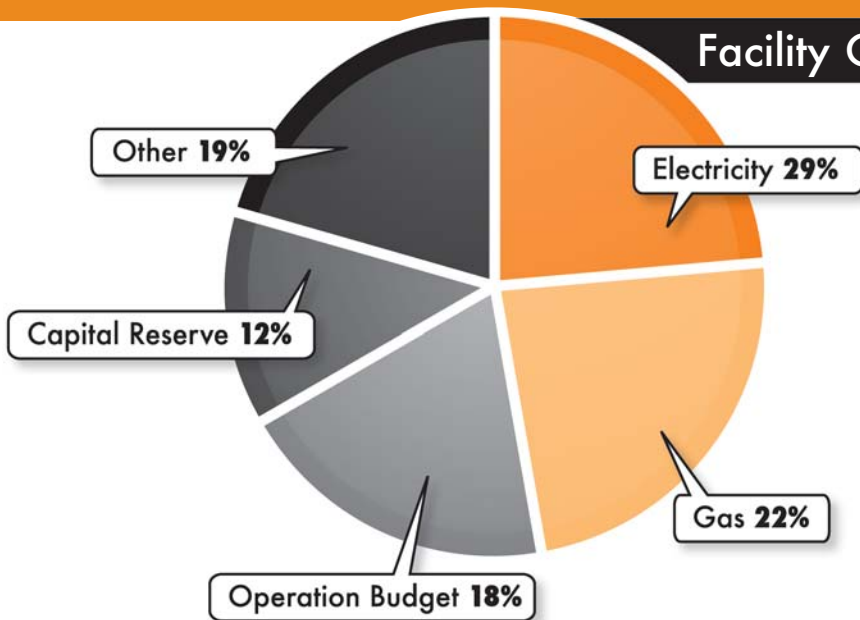


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ENERGY COST REDUCTION SPECIALISTS
with sound value engineering



HELPING BUILDING OWNERS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S MEET THEIR 21ST CENTURY ENERGY GOALS

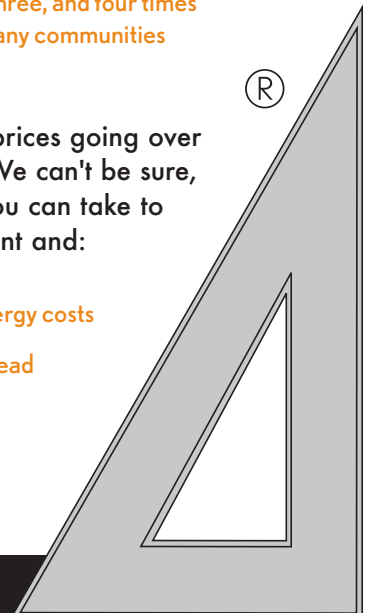


- We have seen oil at \$140 a barrel, propane for \$4 a gallon.
- Electricity is deregulated with prices headed to \$.20 a kilowatt hour.
- Energy prices are two, three, and four times what they were when many communities were constructed.

How high are those prices going over the next few years? We can't be sure, but there are steps you can take to protect your investment and:

- Reduce today's high energy costs
- Prepare for what lies ahead

Criterion Engineers, a nationwide network of LEED[®]-certified professional engineers, specializes in energy cost reduction for our commercial clients as well as our residential clients – anyone who owns a building and is concerned about operating costs.



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Over the past few years, the concept of “Green” has become hot, and many companies have attempted to reinvent themselves in order to cash in on this trend. Criterium is different – for over 50 years we’ve been practicing cost-effective energy system engineering with a focus on environmental consciousness.

Criterium is ahead of the curve, with a proven record of green accomplishment that is unmatched in the industry.

WHY CRITERIUM ENGINEERS?



Our Services

■ Value Engineering

Value Engineering is a broad term that covers three main ideas:

- Improving building system performance
- Enhancing owner comfort
- Reducing utility consumption

With over 50 years of experience and an outstanding reputation for integrity, the Criterium name is synonymous with Value Engineering.

