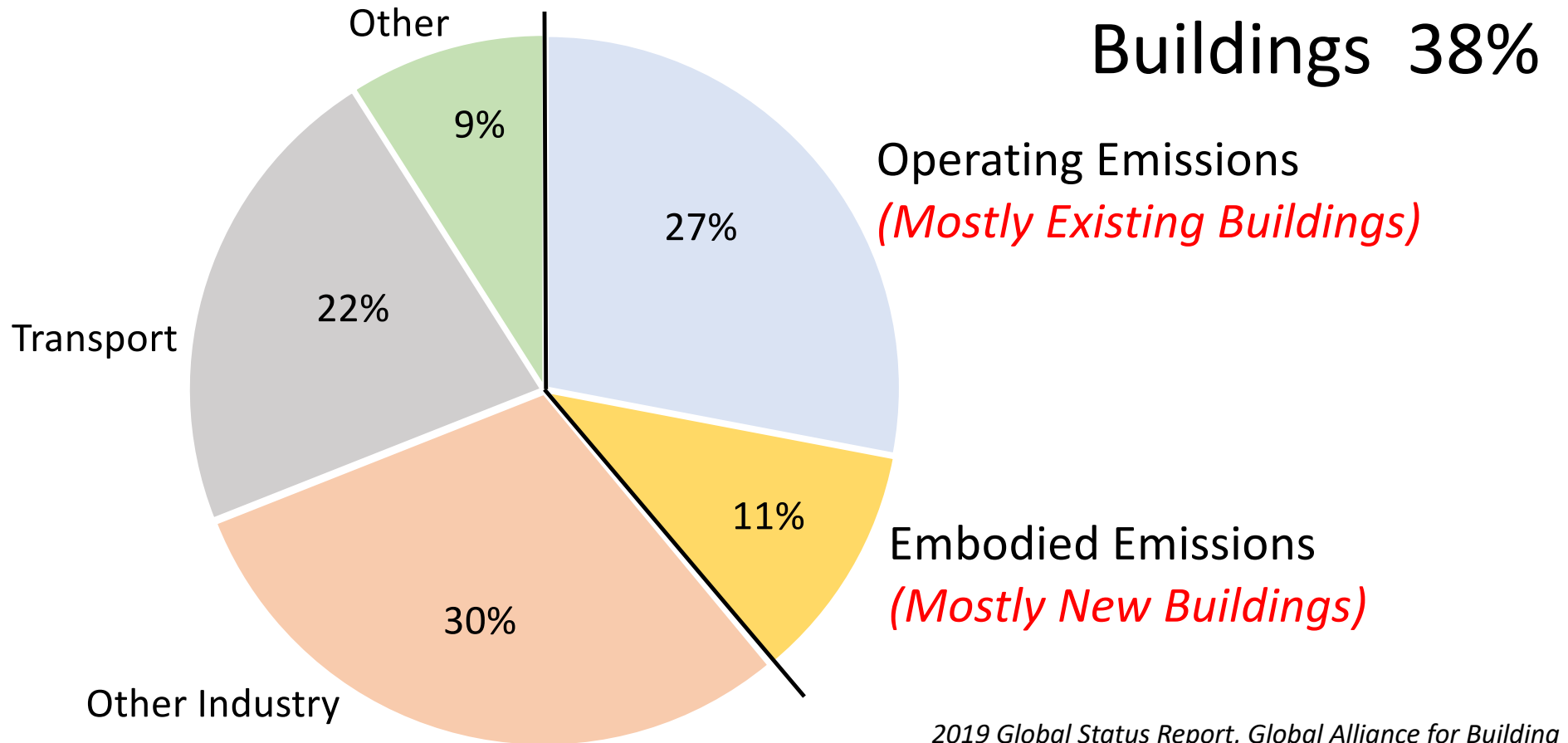


An aerial night photograph of a dense urban skyline, likely New York City, featuring numerous illuminated skyscrapers and buildings. The lights from the buildings create a warm, golden glow against the dark sky. The text "Why Existing Buildings Matter" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# Why Existing Buildings Matter

