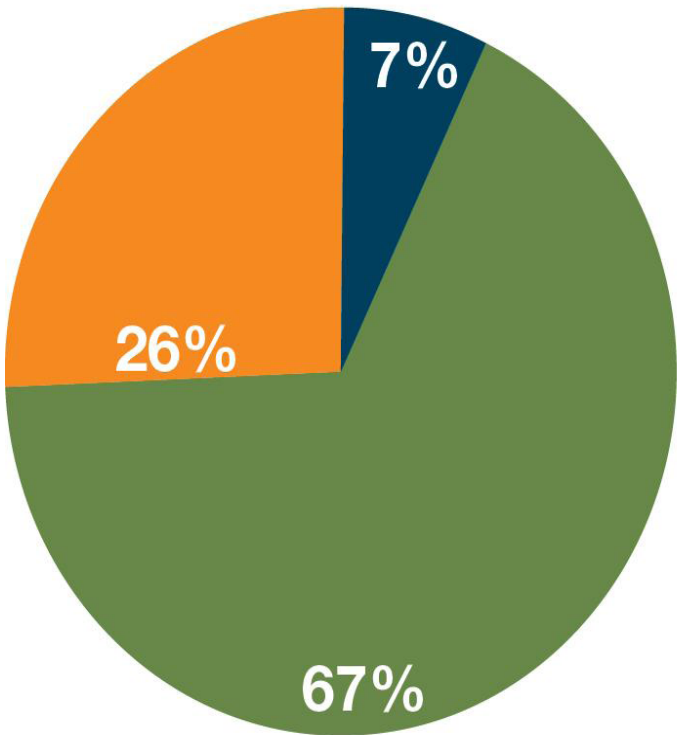


California's Net Zero Energy Building Mandate To Reshape US Construction Industry



# Who is going to Zero?

## Ownership Types of ZNE Buildings



McDonalds  
Solterra  
Architects  
Domus  
Frito-Lay  
Adobe  
JC Johnson Co.  
TNT Express  
Bayer

Walgreens  
PNC Bank  
Melink Corp.  
Kaiser Permanente  
TD Bank  
Honda  
3C Company  
Bubbly Dynamics

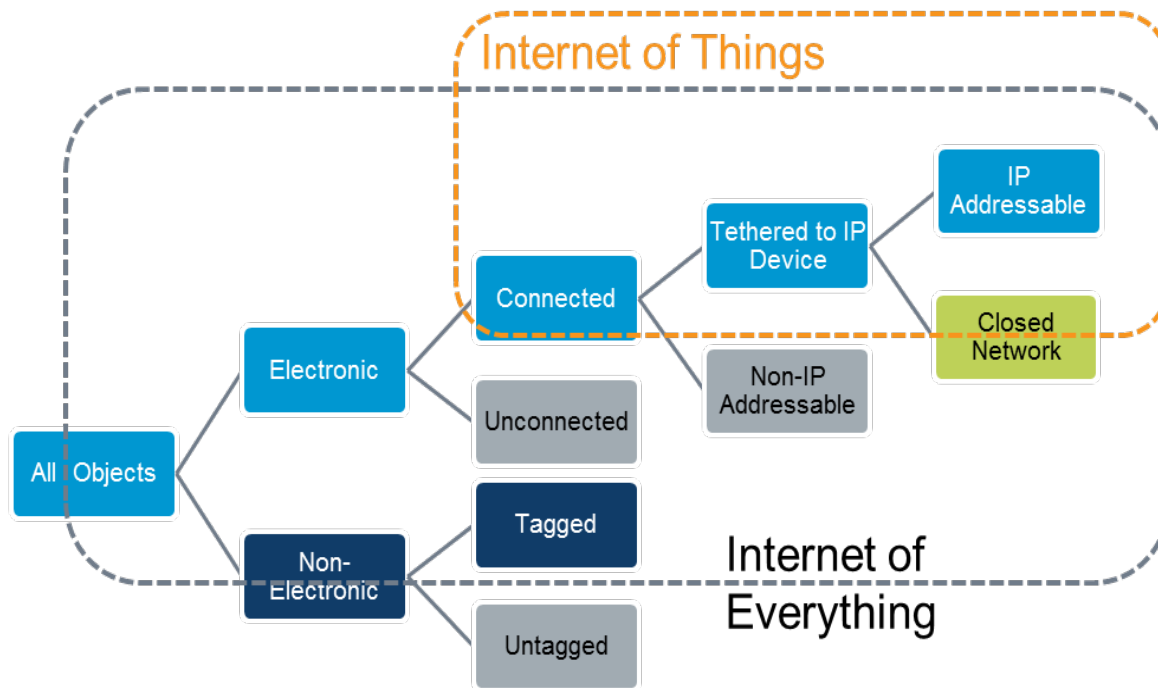
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Morphosis  
Hines  
Green Leaf Inn  
DPR Construction  
KB Homes  
Hewlett Packard  
Walt Disney

