



# Automated Benchmarking Service



## WHAT IS AUTOMATED BENCHMARKING?

Automated Benchmarking Service (ABS) is a powerful tool that makes it easy for nonresidential building owners and utilities to get the information they need to identify the best energy-efficiency measures that can improve building energy performance. ABS works with ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager and enables building owners to identify poorly performing buildings, provides baseline data and the means for comparing performance in similar buildings, and gives utilities information about usage trends.

## Automated Benchmarking Service makes participating in benchmarking easy.

ENERGY STAR® provides a web site where building owners can enter building data for benchmarking. In the past, using the system was complicated. Building owners were required to manually enter information from each meter on a monthly basis. Automated Benchmarking Service makes participating in benchmarking easy. With SDG&E's Automated Benchmarking Service, simply enter your building and account number information once and authorize San Diego Gas & Electric® (SDG&E) access to the data on an ongoing basis. SDG&E can then upload historical, current and future usage data, all without any extra effort by building owners.

## What are the benefits?

Automated Benchmarking:

- Supports state and industry initiatives such as the Governor's Executive Order and California's Green Building Initiative, which mandates 20% improvement in buildings' energy performance by 2015 based on 2003 baselines.
- Empowers customers to establish their buildings' benchmark, obtain monthly updates and interpret results with the utility's assistance.
- Gives utility account representatives a starting point to discuss energy-efficiency project options.
- Enables SDG&E to pre-screen customers for programs such as retrocommissioning.
- Provides information to help utilities improve customer service, develop new programs, and give useful feedback to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## How to get started

1. Register and create an account with [www.energystar.gov/istar/pmpam](http://www.energystar.gov/istar/pmpam).
2. Enter basic building data for each building you wish to benchmark (Add a Property).
3. **Important** – Add Meter. Enter utility's ten-digit account number in the Meter Name field (include leading zeros).
  - Using the utility's account number, the utility will provide all associated meters for the account.
4. Initiate the ABS process and select San Diego Gas & Electric from the drop down menu.
5. Complete the Permission to Release Utility agreement.

Once SDG&E receives and validates the building owner's request, SDG&E will begin to automatically upload usage data to Portfolio Manager. SDG&E will notify you that the service has been initiated and both you and the utility can view your ENERGY STAR score immediately. You will receive a baseline benchmark report and monthly updates.

The Automated Benchmarking Service supports these building types:

- Office, data centers and garages
- Multi-family housing
- College and K-12 school buildings
- Hotels and motels
- Medical and healthcare facilities
- Manufacturing and industrial buildings
- Residence halls and dormitories
- Retail stores

To learn more about the Automated Benchmarking Service, visit us at [sdge.com/benchmarking](http://sdge.com/benchmarking), or visit ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager at [www.energystar.gov/istar/pmpam](http://www.energystar.gov/istar/pmpam).