- We have a lot of buildings
- They contain a lot of materials
- They are not very efficient
- We can't afford to replace them all

## Annual Global GHG Emissions by End Use



2019 Global Status Report, Global Alliance for Building and Construction and Architecture (GABC)

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## What it Does

Evaluates total carbon emissions of existing building reuse compared to new construction

## Who it's For

- Planners
- Preservation officers
- Building owners
- Developers
- Designers in early design



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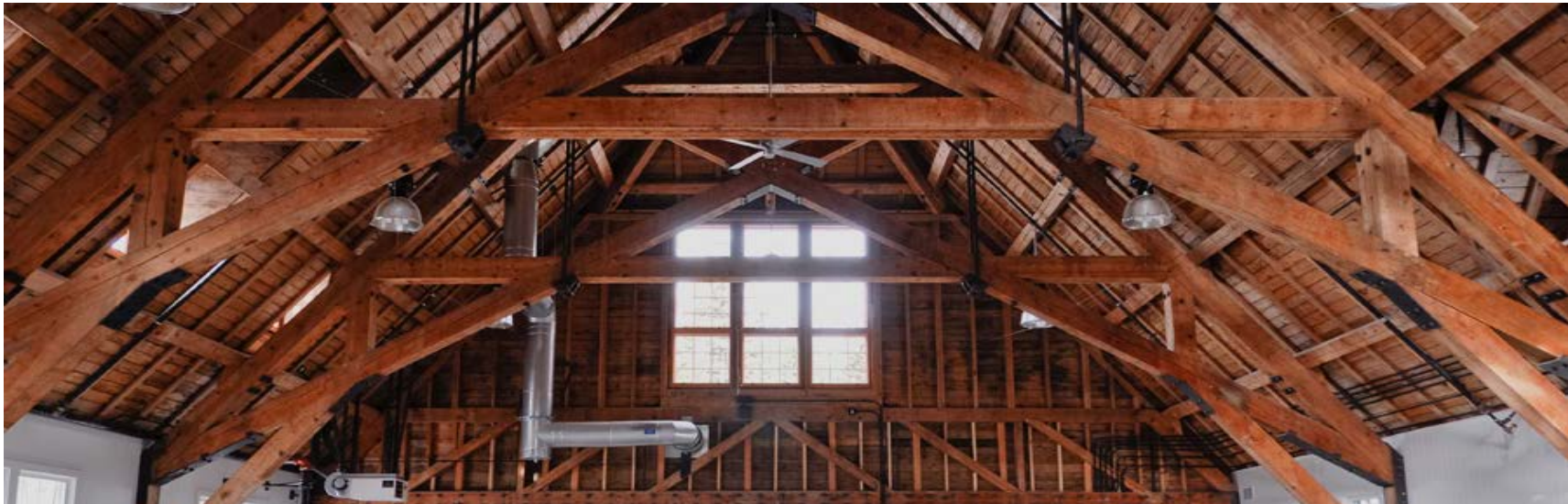


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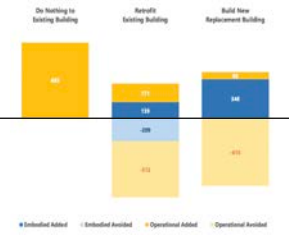
- Embodied Carbon
- Operational Carbon
- Avoided Carbon

## Existing, New & Reuse Scenarios

- Existing Baseline Building
- Replace Existing w/New
- Reuse & Retrofit Existing



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**INPUTS**

**BUILDING SITE & PROJECT USE TYPE**

Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about your building site and planned project use type.

State:

Climate Zone:

Primary Use Type:

Existing Building Floor Area:

Operational Timeline:

Key climate data: 2020 & 2040

**ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT**

Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about retrofitting the existing building. Embodied emissions and operational energy values associated with each selection will automatically populate to the right.

Retrofit Building Floor Area:

**EFFICIENCY UPGRADES** kg/m<sup>2</sup>

MEP:  25

Envelope:  20

**RENOVATIONS** kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Interior:  59

Ceiling:  20

Structure:  0

**OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE** kWh/sq.ft

Baseline EUI:  80

Performance Target:  20

**ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING**

Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about building a new building. Embodied emissions and operational energy values associated with each selection will automatically populate to the right.

