for a given technology rather than building specific energy modeling. SEM has been used by utilities in 12 states to provide DSM programs that allow building specific savings and paybacks to be calculated in a cost effective manner for buildings as small as 5,000 sf. With SEM, some of the programs are getting 70% of all commercial new construction in their service territory to have energy modeling during design development.

NEXT STEPS

The authors are presenting these ideas in hopes of receiving feedback on them and suggested refinements. Our ultimate goal is to create a sound, and accepted method for software developers to have simplified energy modeling tools vetted and accepted for use to inform design, calculate savings, and ultimately save more energy by having the custom solutions developed for buildings. We are presenting this idea for the first time here to the modeling community, and hope to also present it to the policy community, and to the design communities. It is our belief that SEM will enable increased adoption of energy modeling, and allow greater savings in a cost effective manner by allowing design professionals to find HVAC systems and efficiency and renewable energy strategies that are well matched for their building and climate.

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