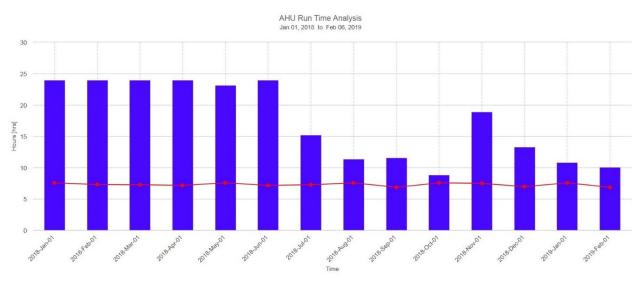


# Once upon a time, control systems were invisible to Facility Managers and had to be troubleshot by hands-on investigation at the device. Within a fairly narrow time span we have seen the rise of digital devices, the addition of software and platforms which can monitor and control devices remotely, and today; full analytics which can troubleshoot and optimize building operations and report on or alert you when your building is not performing to your specifications.

It is well documented that these platforms have streamlined building control and trouble-shooting, but only now is the value of energy reduction with such practices as demand control and equipment scheduling reaching the masses. The specter of reviewing and optimizing building performance has moved from a practical time benefit to an energy impact which can save you money while also being conscious of the environment.

Building analytics allow us to invest wisely in the operation and maintenance of facilities. HVAC equipment analytics can produce capital investment justification through documenting the performance, or lack there-of, of aging equipment. It can show you when units are underperforming, in need of a basic maintenance or if a unit has been put in manual operation and operating over weekends or during unoccupied timelines.

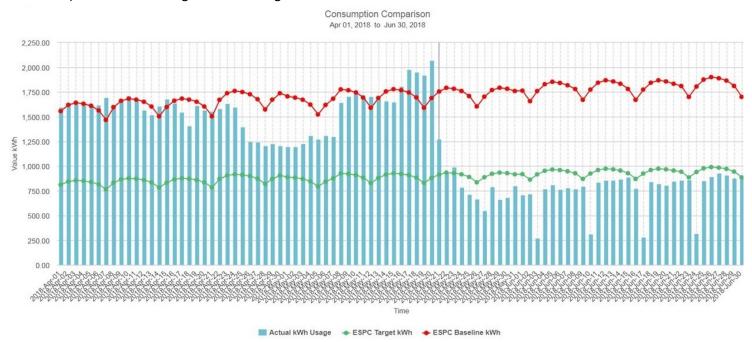






Key Performance Indicators (KPI) can be as simple as measurements on terminal unit discharge air temperatures changing more than a set number of degrees. The more times in a day that happens the lower the efficiency rate is for that day. Trend logs can show the ability of zones to recover from weekend, unoccupied, or setpoint changes. The knowledge needed to interpret the data can range from simple to complex. The beauty of web-based access means in situations where technicians or Facility Managers may require outside assistance, consultation and review through your Controls/Building Automation Systems (BAS) provider can be just a phone call away. Over the lifespan of a building, operations and maintenance becomes the largest building expenditure. Creating and maintaining an effectual operating plan and maintenance practices to meet it are paramount.

Understanding data and creating peak performance within a facility offers many benefits. Especially if energy performance is a factor. The ability to easily change and manage day-to-day operations can affect the optimal setting of the building. Having the ability to see the effects of these changes first hand offer an enormous tool. Knowing a unit has been put in manual operation and seeing the effect on the buildings electrical consumption is something not soon forgotten.



Proper ventilation, equipment performance and building control can mean the difference between constant occupant complaints and a quality environment providing occupant comfort, infrequent repair needs, energy savings and efficiency.

There are many avenues to start you on your way to creating and maintaining a high-performance building. Many New Mexico utilities offer incentives for energy-reducing practices. Experienced BAS companies can offer design strategies and identify return on investments which offer irrefutable value.

