

Oregon Building Energy and Performance Fellowship Project (OBEP)

Building Performance Standard

The OBEP Project

The Oregon Building Energy and Performance project (OBEP) is a collaborative initiative led by the Smart Buildings Center, Strategic Energy Innovations, San Timoteo Energy Associates, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). This partnership supports under-resourced building owners in meeting the requirements of Oregon's Building Performance Standards (OR BPS).

The OBEP Fellow will provide free education, technical support, and compliance guidance to Tier 1 and Tier 2 building owners regarding Oregon's Building Performance Standards (BPS). This includes helping owners understand regulatory requirements, access relevant resources, and implement necessary measures to meet BPS obligations.

OBEP fellow will provide the following support for:

- General BPS education
- Energy benchmarking
- Energy Management Plans
- Operations and Maintenance Plans
- Exemption and incentives

Request assistance

To receive free assistance to support your building compliance complete this [interest form](#).

Expectations for Support

The Fellow is not recognized as a Qualified Person or Qualified Energy Auditor under the Oregon Building Performance Standard (BPS). However, the Fellow may provide support for benchmarking and compliance applications for Tier 1 and Tier 2 building. The Fellow is permitted to submit exemption applications for both Tier 1 and Tier 2 buildings, but may not be authorized to submit other compliance documentation unless designated as a Qualified Person.

Building Performance Standard

The Oregon Building Performance Standard (BPS) was established through House Bill 3409, which was signed into law on July 27, 2023 to:

- Target energy use and emissions from existing commercial buildings, which currently account for nearly 20% of Oregon’s total energy consumption.
- Require large commercial buildings to improve energy management practices and implement efficiency measures to meet defined energy use targets.

Oregon’s BPS is built upon the ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 100-2024, with Oregon-specific amendments. [The integrated document](#) – Oregon Building Performance Standard, Powered by ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 100-2024 – outlines these modifications to align with the state’s program requirements.

Tier 1 Buildings

- A building in which the sum of gross floor area for hotel, motel and nonresidential use equals or exceeds 35,000 square feet, excluding any parking garage.

Tier 2 Buildings

- A building with gross floor area, excluding any parking garage, 35,000 square feet and greater and that is used as a multifamily residential building, a hospital, a school, a dormitory or university building; or
- A building in which the sum of gross floor area for hotel, motel and nonresidential use from 20,000 square feet up to 35,000 square feet, excluding any parking garage.

Compliance Timeline

June 1, 2028

Tier 1 Buildings 200,000 square feet +

June 1, 2029

Tier 1 Buildings 90,000 - 200,000 square feet

June 1, 2030

Tier 1 Buildings 35,000 - 90,000 square feet

July 1, 2028

Tier 2 Buildings 20,000 - 35,000 square feet

July 1, 2028

Tier 2 Buildings 35,000 square feet +