

Selling Advanced Controls for Retrofits in Today's Market

Seizing the Opportunity!

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Key Learnings

- Understanding the Value of NLC/LLLC (Advanced Controls)
- Embedded Luminaire Level Lighting Controls (LLLC) and their place in the market
- Providing you with “The Value Proposition” information to present LLLC as a retrofit option



My presentation today is going to show you all the value LLLC provides your customer but what I want you to walk away with from today, is how much they will lose without it.

Changing The Way We Look At Fixtures



LLLC (Luminaire Level Lighting Controls)



Market Context: Why LLC is Vital for Retrofits

The Growing Demand For LLLC



The Department of Energy estimated the installed base of networked luminaires will grow from less than 1% currently to nearly a third of all lighting in commercial buildings by 2035

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Previous research finds that including NLC/LLLC when installing LED fixtures can increase the potential energy savings by 50 percent – and nearly 70% in some building types

DOE estimate that up to 88% of all commercial buildings will have LED lighting by 2030. **Future energy savings may be lost without LLLC, missing a huge opportunity**

Without LLLC, these energy savings stay locked up forever (essentially) as it's unlikely the LED fixtures will be replaced and adding LLLC after installation is not always cost effective.

Customers Need To Know



Impact on customer decisions for energy-efficient upgrades

Customers should be considering lighting controls at the time of retrofitting their old fluorescents or first Gen LED's. Retrofitting LLLC after the LED's have been installed is not as cost effective and a harder sell.

Higher upfront costs vs. long-term value

Without LLLC the customer is unable to “unlock future controls savings”. Missing out on higher energy savings and business benefits.

Communicating the Value Proposition of LLC

Yes, It Saves Energy.....We Expect That

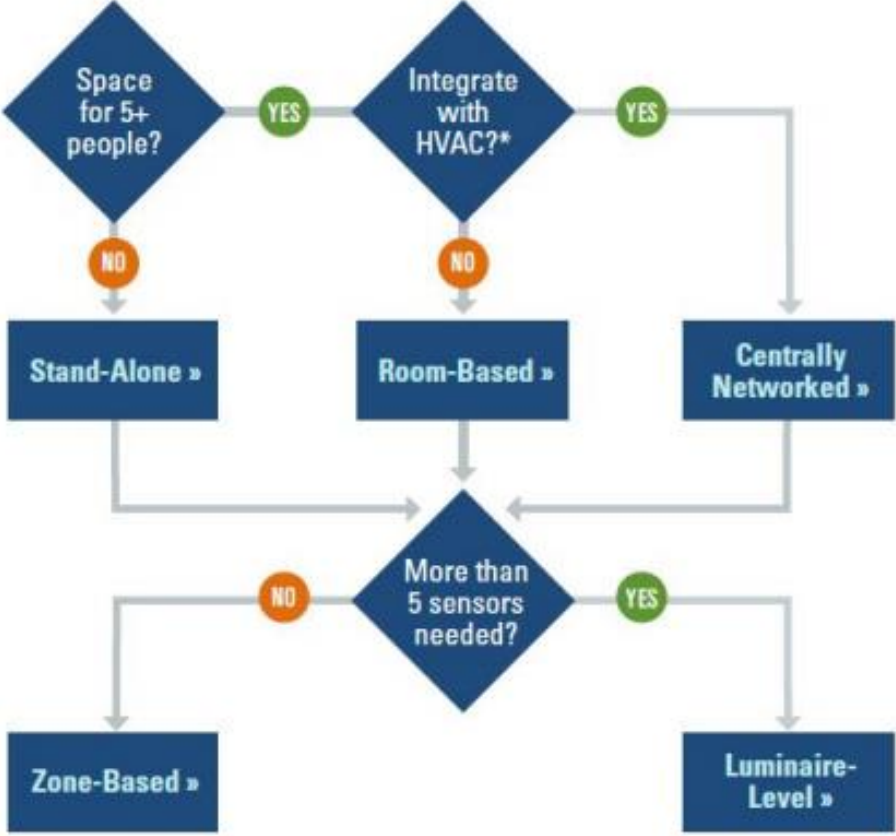
Individual Savings				Combined Savings		
LED (ES1)	Tuning (ES2)	Occupancy (ES3)	Daylighting (ES4)	LED + Tuning	LED + Tuning + Occupancy	LED + Tuning + Occupancy + Daylighting
10%	20%	24%	28%	28%	45%	61%
20%	20%	24%	28%	36%	51%	65%
30%	20%	24%	28%	44%	57%	69%
40%	20%	24%	28%	52%	64%	74%
50%	20%	24%	28%	60%	70%	78%
60%	20%	24%	28%	68%	76%	82%
70%	20%	24%	28%	76%	82%	87%
80%	20%	24%	28%	84%	88%	91%