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## **Procurement News**

#### **RFPS UNDER EVALUATION**

- **2019-014** Indoor and Outdoor Athletic Recreational Lighting Systems
- 2019-015 Auditorium Lighting and Rigging
- **2019-016** Indoor and Outdoor Scoreboards, Marquees, Message Boards, Street Signs, and Building Signage

#### UPCOMING RFPS

**2019-024** Indoor / Outdoor Athletic, Auditorium and Fine Arts Seating, Curtains, Lockers, Padding

2019-028 Running Track and Court Surfaces

2019-029 Synthetic Turf

**CES Procurement Department looks forward to seeing you** at NMPPA 2019 Spring Conference in Ruidoso, NM!

## **Calendar & Events**

#### TAP WORKSHOPS: • INFO: Here

Students with Emotional Disturbances DATE: March 6th Writing FBA & BIP DATE: March 7th Tap Transition Workshop DATE: March 11th Dyslexia, Multisensory Reading Instruction DATE: March 13th Social Emotional Learning (SEL) DATE: March 14th SAT Essentials for School Personnel DATE: March 15th Writing a Compliant & Effective IEP DATE: March 15th TAP Transition Workshop DATE: March 19th Review Existing Evaluation Data Process for Teachers DATE: March 20th The Autism Toolbox Series DATE: March 22nd

#### ENERGY AND EDUCATION FAIR 2018-2019 • Artesia, NM

**DATE:** March 6th **TIME:** 8:00am **INFO:** <u>Here</u> This fair is a statewide high school leadership activity and will involve aspects of a professional conference, i.e. workshops, presentations, fieldtrips, hands-on demonstrations, etc.

#### **NMPPA SPRING CONFERENCE** • Ruidoso, NM Convention Center **DATE:** March 20-22th **INFO:** Here

The New Mexico Public Procurement Association's spring conference, with informative session topics and great networking opportunities.

#### NMSBA SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS • ADDITIONAL INFO: Here

<u>Region V Meeting</u> Grady, NM DATE: March 19th <u>Region II Meeting</u> Taos, NM DATE: March 21st <u>Region VIII Meeting</u> Deming, NM DATE: March 26th

### NMASBO/PED SPRING BUDGET WORKSHOP • Albuquerque

DATE: March 27-29th REGISTER: Here

## March 2019



DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY • DATE: March 2nd

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK • DATE: March 4-8th

#### **CASE 2019 WINTER HYBRID CONFERENCE** •

DATE: March 7-8th INFO: <u>Here</u> Council of Administrators of Special Education Conference

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME • DATE: March 10th

NMAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS • DATE: March 12-16th

**NEW MEXICO SPELLING BEE** • Albuquerque, NM **DATE:** March 23rd



# What is More Important, Price or Quality?

henever a project arises for a CES member price is always an important consideration and sometimes the only consideration. How important though is high quality work, delivered on time? CES' Job Order Contracting program allows the CES member to consider both and they get to decide which is more important, price or quality.

Price is always important especially when we are accountable to the taxpayers for every dime that is spent. High quality work is also required because the work should always stand the test of time. So which one wins? The answer is "it depends".

Paying a low price for something always feels like the right thing to do but sometimes this choice comes with its own set of problems. Usually contractors that offer very low pricing are also very busy. Having a high volume of work comes with its own set of problems, like having the ability to get to all of their projects, having enough people to complete the work, and sometimes it can mean they cannot deliver the work on time or at a high level of quality.

High quality work can sometimes have a higher price associated with it but there are times when paying a higher price can easily be justified. Sometimes paying a higher price means the work will be done by a contractor that is known for high quality work. Sometimes paying a higher price means the work will be done on time and sometimes paying a higher price means you get to work with a contractor that is easy and flexible. Minimizing risk is always a good idea and sometimes worth a little more to the owner.

Whether you choose a contractor that offers a low price or a contractor that offers high quality you can't really go wrong. Your only choice is which is more important, price or quality?

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