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We want to publicly thank NU/NStar and National Grid for their strong collaboration and financial support for our sold-out, SRO March 20th, full day symposium on EE in labs.

140 leaders from the health care and Higher Ed. GRC working groups and the life science community gave rave evaluations to this full day of case studies, followed by breakout discussions on barriers and next steps. The case studies demonstrated that multi-year EE lab implementation, while not easy, can deliver enduring savings of well over 50%, even in retrofits, and even in new LEED Gold labs.

Tilak Subrahmanian's opening remarks pointed out just how big the savings opportunity is, because labs are C&I's most energy intensive spaces, averaging about 630 kBTU/sf/yr. This is substantially more even than data centers' EUI of 520, and nearly twice the intensity of most hospitals at 380, and 5 times that of office buildings, at 125.

The utilities' support of Symposium, and another utility supported event this Thursday on CHP for 17 Massachusetts' community hospitals, are great examples of effective sub-sector targeting and trade ally collaboration. We believe these can lead to better, faster, easier, deeper C&I program implementation, as experienced by the customer. The event could not have been so successful without deep utility engagement, and for their efforts we are very thankful. We look forward to working together to make our region the national leader in energy efficient, green and healthy labs.