Source: GSA

Column #1 (LED (ES1) is energy savings from a fluorescent to LED conversion

GSA LED Lighting And Controls Guidance For Federal Buildings

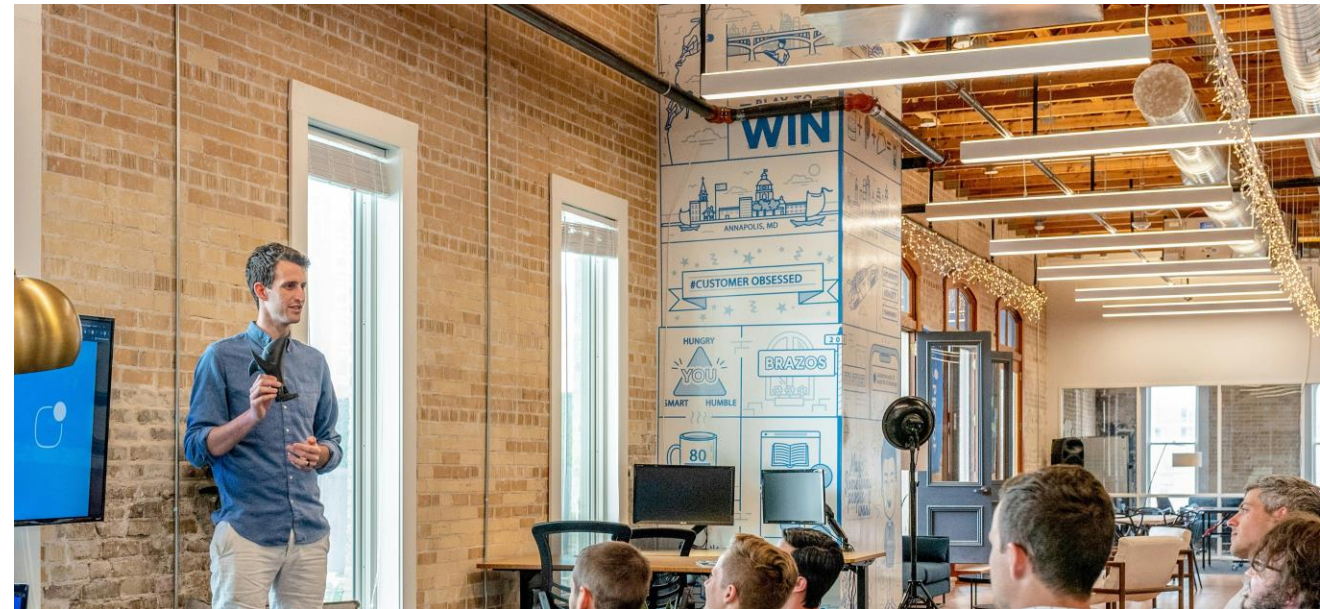
Decision Flowchart for Lighting Controls



* Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) integration is recommended for buildings over 50k ft²; consider for buildings over 25k ft²

Remember the Capabilities

- Occupancy sensing
- Daylight harvesting
- Continuous dimming
- High-end trim/Task Tuning
- Zoning
- Simplified Path to Energy Code
- Color Tuning
- Scheduling (Time of Day)



LLLC Benefits for Retrofit Projects

Ease of Installation and Commissioning

- Retrofit kits for easy upgrades (Luminaire Level Lighting devices installed at factory)
- Bluetooth and handheld device technologies for simple setup
 - Factory assistance, video's, YouTube.
 - Factory updates to software at no-charge

Customer Flexibility and Control

- Seamless upgrades (e.g., daylight harvesting) (Luminaire Level Lighting, photocells, code compliance if needed)
- Color tuning and control settings such as tuning, scheduling, occ sensor time outs, etc.