New Building Floor Area:

**EMBODIED PERFORMANCE** kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Structural System:  300

**OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE** kWh/sq.ft

Baseline EUI:  40

Performance Target:  8

**EMBODIED EMISSIONS MODIFIERS**

Click in the white cells and select from the dropdown menus to add additional project details. The modifiers impact the embodied emissions of the existing building retrofit and the new building.

kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Poor South-Side Seismic Zone/Similar?  0

Demolish Existing Building?  25

Add Floor Below Grade?  0

Add On-Site PV Panels?  25

Use Low Carbon Concrete?  -25%

**RESULTS**

**Total Emissions**

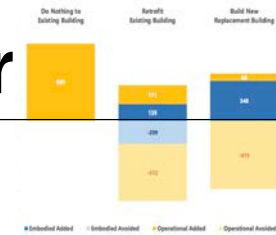
**Total Embodied & Operational Emissions: Added & Avoided**

	(CO <sub>2</sub> e, credit to debit)				OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS (CO <sub>2</sub> e, years)				TOTAL EMISSIONS (CO <sub>2</sub> e, years)
	Added kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	EUI (kWh/sq.ft-yr)	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	
Do Nothing	0	0	0	0	80	663	0	663	663
Retrofit Existing	139	139	-209	-70	25	171	-112	-342	-411
Build New Replacement	348	348	0	348	8	68	-515	-547	-199

## User Interface:

- Excel dashboard with drop down menus
- Four new building options
- A menu of renovation and upgrade options
- Options for operational efficiency
- Embodied carbon modifiers

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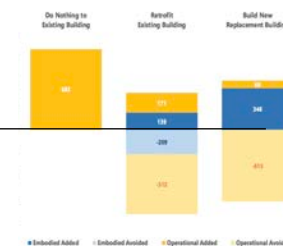


## Embodied Carbon – New Buildings



Light - Wood Framed Building	Mixed – Wood + Concrete / Steel	Mid-Rise Concrete /Steel	High Rise Glass Skyscraper
200 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (~40 lbs/sf)	300 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (~60 lbs/sf)	500 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (~100 lbs/sf)	700 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (~150 lbs/sf)



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## Embodied Carbon – Renovations & Upgrades

MEP	Envelope	Interiors	Cladding	Structure
No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade
Upgrade Gas	Minor: Insulation, Air	Minor: Finishes only	25% Replacement	Light: Wood: 25% Upgrade
New Heat pumps, LED Lighting	Major: Insulation, Windows	Major: Gut and Replace	50% Replacement	Light: Wood: 50% Upgrade
			100% Replacement	Heavy: Conc/steel 25% upgrade
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## Operational Carbon

Existing Building	Retrofit Existing	New Building
Baseline - CBECS 2012	Baseline - no efficiency upgrade	Baseline: Code Average
	20% better than baseline	20% better than code average
	40% better than baseline	40% better than code average
	60% better than baseline	60% better than code average
	80% better than baseline	60% better than code average
	Net Zero Carbon	Net Zero Carbon

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## BUILDING SITE & PROJECT USE TYPE

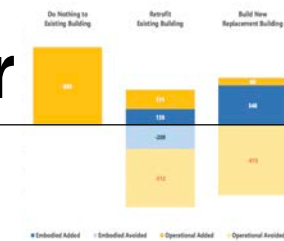
Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about your building site and planned project use type.

State	Massachusetts
Climate Zone	Very cold/cold
Primary Use Type	Education
Existing Building Floor Area	18,000 sf
Operational Timeline	15 years

key climate dates: 2030 & 2040



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## ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT

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Retrofit Building Floor Area **18,000 sf**

### EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

kg/m2

MEP	Replace: New Heat Pumps, LED	60
Envelope	Major Upgrade: Insulation, New Windows	50

### RENOVATIONS

kg/m2

Interior	Gut & Replace Interior	50
Cladding	Minor: 25% Replacement	20
Structure	Heavy, Conc./Steel - Minor: 25% Upgrade	90

### OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

kBtu/sf-yr

Baseline EUI	Defaults to CBECS 2012, or enter own EUI number	75
Performance Target	75% Better than Baseline	19



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## ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING

Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about building a new building. Embodied emissions and operational energy values associated with each selection will automatically populate to the right.

