



BOMA BEST Office buildings certified in 2013 consumed 12% less energy than those certified in 2012.

TORONTO, ON, June 26 2014 – The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada (BOMA Canada) is pleased to announce the release of its annual *BOMA BEST Energy and Environment Report (BBEER): The National Green Building Report*.

The **2014 BOMA BEST Energy and Environment Report** represents **BOMA Canada's ongoing commitment to disseminate relevant and timely information related to the Canadian commercial real estate industry's performance** across a range of environmental impact areas including energy, water, waste reduction and site enhancement, indoor environment, emissions and effluents, and environmental management systems.

In addition to benchmarking data, the *2014 BOMA BEST Energy and Environment Report: The National Green Building Report* introduces real performance and management success stories from buildings across the country. These case studies on issues important to building managers – such as portfolio management, energy reduction and waste reduction – illustrate the benefits of continuously assessing a buildings' performance and management practices within the context of BOMA BEST.

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The results – a sneak peak

The energy and environmental performance data of **400 buildings, representing close to 100 million square feet of Canadian commercial real estate**, was analysed for the 2014 BOMA BEST Energy and Environment Report. All 400 buildings included in the report were assessed and certified using the BOMA BEST certification framework between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

The average energy consumption per square foot for BOMA BEST certified office buildings is **27.1 equivalent kilowatt hours per square foot per year (ekWh/ft²/yr)**. The average EUI for Office Buildings certified in 2013 was 12% below the average of Office Buildings certified in 2012.

Average water consumption intensity for certified Office Buildings is 0.68 m³/m² – **66% better than the national average** of 2.03 m³/m².

BOMA BEST Contributes to Improved Building Performance

An increasing number of property management firms and government organizations are using BOMA BEST to assess the environmental performance of their buildings. **At the end of 2013, over 4,400 buildings have used the BOMA BEST assessment** (since the Program's inception in 2005).

There is growing evidence to suggest that BOMA BEST Program contributes to energy and environmental improvement. As the buildings certified in the early years of the Program are now being recertified, 65% of buildings saw an **increase in their overall score** at recertification.

For these results and much more, download your free copy of the [Full Report](#) or the [Summary Report](#).

About BOMA BEST

BOMA BEST (Building Environmental Standards) is Canada's largest environmental assessment and certification program for existing buildings. It is a unique, voluntary program designed by building owners, managers and operators in conjunction with a wide range of independent external experts to provide the commercial real estate industry with a consistent framework for assessing and improving the environmental performance and management of existing buildings. The Program is managed nationally by BOMA Canada and delivered by the eleven local BOMA Associations throughout Canada.

About BOMA Canada

BOMA Canada is the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry. A national not-for-profit association, with strong associations in each major region in Canada, BOMA Canada is comprised of over 3200 members, representing close to 2.1 billion square feet of commercial space in the country. Members include building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents and brokers, investors, and service providers.