

# Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center

Atlanta, Georgia

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Office Buildings*



## LED Egress-Lighting Project

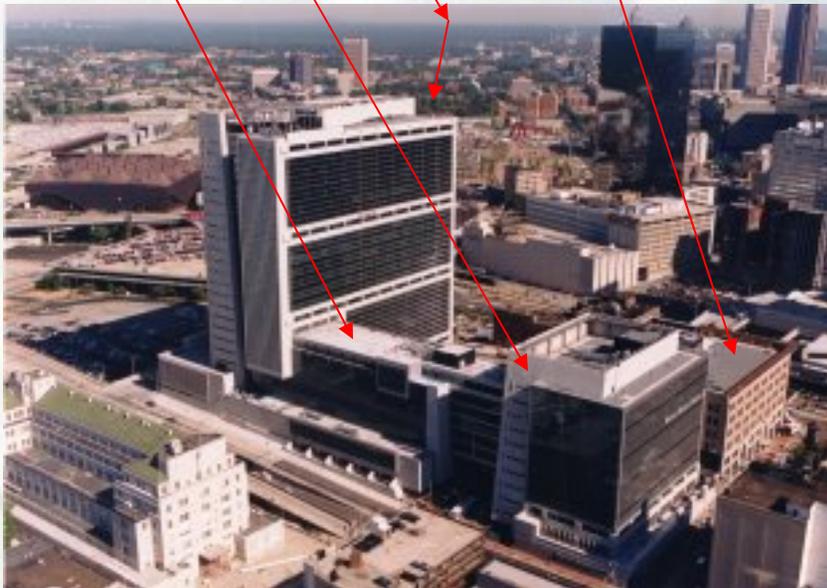
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# Facility Overview

24 story tower    7/3 story garage  
Mid-Rise        1924 building  
Bridge



2 million ft<sup>2</sup>  
4400 workers

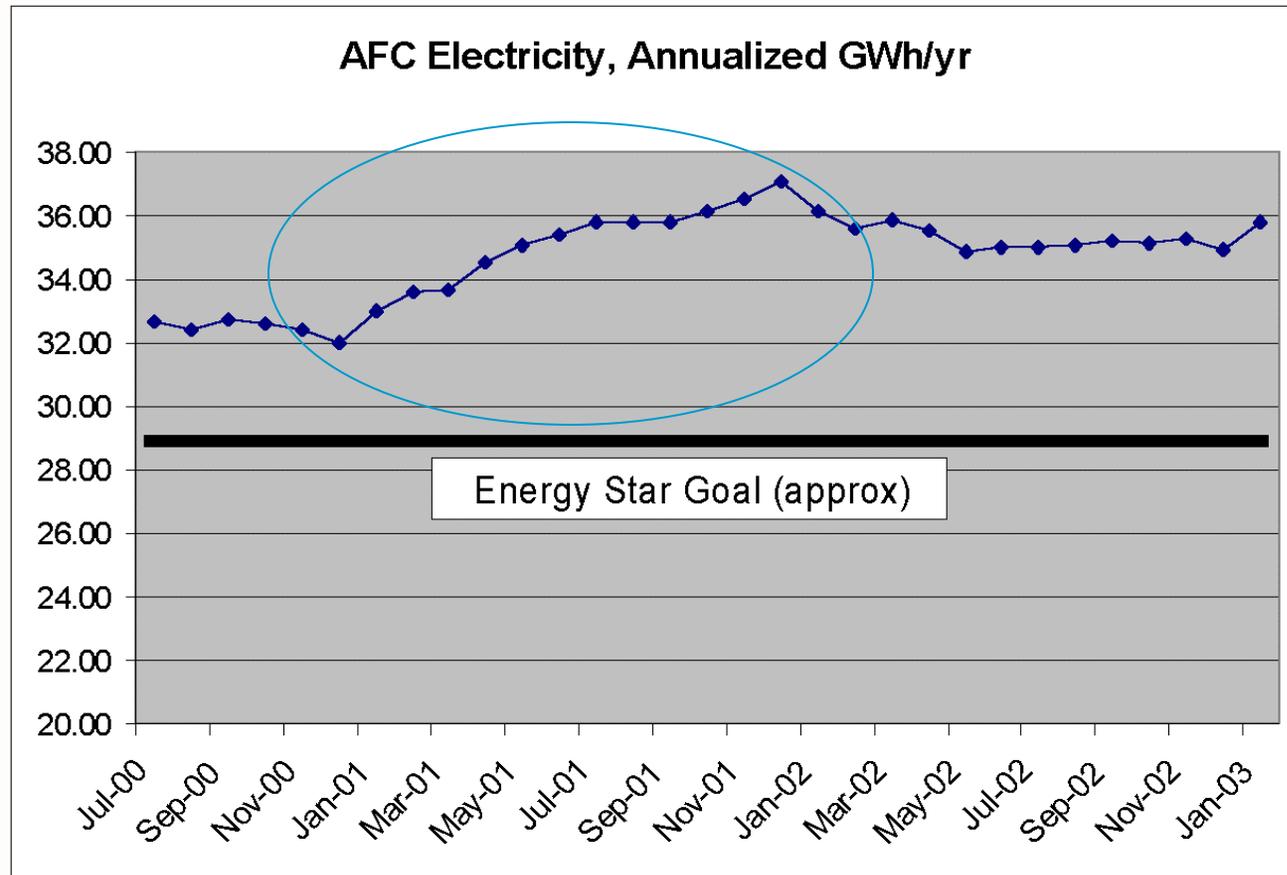
36 GWh/yr - energy usage  
\$1.5 million/yr - energy cost  
**4.2 cents/kWh**

