

A NATIONAL PEER REVIEW PROCESS



Pacific Northwest Peer Review
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RESEARCH AS COLLABORATION

The development of complex hospital projects requires multi-faceted perspectives and expertise. The goal of this research is to provide information that can be used in the development of real projects. Therefore it is critical to understand the regional differences in hospital design, construction, and operations. The direct involvement of key industry experts in the development of the research will help build the most relevant framework for findings that have the best chance for implementation. The peer review process will build this framework by providing a forum for regional hospital stakeholders to have an impact on this research by contributing to the structure, design, and results of the project.

PAST SUCCESS

Peer review sessions in previous research by this team included the participation of utility representatives, owner representatives, facility managers, architects, engineers, cost experts, and contractors. These past peer review sessions, through the dedicated participation and expertise of local and regional industry experts, played a key role in producing research that is grounded in practice and experience. Leaders in healthcare design, construction, and operation were asked to review study materials and come prepared to communicate their perspective on the strengths, weaknesses, and areas for further research. Various participants have indicated that the review session was vital to providing an in-depth understanding of the project, creating acceptance surrounding the outcomes, and helped make the project more closely align to the realities of healthcare design, construction, and operations.

PROPOSED PROCESS

One half-day in-person peer review meeting is planned for each city with a two follow-up online presentations highlighting the progress and results of the study as well as the development of tools designed to disseminate research knowledge.

REGIONAL IN-PERSON MEETING | LATE WINTER & SPRING 2011

In-person peer review sessions will focus on the framework of the study including climate, average regional energy use in hospitals, and key strategies proposed with opportunity for discussion about region specific design, cost of construction, and operation of hospitals.

REGIONAL ONLINE MEETING | LATE 2011

During the beginning of the dissemination phase of the project an online meeting will be organized with each region to present the progress and preliminary results of the study and the tools that are being developed to communicate study results. Key individuals from the research team will present research results from the region, with a comparison of results from other regions. Peer review participants will have the first opportunity to see the results of the study and will see how their feedback impacted the trajectory of the project. They will also have an opportunity to provide feedback on the tools that are developed for public dissemination of the project.

NATIONAL ONLINE MEETING | MID 2012

At the end of the project an online meeting will be organized to present the results of the study to all reviewers. The presentation will include the final research results with an unveiling of the tools that are developed to communicate study results.