**States :** CA, CO, DC, DE, MA, MN, NY, NM, OR, RI, VT, WA

**Cities:** Seattle, Austin, Cambridge, Lancaster, Fort Collins Tucson/Pima County

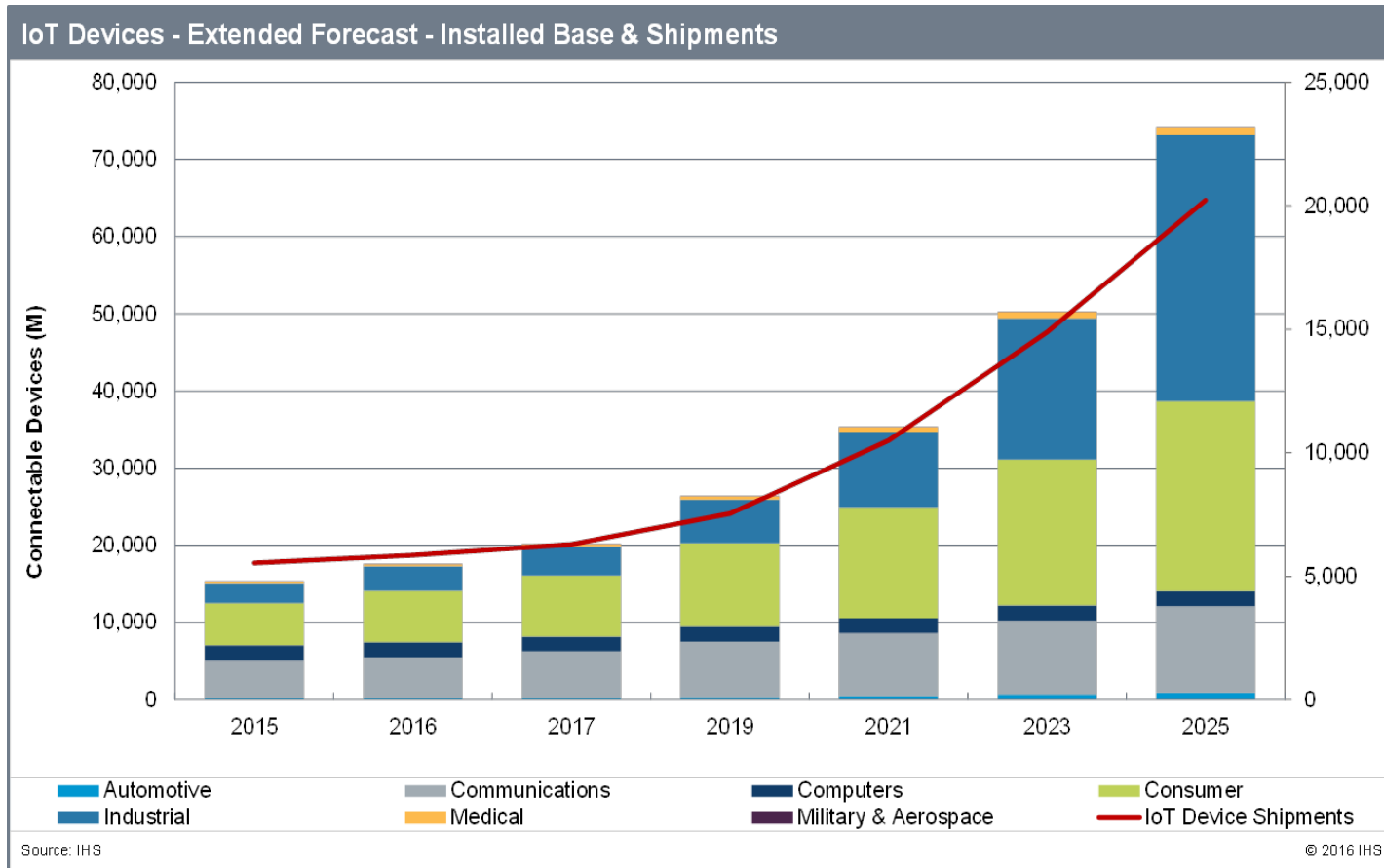
**All U.S. Federal Buildings, The European Union  
British Columbia, Canada**