~20% reduction in energy  
usage needed to attain  
**Energy Star**



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# Energy Management - Not at its Best



81.9 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>

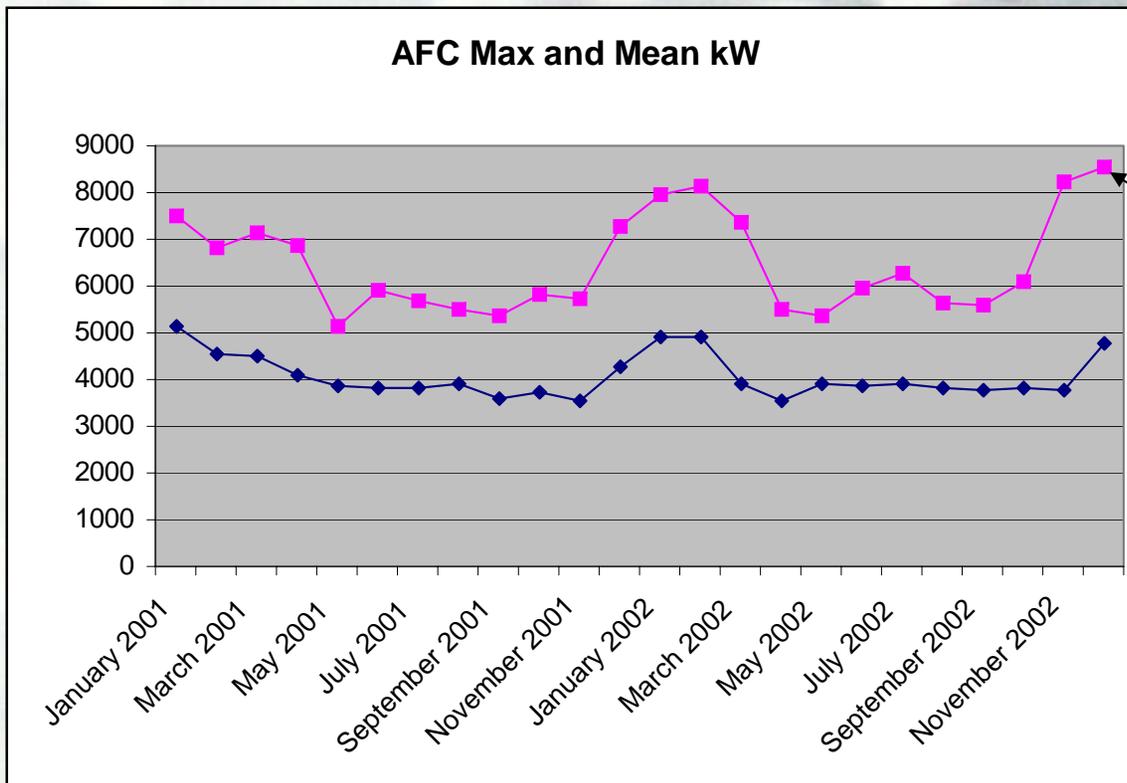


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# Driving Forces

Reliability-centered capacity of the transformer = 8 MVA

Actual limit = 10 MVA



**Both have been  
exceeded!**

**AND...the building  
next door is**





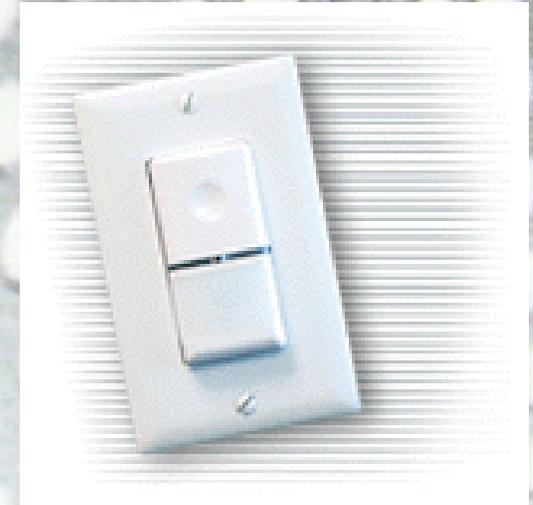
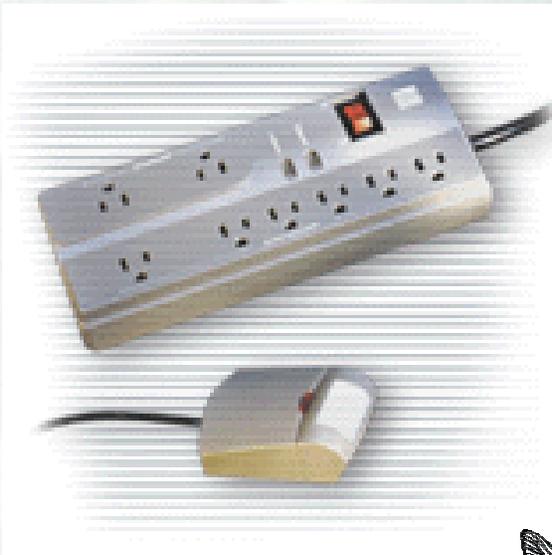
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# Measurement Project - 15th Floor

**Egress lighting energy reduction  
and lighting improvement**

**Overhead lighting  
controls**

**Plugload control**



**Measurement**





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# LED Egress Project

*(Retrofit Case)*

## Before

42 (2x4) 3-T8 lamp troffers  
on **emergency** circuit  
8760 hours/yr  
106 watts/each  
39,000 kWh/year

## After

42 (2x4) troffers moved to  
main overhead circuit  
3875 hours/yr  
106 watts/each  
17,251 kWh/year

93 White LED egress strips at  
3.3 watts/each on  
**emergency** circuit  
8760 hours/year  
2,688 kWh/year

19,939 kWh ←



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# LED Egress Project

*(Retrofit Case)*

**19,059 kWh/year reduced**

**13 TPY CO<sub>2</sub> reduction**

**\$800/year - 14 year payback**

*[@4.2 cents/kWh (actual rate)]*

**\$1,429/year - 7.7 year payback**

*[@7.5 cents/kWh]*



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# LED Egress Project

*(New Construction Case)*

42 emergency troffers/floor using 39,000 kWh/yr  
\$1,638/yr

Or

93 LED strips/floor using 2,688 kWh/yr  
\$113/yr

**7.2 year payback at 4.2 cents/kWh**

*Project cost - reasonable and customary*

