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Workforce Development *Opportunities & Challenges related to Building Decarbonization*





California Building Stock



Annually, Commercial Sector

- Existing buildings: 96%
- New construction: 4%

available for decarbonization measures.



Commercial Building Type

Projects and Revenue



- 35-50% new construction
- 25-30% modernization & retrofits
- 25-40% maintenance & repair

Project Revenue & Employment Opportunities

- Control, Automation & Communication Technology
- Verification, Validation
- Performance Metering
- Data Analysis \rightarrow Optimization

Less than 10% of revenue attributed to:

- 1. Building systems integration
- 2. Building automation and control systems
- 3. Communication and data systems
- 4. Energy management



Graphs taken from *2020 Profile of the Electrical Contractor*



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Workforce Challenges

- New technology coupled with an aging workforce that is choosing retirement over retraining
- Transition to a digital infrastructure that blurs the line between installation, start-up and commissioning
- Wireless and two-way communication
- Integrated systems that require cross-disciplinary knowledge and skills and/or collaboration between different trades
- Lack of computer, programming and cybersecurity curriculum and training within the trades
- Low rates of compliance and enforcement of energy standards
- Lack of financial incentives impacting capital/first costs

Workforce Development Solutions



At all levels of the building pipeline, design through operation, we need to recognize and accept that training and educational opportunities and programs focused on building decarbonization are equally important as the building technology and equipment.

- Incentivize and invest in education and training as an energy, efficiency and decarbonization measure.
- Adopt requirements for training and certification to better ensure quality.
- Address standards enforcement
- Embrace and support California's Jobs and Climate Action Plan for 2030

Putting California on the High Road: A Jobs and Climate Action Plan for 2030



Questions?