# What is the Internet of Things (IoT)



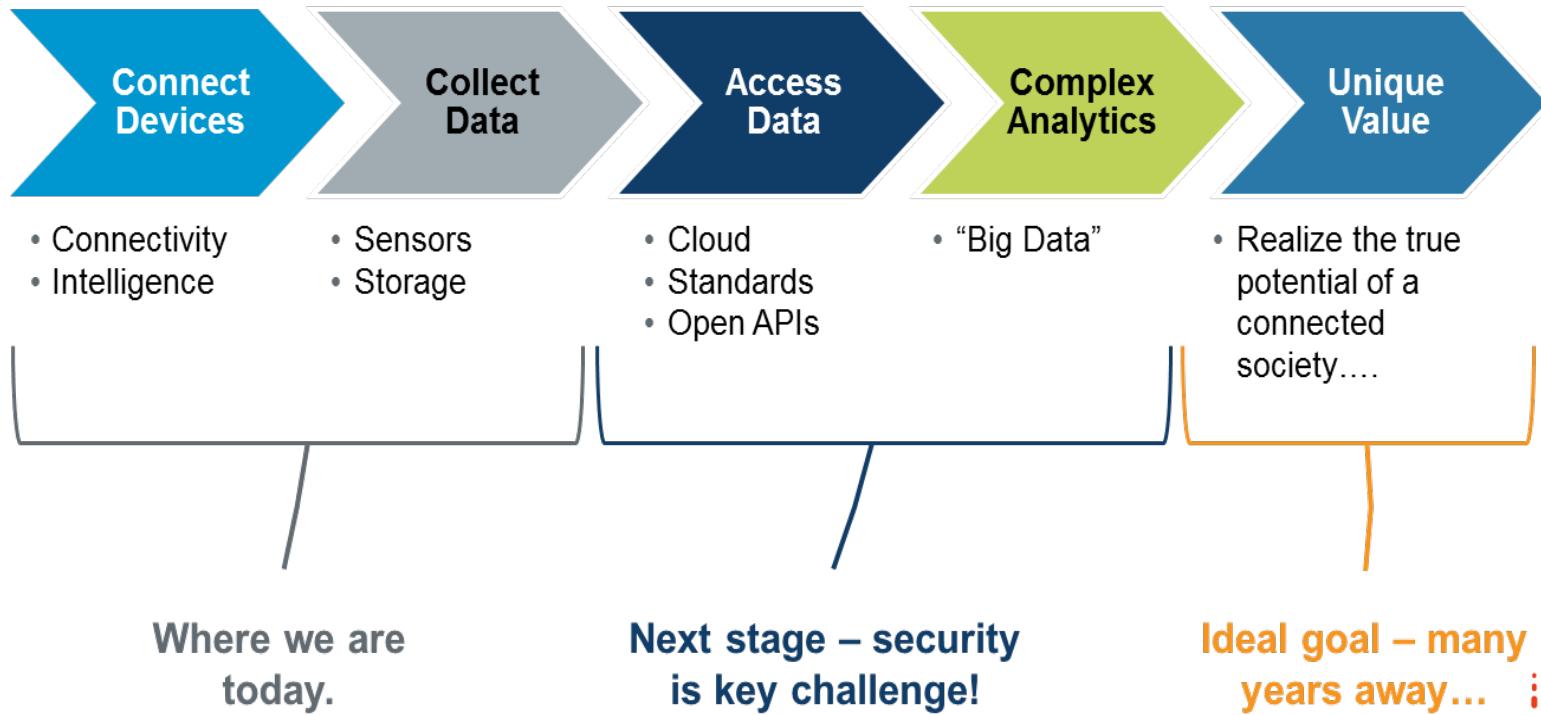
- **Unconnected Objects:** Desk, chair, soda can, fire hydrant, animal collar, shipping pallet, buildings, etc.
- **Unconnected Electronic Devices:** Calculator, streetlight, vending machine, coffee maker, blood pressure monitor, etc.
- **Connected/Tethered Electronic Devices:** Audio headset, printer, computer monitor, DVD player, licensed mobile radio unit, etc.
- **IP-addressable Devices:** Tablet PC, smartphone, Infotainment head unit, smart meter, EV charging station, home health hub, etc.