Benefits Beyond Energy Savings

Today's market challenges: Inflation, rising costs, and supply chain issues. It now more important than ever to *sell the overall value!*

- With LLLC you add value beyond energy savings
- Lower operational costs through energy savings
- Utility incentives and ROI

Business Benefits

Impact on building value, occupant safety, and comfort

Long-term system flexibility and scalability

Tailoring benefits to customer-specific needs

Pacific Power Incentives For LLLC (ANLC)

Advanced Networked Lighting Controls (LLC) Eligibility

TABLE I. RETROFIT LIGHTING EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS & INCENTIVE LEVELS

Measure	Category	Eligibility Requirements		Customer Incentive
Lighting System Retrofits	Interior Lighting	Full Fixture Replacement	With upgrade to Advanced Controls	\$0.46/kWh
			With upgrade to Basic Controls	\$0.38/kWh
			Without controls upgrade	\$0.35/kWh
		Fixture Retrofit Kits	With controls upgrade to Basic or Advanced Networked Lighting Controls	\$0.35/kWh
			Without controls upgrade	\$0.28/kWh
		Lamp Replacement	TLED Lamp	\$0.10/kWh
			Other Lamp-only Replacements	See Table 2
		Controls-only Retrofit	Controls-only upgrade to Advanced Networked Lighting Controls	\$0.46/kWh
	Controls-only upgrade to Basic Controls		\$0.35/kWh	
	Exterior Lighting	Full Fixture Replacement (except Street Lighting)	With upgrade to Advanced Dimming Controls	\$0.22/kWh
			Without Controls	\$0.12/kWh
		Fixture Retrofit Kits (except Street Lighting)	With upgrade to Advanced Dimming Controls	\$0.14/kWh
			Without Controls	\$0.11/kWh
		Lamp Replacement (except Street Lighting)	Lamp-only Replacements	See Table 2
		Street Lighting	With upgrade to Advanced Dimming Controls	\$0.12/kWh
			Without controls upgrade	\$0.09/kWh
Controls-only Retrofit	Controls-only upgrade to Advanced Dimming Controls	\$0.14/kWh		

Benefits to Installers and End Users

Industry Voices: Ryan Herron

What is a key benefit of LLLC that helps inform your customers?

The futureproofing element with customers because it's important to have a long-lasting lighting source (LEDs) paired with flexible controls that allow customers to make adjustments easily over the lifetime of the system.

What are your customers looking for when upgrading their lighting system?

Customers first think about cost, which may result in a more basic lighting solution. This is why utility rebates are such an important tool for removing barriers when considering an LLLC system.