One of the greatest benefits of this approach is that simple, low-cost improvements can often yield big results. This is especially true in high-rise buildings and larger communities where small changes multiply to produce a significant cumulative effect.

■ Energy Audits

How does your building rank compared to others of similar age, size, and complexity?

An energy audit performed by a Criterium Professional Engineer can tell you. We’ll audit your facility, determine how much energy is being consumed, and then compare the results against regional benchmark data provided by the United States EPA.

An energy audit points the way, very specifically, to where improvements can be made, and what savings can be realized.

■ **Design, Plans and Specifications**

To ensure accurate costing, and prevent mistakes, conceptual designs must be converted to final plans and specifications before being submitted to contractors for competitive bidding.

Criterion's team of licensed, professional engineers have been designing projects for building owners and area associations for the past 50 years. Roofing, siding, windows, heating plants, lighting, paving, chillers and cooling towers – all can be made greener. Are you going for LEED® certification on an existing building or Energy Star level of performance? Your specification can be crafted to achieve that objective.

■ **Project Management**

Criterion can protect your interests by overseeing your contractor's work.

Interactive sharing of information between our engineers and the building contractor can help set priorities, identify high risk details before they are built improperly, and deliver the project the way it was designed. Even the best contractors can benefit from on-site inspections and progress documentation.

Major builders regularly engage Criterion Engineers Construction Engineering Services. Your project deserves no less.

■ **Third Party Funding**

Energy issues continue to draw national attention. As a result, an increasing number of opportunities are being created for funding through third-party, utility company, and government-sponsored programs.

As an organization of professional engineers with LEED® Certification, Criterion has the experience and know-how to assist you with funding applications. Additionally, our strong credentials provide the necessary technical backup to substantiate your eligibility.

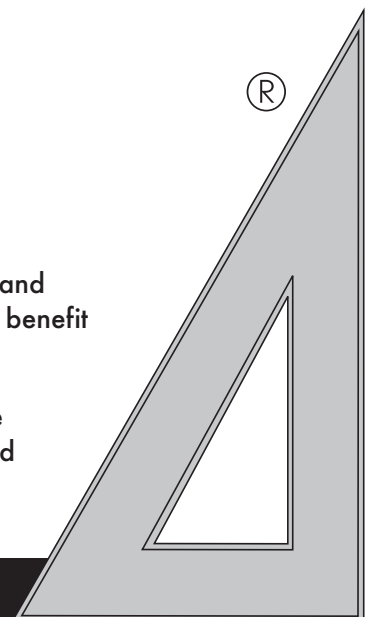
■ **Full-Service Implementation**

Criterion Engineers offers a full range of services for you to choose from. We can:

- Provide you with concepts, designs, and drawings
- Coordinate the entire bidding process
- Project the financial benefit
- Assist with the implementation
- Oversee the construction

Our unique A to Z service saves you time and effort, simplifies the decision making process, and enables you to prioritize and plan just like you would when using a reserve study. An added benefit is the property manager is relieved of construction management responsibility.

And remember – at Criterion, we don't just focus on the dollars. Many improvements can be made to save energy, increase occupant comfort, reduce noise, and improve temperature and humidity control.



Not Your Usual Property Condition Assessment & Reserve Study

A common practice among community associations is to commission a reserve study to identify the useful life of various system components and forecast their cost of replacement.

The Criterium process goes well beyond traditional reserve studies. In addition to standard life-cycle studies, our process also includes both an evaluation of current energy consumption, and the limited testing of existing system performance. From this data we develop a comprehensive plan for the association.

A key difference with the Criterium process is that rather than just recommending system replacement with similar equipment, our broad knowledge base of the latest trends and technologies enables us to identify and recommend opportunities for significant improvement.



Additionally, there are often opportunities for system upgrades prior to the end of their normal useful life. Our engineers are skilled in identifying these opportunities where the installation of new equipment would be more cost-effective than the continued operation of older, less efficient equipment, resulting in an overall savings to the association.

Call Today

Give us a call today to discuss your energy needs and concerns. We'll be happy to answer any questions you might have, and arrange for a free, no-obligation initial consultation.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your association.

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