# Internet of Things Evolution



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**Internet of Everything (IoE):** represents the open access to data from one or more monitoring and control systems by third-party applications to provide unique, additional value to stakeholders.

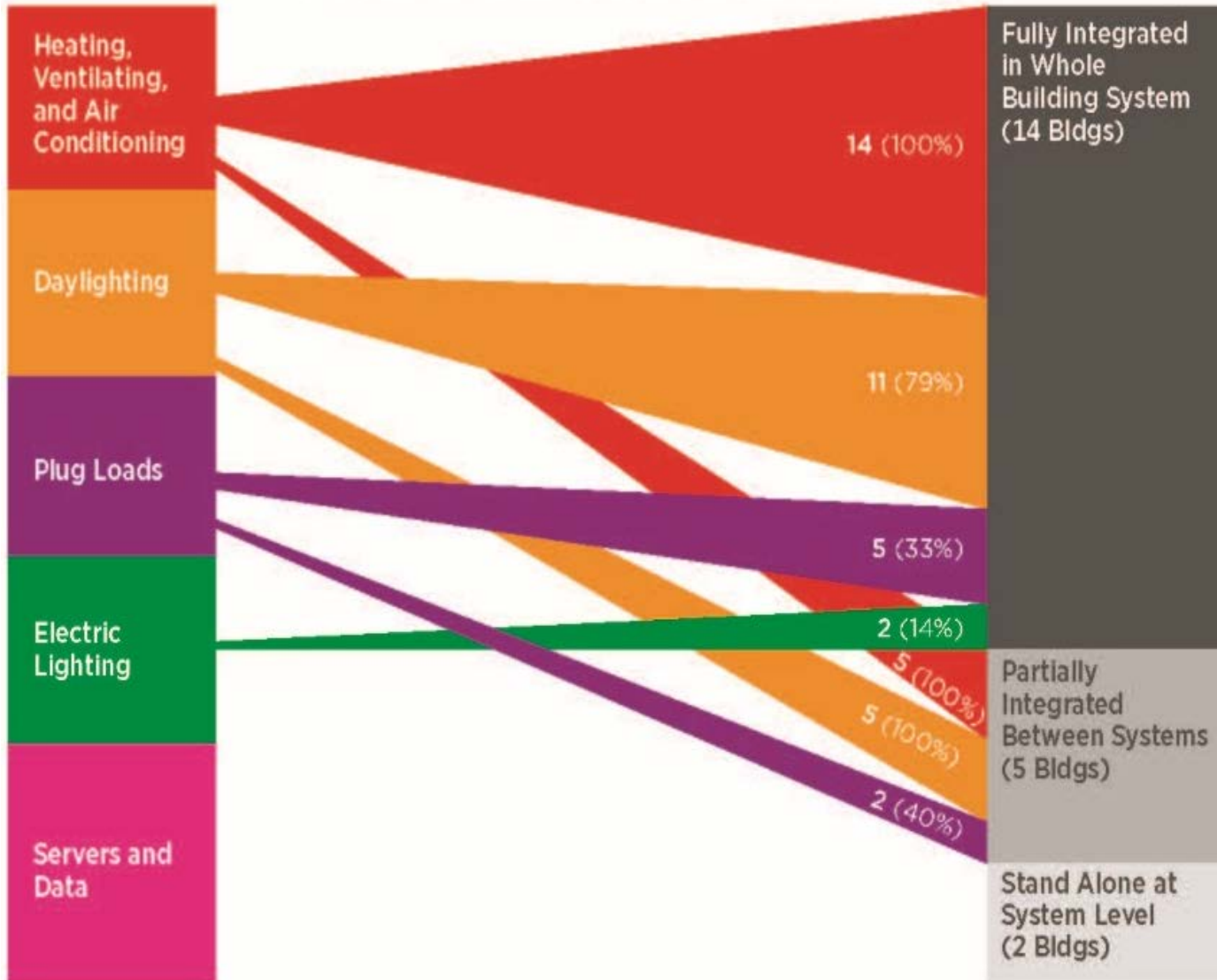




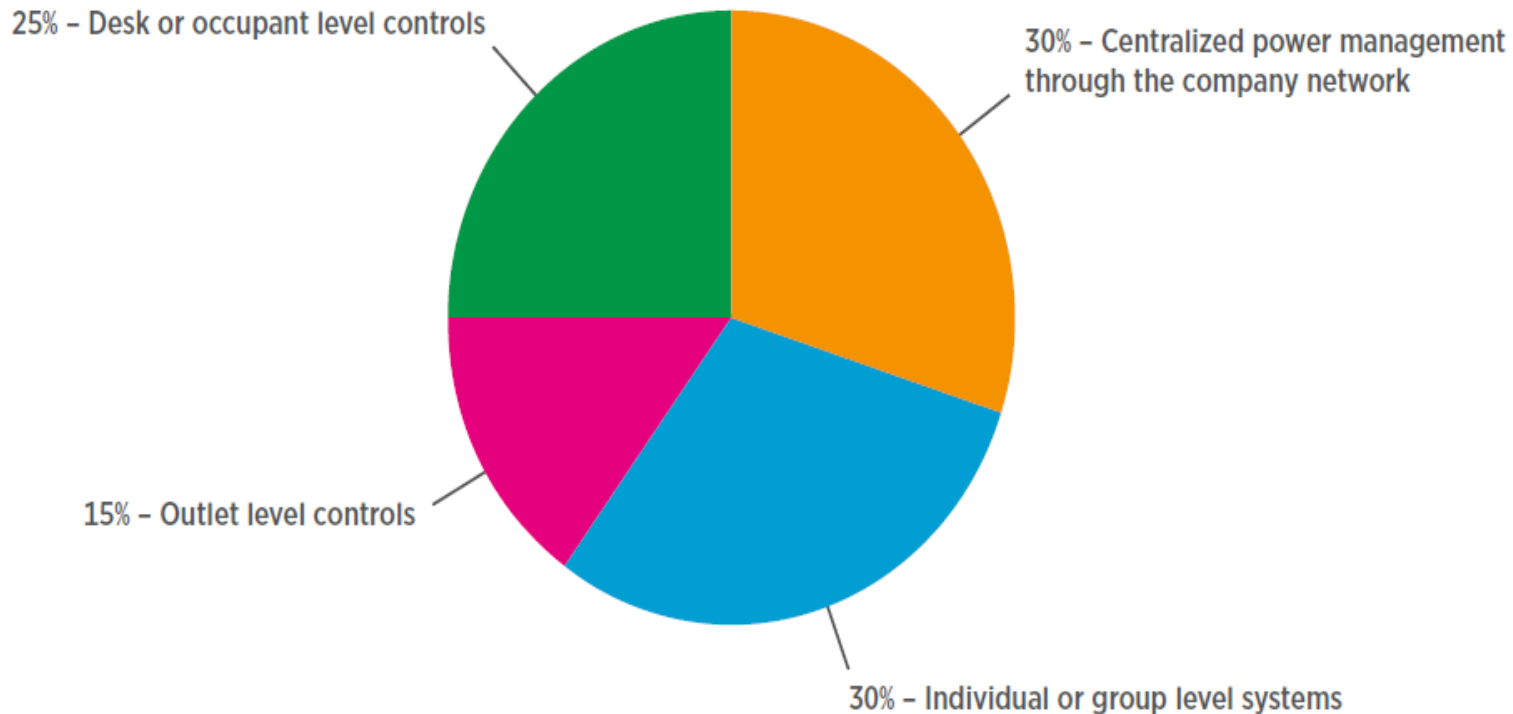
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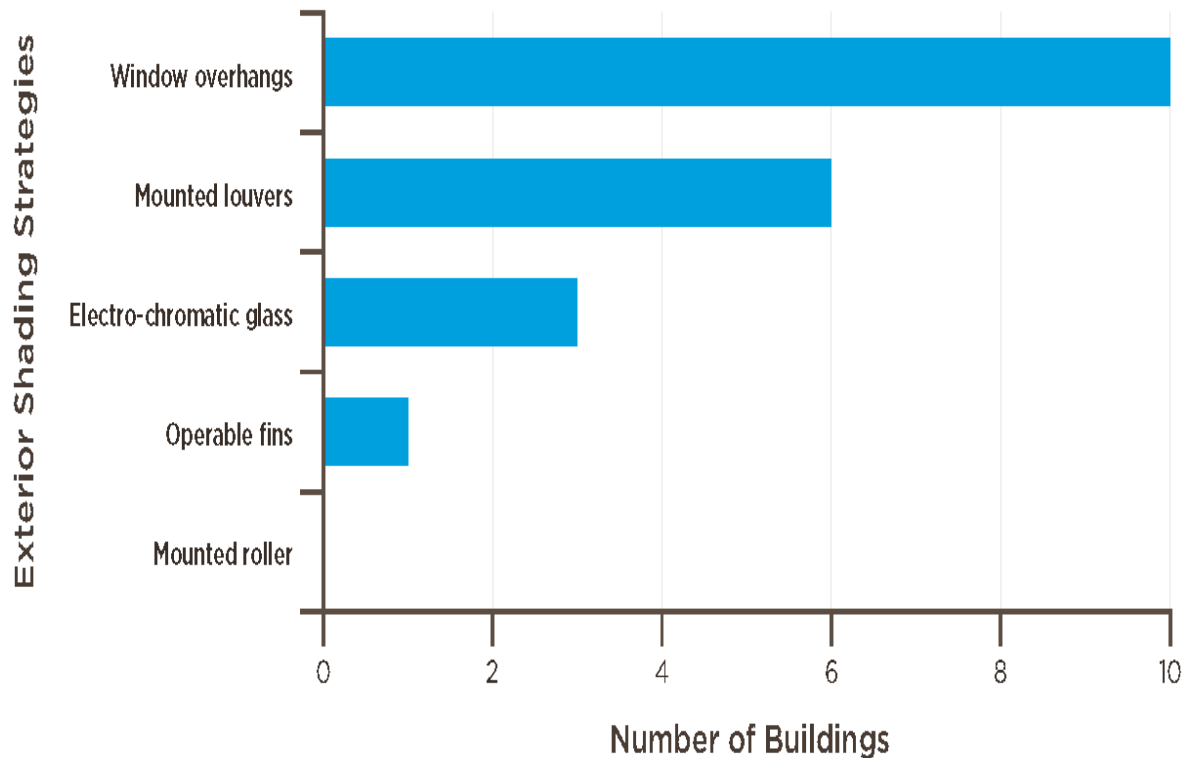
# Types of Controls: Plug Loads



