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# Advances in Strategic Energy Management (SEN)

**Collaborative, Sustainable, Persistent, Impact** 



#### It's 2050 and you have achieved carbon neutrality and are seen as an institutional leader in sustainability across your business sector.

How did YOU do it? What do you need to do today to ensure you can reach your goal? What would you invest in? Where would you focus? Who would you engage and why? What's your first step .....

# What is the cheapest form of energy?

The cheapest energy is the energy you don't use.

# What will help most? People or equipment?

#### **Thought experiment**







Sam started a competition between 50 people in a dorm building to reduce energy use over the course of a month. By the end of the month, each person saved an average of 14.6 kWh

## How impactful was this?

Keeping up this pace for a year would offset ~2 round trip from Vermont to Vancouver



#### **Shifting the Business Mindset**

Control operating costs / increase profitability Reduce energy supply risk & avoid price volatility Meet energy-related compliance requirements Improve equipment performance & operations Improve product quality & process productivity Improve customer, stakeholder, employee satisfaction Enhance recognition as a leader and brand identity Achieve GHG and ESG Goals





#### **Goal of SEM**

Help organizations create supportive cultures and systematic processes that help to manage energy and associated GHGs and realize benefits over the long-term

#### **SEM Program Features**

**Free "how-to knowledge / tools"** technical resources, workshops, facilitated on-site treasure hunts, data analysis

Engages across all areas of an organization

**Drives accountability** by making energy management an organizational priority for all, not one or a few people

**Applies** the Commit-Plan-Do-Check-Act

### Why SEM makes sense for NYSERDA

..... makes continuous energy improvement an integral part of business culture throughout NYS in support of statewide

goals to .....



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **40 percent** from 1990 levels



Generate **50 percent** of its energy from renewable energy sources



Increase statewide energy efficiency by **600 trillion Btu** 

2017-2021 # sites

63

#### Pilot goals, delivery, design evolution

2017	<b>2018-2021</b>	<b>2021-2023 +</b>	
Pilot Launched	Pilot Expansion / Pivot	Pilot Evolution	
<b>Objective</b> : Launch SEM across	<b>Objective</b> : Expand SEM	<b>Objective</b> : Expand SEM offering	
the state of NY. Deliver	offering to wastewater	to commercial and institutional	
trainings to 2 industrial	facilities. Deliver additional	markets with added focus on	
facilities as cohorts.	cohorts.	sustainability and	
Create marketing materials	Shift to remove delivery	decarbonization-specific	
to increase awareness and	(SEM- On Demand) and	measures.	
adoption of SEM in NYS	virtual site support in	Deliver training in hybrid virtua	
industrial markets	response to Pandemic	and continuous fashion	

#### **Results: Verified savings (19 sites)**

**Gross electrical savings** 3,126 MWh (4.4%) **Gross natural gas savings** 56,440 MMBtu (3.5%) If applied same rates to NY largest GHG emitters ~ 770,800 MTCO2e / decommissioning two gas-fired power plants



#### **RESULTS: Identified savings (~10% calculated)**







SEM directly supports disadvantaged communities

#### **Measuring value and impact**

"A significant takeaway is that we are looking at energy differently and finding new perspectives to connect with more people. Now people are finally understanding the importance of energy and **feeling empowered to help control costs.**"

All respondents report implementing SEM principals at their organization.

"All can benefit [from energy management] - companywide. We are a small group, and the majority of our people will be impacted by energy management somehow. [In the past] customers don't question energy, but some contracts are starting to mention energy and sustainability. We are seeing more companies hiring sustainability managers and looking at their products [and suppliers] from a sustainability standpoint."

#### **Measuring satisfaction**

Consistently **positive** responses throughout!

Average likelihood to recommend

Net Promoter Score





#### **Measuring other non-MMBtu elements**

Utility incentive updates	11%	89%		
SEM resources & tools (e.g., case studies developed by DOE, etc.)	32%	68%		
Energy Management tools	42%	58%		
Energy-saving calculator	42%	58%		
Remote general guidance and advice	47%	53%	53%	
Energy map	53%	4	7%	
Remote technical assistance	53%	47%		
Energy reporting templates	58%	58% <b>42%</b>		
Regulatory news and updates	58% 42%		42%	
Statewide policy news and updates	58% 42%		42%	
Information about non-NYSERDA energy opportunities	5% 53%		42%	
Material for self-directed engagement of new employees	5% 58%		37%	
Onsite support	5% 58%		37%	
Quarterly meet-ups for cohort members	11% 53%	53%		
Job descriptions for energy managers	11%	68% 21%		
SEM-101 recorded webinar for new employees	16% 5	53%		
Total SEM program savings	16% 26%	58%		
Updates on cohort performance	16% 42%		42%	
NYSERDA PON updates (industrial)	26%	42%	32%	
■ Not at	all helpful Somewhat	helpful Very h	elpful	

#### Measuring organizational change

What's the story?



#### **NYSERDA SEM scaling impact**

Open to commercial and institutional customers Designed to support GHG and climate goals Multi-year self paced, flexible delivery

Catalyzing mindsets "strategic energy management IS business as usual"





#### What's the story?

#### Last slide!

What are we looking at? What does it tell you?

What are you going to do with this information? Who are you going to engage?





#### Thanks, and stay in touch!

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"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- Jane Goodall

Let's talk about creative ways to engage on climate solutions today!