Traditional Sensor Placement

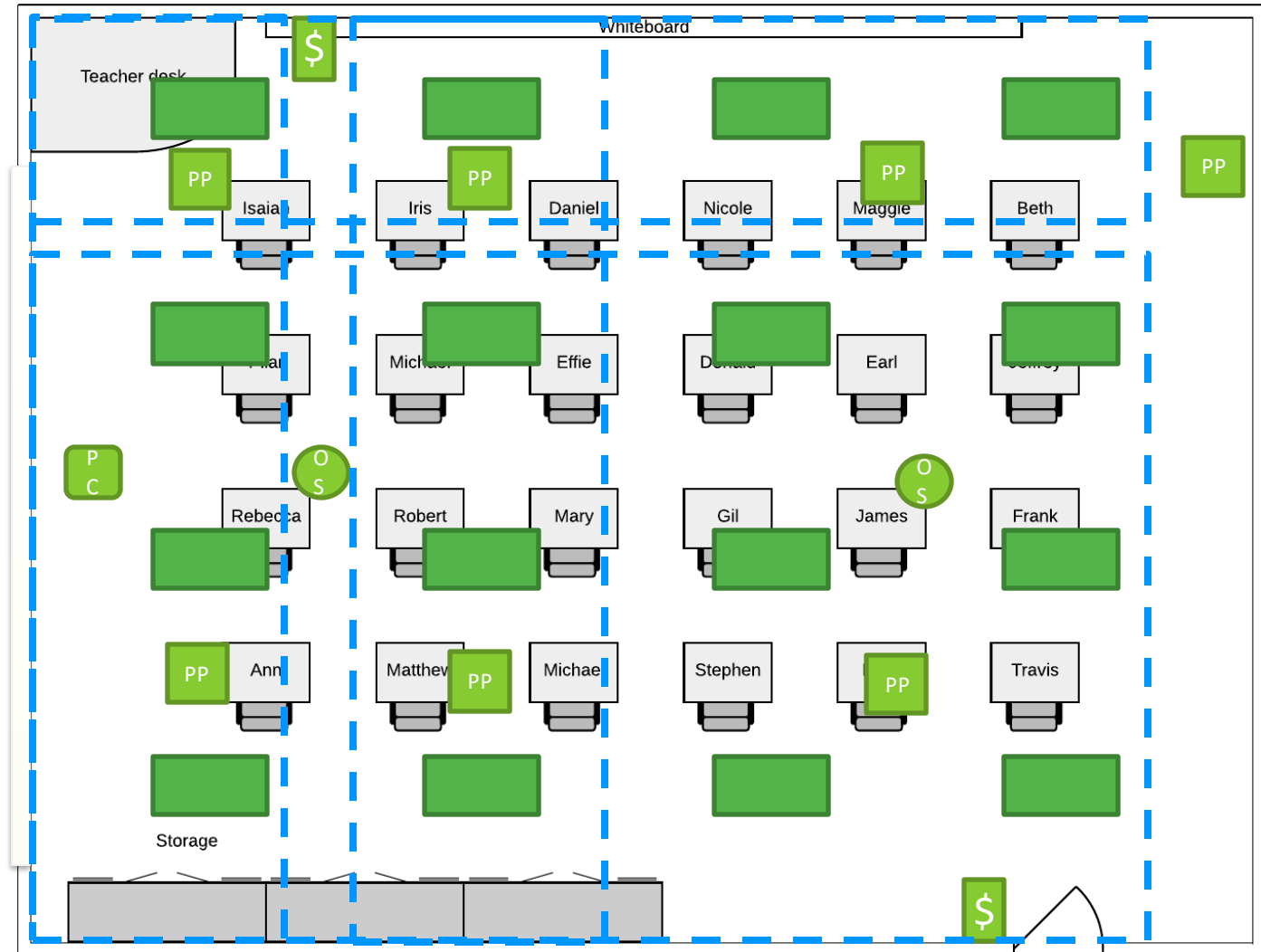


Fixtures with Embedded Controls

Traditional Lighting Control System

Source: Acuity

- Switches on the wall
 - On/Off at entrance and scene selector at teacher station
- Occupancy sensors
- Photocell
- Power packs (relays) for each zone of lighting and plug load
- (16) fixtures to install
- (12) control devices to install
- (6) pairs of 0-10V wires to install
- CAT5 cabling between devices