- More devices and occupant-driven misc loads coming online
- Regulated loads (Lights, HVAC, Water Heat...) becoming more efficient
- Most (64%) buildings surveyed use plug load controls or monitoring

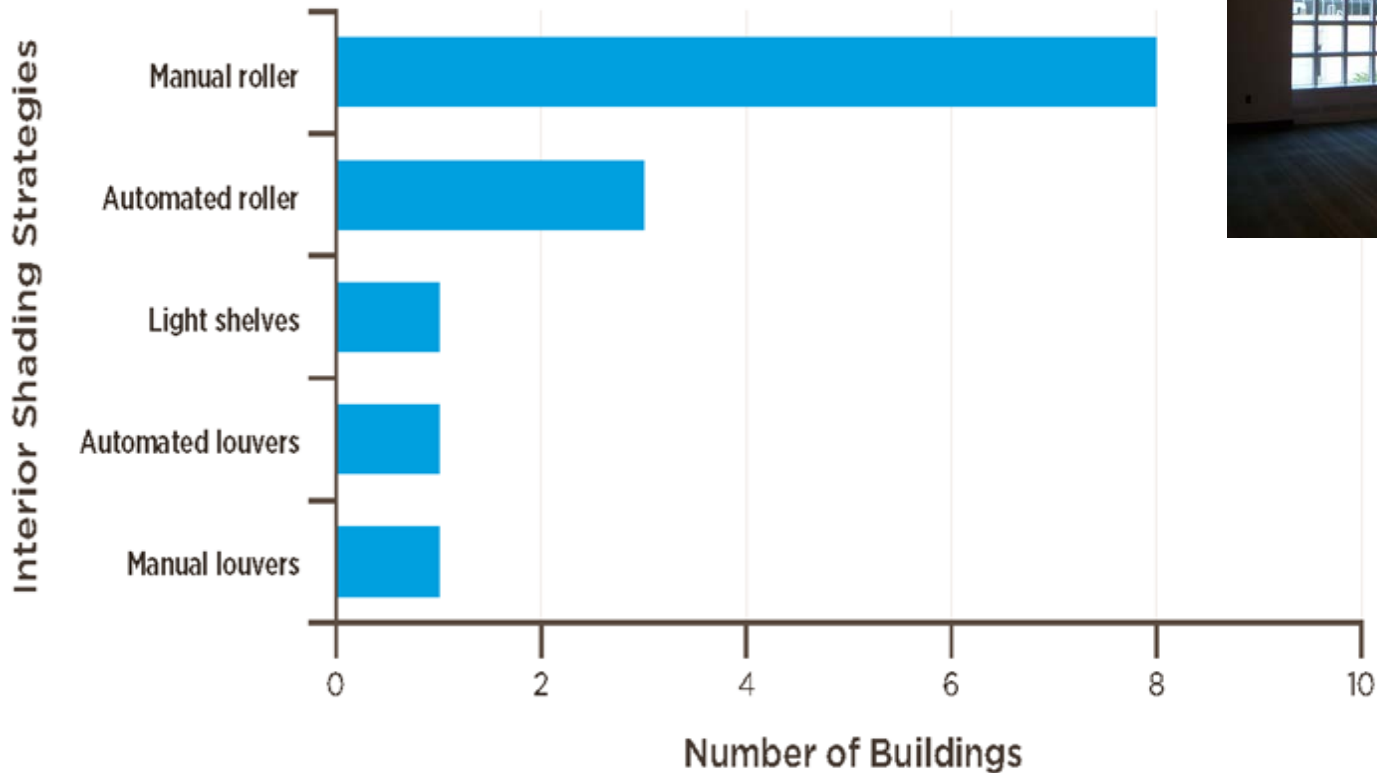
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## Exterior Shading

