

Co-op Coalition Survey: Energy Benchmarking (2-2021)

9 co-ops responded.

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Subject: CO-OP SURVEY - ENERGY BENCHMARKING (REP) (DUE 2-19)

A coalition member wants to know about building energy performance standards benchmarking. Please reply by 2/19/2021.

Thanks in advance for helping another Coalition member. The questions follow:

We are trying to find out if other co-ops have experience with meeting Building Energy Performance Standards benchmarking and have undergone an ASHRAE level II audit. If so,

- what firm(s) did you consider,
- whom did you use, would you still recommend them (if not, why?), and
- what were your most significant lessons learned in acting on the audit results?

Best regards,

Janet Sten, Director

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<30	We are not using a firm to do an audit. We are following instructions from DOEE Benchmarking Program and attended the webinar.
<30	Our building only became subject to benchmarking in 2021 and our first audit is well in the future. But we will be interested in learning of the experiences of other buildings.

<30	We have not done this at our coop.
<30	Our Co-op does not have any experience to offer; we may be required to do this in future, so are interested in the responses.
50 -100	<p>We had an energy efficiency consultant from Commons Energy advise us on how to improve our energy footprint. They were very good at assessing improvement opportunities, identifying potential vendors to execute on those opportunities, and also seeing if there are any DC programs that we could exploit to save money. Our goals for engaging with them were to reduce our overall energy spend and also be greener. They coordinated: transitioning light bulbs from incandescent and fluorescent to LED; getting a high-efficiency chiller and boiler; linking us up with a solar panel installer. I'd recommend them for analysis, solution design, and consulting on implementation. They also provide project management services, though I recommend you don't use them for this. They performed only cursory oversight and our board had to pick up the slack.</p> <p>Our contact/liaison/consultant was:</p> <p>Tim Stearns, CEA, CEM, CMVP Market Development and Senior Energy Consultant http://www.commonsenenergy.com Local Office: 10045 Woodview Circle Streetsboro, OH Direct: 614-468-4901 Toll Free: 888-391-4959 ext. 5</p> <p>NB: Commons Energy may have been acquired since we last worked with them. I'd contact Tim if you're interested.</p>
100-150	<p>We use Citizen Energy. They take care of everything for us once per year.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Edwin Luevanos</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder Citizen Energy (202) 499-1595 www.citizen-energy.com</p>
100-150	We have not done an ASHRAE level II audit.
150+	<p>We used Pat Hoffman with Asset Solutions and he was also a speaker during the last DC/CHC annual meeting. Mr. Hoffman's contact information follows: phoffman@assetsolutions.org 301-642-9605</p> <p>I would recommend his company.</p>
150+	We provide the information required for the Benchmarking program, but we have never undergone any type of audit.