~ \$50-60/ white LED fixture = \$5500

~ same cost for installation = \$5500



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# LED Egress Project - *Other Benefits/Cost Savings*

## Ancillary Benefits:

Emergency backup power usually means a Gas or Diesel Generator  
(1st Cost, maintenance staff, fuel, and clean air regulations)

LED system can be run on an uninterruptible power supply (UPS)

General maintenance on the system should be near zero for 8-10 years.

*I hypothesize that:*

LED emergency lighting will penetrate smoke much better  
than fluorescent lighting



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# LED Egress Project - *Before*

Measured -  
18 fc under  
0.2 fc between  
1.7 fc intermediate

Fire Code -  
1.0 fc avg at floor  
min. of 0.1 fc





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# LED Egress Project - *After*

Measured -  
1.7 fc under  
0.2 fc between  
on 10 foot ctrs.

Fire Code -  
1.0 fc avg at floor  
min. of 0.1 fc





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# LED Egress Project - *After*

Suggested spacing:

8-10 foot on center

LED's throw an 8 foot  
circle from 9-10 foot  
ceiling height





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# LED Egress Project - *After*





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# LED Egress Project - *Discussion*

## **Price issues:**

Installation performed in house will reduce cost.

Install a demo area to fine-tune installation methods and to reduce labor costs.

## **Product issues:**

Amber LED cost 50% less, use more energy, and last longer

Spend time - learn/practice how to cut the ceiling tile  
learn/practice installing properly/consistently

24/7 runtime = 10 years expected life

UL listing preferred in future installations

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