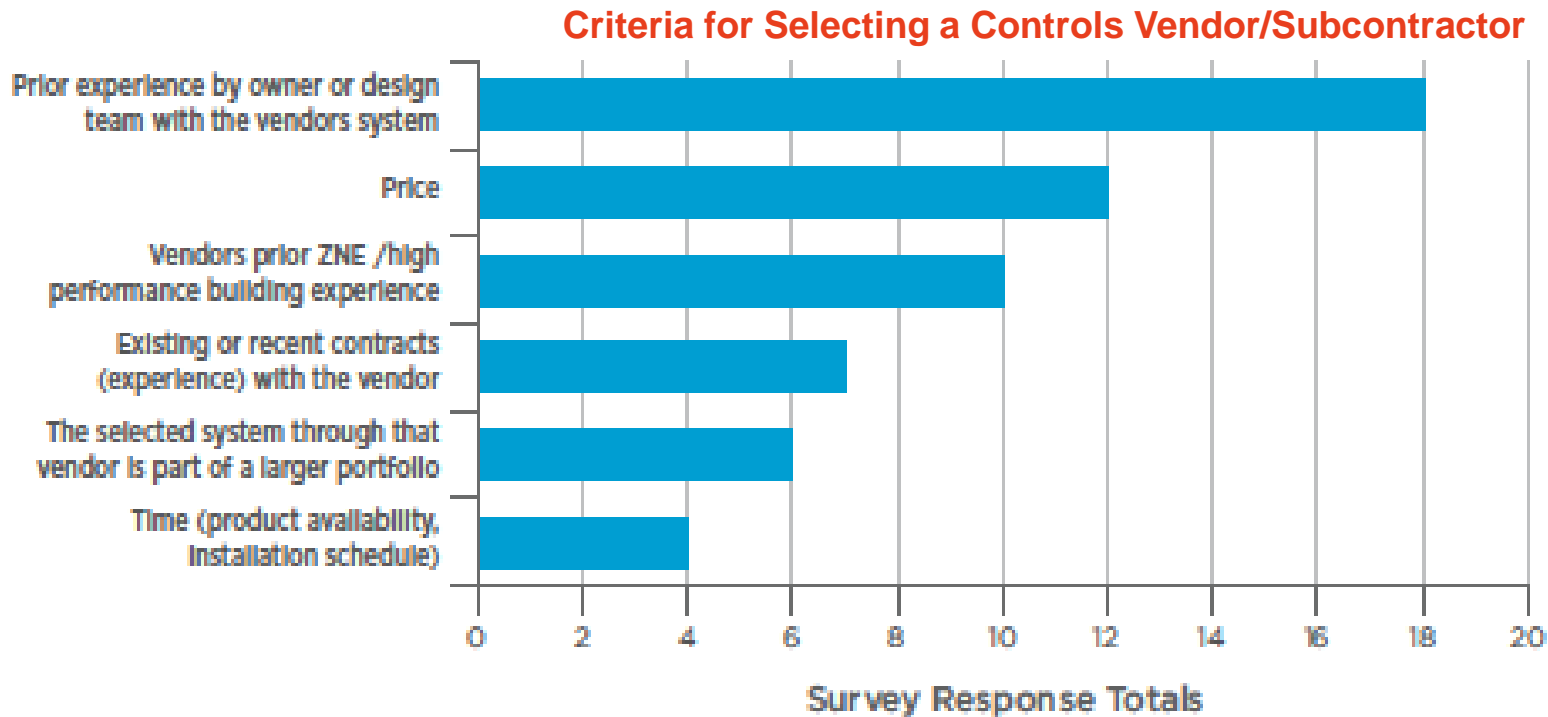


# Types of Controls: Shading & Daylighting

## Interior Shading



# Controls Design Selection Process: Selection Criteria



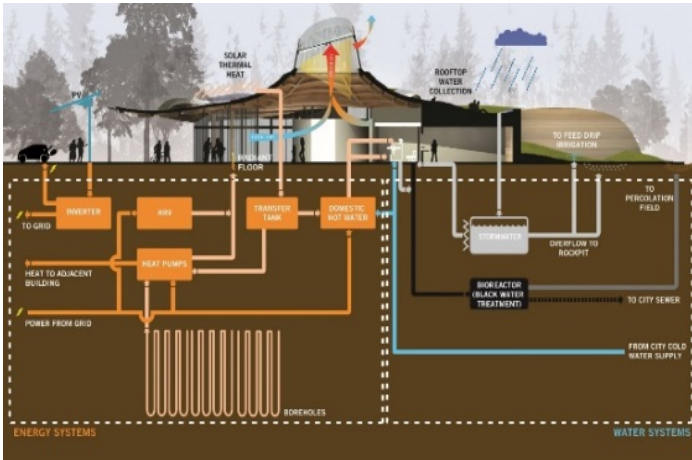
## Prior Experience is the #1 selection criteria

- Indicator of the importance of getting key players involved early in the design process
- Demonstrates the important role controls play in achieving a ZNE goal

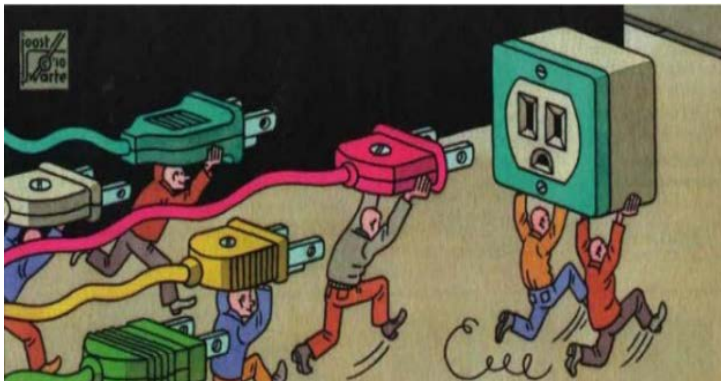


# General Finding and Trends

## ZNE is driven by good design, High Performance Systems and Shading



## Controls are at the Nexus of Energy Performance



## New Roles & Old Relationships



## Occupants are a new Operator



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# Five Recommendations

## 1. Prioritize Passive Strategies

- then layer in controls to optimize the whole building outcomes

## 2. Integrate the Controls Contractor

- controls contractor needs to be a primary team member from design through occupancy

## 3. Increase Operator Training and Support

- bring controls training and improved hand-off documentation to operators and ongoing access to the design team and controls contractor

## 4. Provide Occupants Control but Backup with Default Settings

- occupants want some engagement and control access but a 'hybrid' system that returns controls to default settings and "Off" is necessary

## 5. Build Industry Awareness and Knowledge of Emerging Trends

- a) integrated, wireless and adaptive controls
- b) feedback and dashboards
- c) DC systems and renewable integration
- d) utility load management, price and program issues
- e) ZNE policy drivers

# Current CABA RESEARCH PROJECTS

## Intelligent Buildings and the Impact of the Internet of Things (IoT)

The Continental Automated Buildings Association is conducting a Landmark Research project called “**Intelligent Buildings and the Impact of the Internet of Things**”.

This CABA research project will examine the impact of IoT related to intelligent buildings. This research will provide actionable data relevant to all segments of the intelligent building value chain, including, but not limited to: building owners, technology manufacturers, builders and developers, integrators and installers, service providers, insurance companies, industry

### CABA MEMBERS ARE COLLABORATING & FUNDING THIS RESEARCH:



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The goal of this research project is to provide a comprehensive examination of all the major aspects of IoT related to MDUs, including: state of the market, MDU IoT trends, business opportunities, technical barriers and opportunities, future market direction, issues, case studies and industry recommendations.

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