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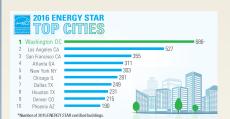
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ENERGY STAR's Top Cities



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To determine the 2016 ENERGY
STAR Top Cities, the US
Environmental Protection Agency
tallied the total number of buildings
that have earned ENERGY STAR
certification in each metro area and
ranked the cities accordingly.

Cities consume more than twothirds of the world's energy and account for more than 70 percent of global carbon emissions - even Greetings,

We're just one month away from the first day of summer, is your facility prepared to take the heat? A new survey by the Building Commissioning Association found that 73 percent of building specialists believe most buildings in the U.S. have significant duct leakage. Could your building be one of these?

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Senate Approves Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016

With a sweeping majority of 85 to 12, the Senate approved the broad Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016 on April 25th - the first time the Senate has approved a major energy bill in almost a decade. The Energy Policy Modernization Act contains six titles



focused on efficiency, infrastructure, supply, accountability, conservation and resources (public lands and water). The efficiency of homes, buildings and manufacturing facilities all stand to increase as a result of the Act.

"It is a modernization of America's energy system, which is urgently needed. This bill will push us towards cleaner, more efficient, more costeffective and renewable energy sources, by: modernizing our electricity grid, making investments in next-generation technologies like

though they only occupy about two percent of the world's landmass. The energy used by commercial buildings is the single largest source of emissions in many cities, so investing in energy efficiency - especially at the level necessary to achieve an ENERGY STAR - can make a significant, positive impact on the environment.



QUESTION: What is an Energy Management System and how can it benefit energy efficiency?

ANSWER: Energy Management
Systems are computer-aided tools
that help operators monitor, control
and optimize performance of facility
equipment such as heating,
ventilation and lighting installations.
These systems include sensors,
which can track energy
requirements to improve efficiency,
and also software that can be used
to predict energy requirements and
lower energy costs.

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storage, smart buildings, advanced vehicles and composite materials. It improves our cybersecurity and will train the workforce of tomorrow," said Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash), one of the lead proponents of this Act.

Survey Finds Duct Leakage a Major Concern for Building Professionals

The Building Commissioning Association (BCA), whose members are made up of engineers, commissioning providers, facility managers, and other building professional, recently conducted a survey among its members to determine what are the major areas of concern in building performance. Seventy-three percent of the respondents said they believe most buildings in the U.S. today have significant duct leakage, while another 54 percent said they believe that duct leakage rates of 15 percent or more are somewhat common.

This survey reinforces the long-held perception that duct leakage is one of the most significant contributors to energy waste in buildings today. In fact, the U.S. Department of Energy ranks duct sealing third among all HVAC-related upgrades available to commercial building owners for significant energy savings. The agency's Federal Energy Management Program also ranks duct sealing as one of the ten most effective energy saving strategies among all energy-saving categories. For more information on BCA, visit www.bcxa.org.

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