PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROCESS

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Topics for Discussion

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Acronyms

- EPC Energy Performance Contract
- ESPC Energy Savings Performance Contract
- GESC Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract
- ESCO Energy Service Company
- RFP Request for Proposal
- IGA Investment Grade Audit
- M&V Monitoring and Verification
- ESA Energy Services Agreement
- ECM Energy Conservation Measure
- SEO State Energy Office
- FEMP Federal Energy Management Program
- DOE Department of Energy

Energy Organizations

- ACUPCC American Colleges & Universities Presidents' Climate Commitment
- *CCI* Clinton's Climate Initiative
- APPA Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers
- AASHE Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
- EVO Energy Valuation Organization
- ESC Energy Services Coalition
- NAESCO National Association of Energy Service Companies
- EERE U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- USGBC U.S. Green Building Council
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Star

What's EPC?

 An innovative form of contracting method.

A contractual and financing mechanism.

 A performance-based procurement method and financial mechanism.

What are Distinguishing Features of EPC?

- An innovative form of contracting.
 - QBS/GMP/Design/Build, etc.
- ESCO takes on project performance risk.
- ESCO provides a turnkey service.
- ESCO is responsible for designing, implementing, and measuring the results.

Why EPC?

- Energy Security
- Economic Efficiency
- Economic Development
- Environmental Stewardship
- Indoor Environment
- EPC and Sustainability

ESPC Laws & Regulations (Federal):

- Legislation authorizing ESPCs enacted in 1992.
- DOE promulgated regulations in 1995.
- ESPC authority was made permanent in 2007.
- The authorization of ESPCs is outlined in the following laws and regulations:
 - National Energy Conservation Policy Act
 - Energy Policy Act of 1992
 - DOE Final Rule: 10 CFR 436 Subpart B
 - Federal Acquisition Regulations
 - Skaggs Authority
 - Executive Order 13423
 - Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

Source: DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)

EPC Laws & Administrative Codes (State):

- GS 142-60 thru 142-70 Financing of GESC
 - SL 2009-375 Increased the cap from \$100 Million (aggregate principal) to \$500 Million (aggregate outstanding) & Modified the Reporting Requirements.
- GS 143-64.17 Requirements of GESC
- NCAC 01 Subchapter 41B

Source: State Energy Office (SEO)

- Presidents and Chancellors of Colleges & Universities are committed to carbon neutrality.
- ACUPCC and CCI have partnered to dramatically increase the number of energy efficiency retrofit projects in U.S colleges and universities using <u>Energy Performance</u> <u>Contracting (EPC)</u> as one vehicle for implementation.
- Higher education institutions are motivated to undertake building retrofits for several reasons.
 - Need to respond to climate change.
 - 2. Financial implications of business as usual.
 - Consequences and costs of poor operations and maintenance.
 - 4. Leadership through sustainability on campus.

Source: ACUPCC – EPC Toolkit for Higher Education

ESPC (In Progress or Complete)

- Total Potential Investment is approx. \$176Million
- Actual Project is approx. \$62 Million
- Museum of Arts (2nd Year Guaranteed Complete)
- Downtown Govt. Complex (Ist Year Guaranteed Complete)
- UNCG (Ist Year Guaranteed Complete)
- ASU (Under Construction)
- NCSU & UNCW (Approved by COS)
- DOC (ESA Negotiation in Progress)
- NCCU & WCU (IGA in Progress)
- NCSU, ECSU& UNCP (Selection of ESCOs)
- DOT & FSU (Applications approved by SEO)

Source: State Energy Office (SEO)

5 Steps to Successful EPC

- I. Decide if energy performance contracting is a good solution for you
- 2. Select an energy service company (ESCO)
- 3. Contract with your ESCO to identify energy saving opportunities
- 4. Negotiate a long-term contract with your ESCO
- 5. Verify savings and enjoy the benefits

Source: Energy Services Coalition (ESC)

Step I

- Find out if your facility is a good candidate for a performance contract.
 - Mini-Audit
 - Is your Utility cost more than \$1.50/SF?
 - Do you spend more than \$300,000 a year on energy bills?

If so, an energy performance contract may work for you. It is likely to benefit you even more if you have ...

- Aging buildings or equipment;
- Recurring maintenance problems or high maintenance costs;
- Comfort complaints;
- Scarce budget resources;
- Too little energy management expertise;
- Too many demands on your maintenance staff;
- No recent upgrades of your lighting or controls systems; and
- Energy-using equipment that is ready for replacement.
- Assemble a team.
- Assess ESCO services and benefits.

- Develop a facility profile.
- Develop an RFP.
- Invite ESCOs to tour the facility.
- Evaluate the proposals.
- Interview ESCOs.
- Select an ESCO.

- Negotiate an energy audit and project development agreement with your ESCO.
- Review the energy audit.

- Negotiate the scope and terms of the contract.
- Negotiate a guarantee to meet your needs and as required by law.
- Arrange financing.
- Review maintenance requirements and services.

- Approve the installation.
- Operate the building as agreed in the contract.
- Maximize benefits through trained staff.
- Review the quarterly reports.

EPC Process & Resources

 http://www.energync.net/programs/docs/u si/PerformanceContractingFlowChart.pdf

http://www.energync.net/programs/usi.ht
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Source: State Energy Office (SEO)

List of Qualified ESCOs

- Ameresco, Inc*
- Burns & McDonnell
- Chevron Energy Solutions Company*
- ConEdison Solutions*
- Energy Systems Group, LLC
- Florida Power and Light
- Honeywell International, Inc.*
- Johnson Controls, Inc.
- Link Services
- NORESCO*
- Pepco Energy Services, Inc. *
- Siemens Buildings Technologies, Inc.*
- Schneider Electric*
- Trane Comfort Solutions Inc.*

(*) Denotes ESCOs Contracted/Selected for ESPC

Source: State Energy Office (SOE)

ESCO Selection Process

- RFP
- Pre-Proposal Conference
- Opening of Proposals
- Evaluation of Proposals by Selection Committee
 - Use Matrix to Evaluate Proposals
- Interview of ESCOs by Committee
- Selection of ESCO
- Award of Phase I Investment Grade Audit (IGA) to an ESCO

EPC Case Studies (Video) – FDA White Oak Campus, Maryland

http://wwwl.eere.energy.gov/femp/financing/superespcs_fda.html

Source: DOE/Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)

Q&A