New Building Floor Area **18,000 sf**

### EMBODIED PERFORMANCE

kg/m2

Structural System **Mid Rise, Concrete or Steel**

**500**

### OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

kBtu/sf-yr

Baseline EUI *Defaults to Code Average, or enter EUI number*

**37**

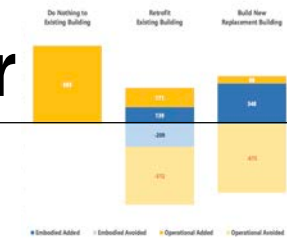
Performance Target **80% Better than Baseline**

**7**





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## EMBODIED EMISSIONS MODIFIERS

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		kg/m2
Poor Soil/High Seismic Zone/Similar?	No	
Demolish Existing Building?	No	0
Add Floor Below Grade?	No	0
Add On-Site PV Panels?	No	0
Use Low Carbon Concrete?	No	



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## INPUTS

### BUILDING SITE & PROJECT USE TYPE

Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about your building site and planned project use type.

State: California  
Climate Zone: Marine  
Primary Use Type: Office  
Existing Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf  
Operational Timeline: 10 years  
Key climate dates: 2030 & 2040

### ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT

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Retrofit Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf

#### EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

MEP: Upgrade: Upgrade Gas, Reuse Ducts 25  
Envelope: Minor Upgrade: Insulation, Air Sealing 20

#### RENOVATIONS

Interior: Out & Replace Interior 30  
Cladding: Minor: 25% Replacement 20  
Structure: No Structural Upgrade 0

#### OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Baseline EUI: Defaults to CBQCS 2012, or enter own EUI number 80  
Performance Target: 75% Better than Baseline 20

### ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING

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New Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf

#### EMBODED PERFORMANCE

Structural/Systems: Mixed Wood + Concrete or Steel 300

#### OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Baseline EUI: Defaults to Code Average, or enter EUI number 40  
Performance Target: 80% Better than Baseline 8

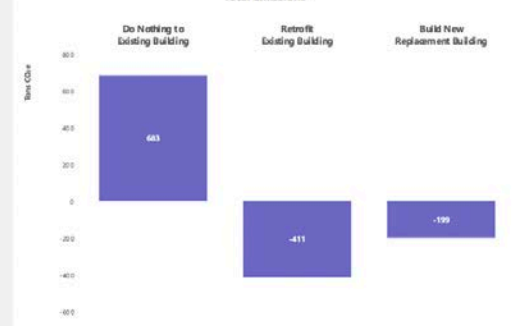
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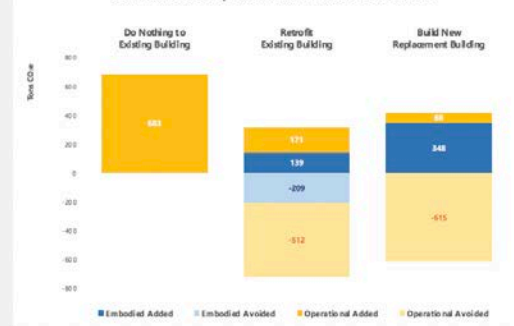
Floor Soil/High Seismic Zone/Similar? No 25  
Demolish Existing Building? Yes 25  
Add Floor Slab on Grade? No 0  
Add On-Site PV Panels? Yes 25  
Use Low Carbon Concrete? Yes -25%

## RESULTS

### Total Emissions



### Total Embodied & Operational Emissions: Added & Avoided



	(CO2e, made to gate)				OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS (CO2e, years)				TOTAL EMISSIONS Tons CO2e 10 years
	Added kg/m2	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	EUI (kBtu/sf-yr)	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	
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### Cumulative Emissions Over Time