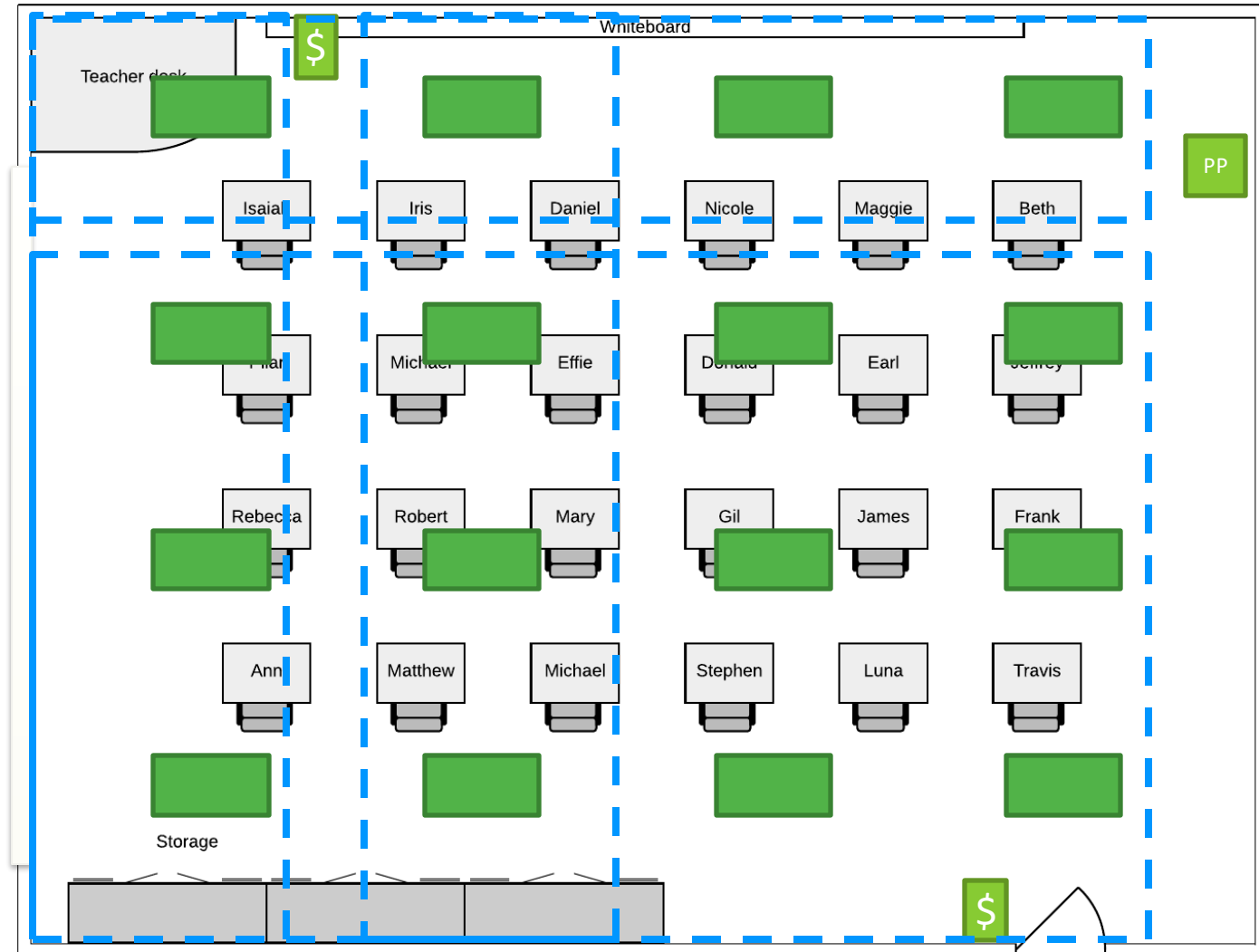
Embedded Lighting Controls

Source: Acuity

- Switches on the wall
 - On/Off at entrance and scene selector at teacher station
- No occupancy sensors required
- No photocell required
- (1) Plug Load power pack required. All other zoning created through programming

- (16) LLLC fixtures to install (wireless)
- (2) control devices to install
- Zero (0) pairs of 0-10V wires to install
- Line voltage for power (doesn't need to be designated)

Code Compliance through configuration!



Installation Advantages

- Sensors Installed at Factory
- Any Power Connection
- Relieved Wiring Frustration
- Faster Project Completion
- Simple Configuration
- Future Expandability
- Reconfigurable
- Less wiring



Lowering Project Costs with Advanced Controls

WATCH NOW

LLLC
LUMINAIRE LEVEL LIGHTING CONTROL

+ UTILITY REBATES

ATTN: CONTRACTORS
SAVE TIME & MONEY

2024 REBATES

Seattle Studios

Selling Advanced Control Projects

Use the resources available to you to promote the benefits of LLLC:

- Case studies, DOE, ILC, BetterBricks, Pacific Power Incentives
- Manufactures available to assist you
- Ask for help from your Pacific Power team
- Install samples in customers building (low cost to do)
- Order fixtures with sensors already installed
- Always give your customer options for comparisons
- Show project with and without LLLC Incentives



LLLC Owner/Occupant Advantages

Business Benefits

- Asset Tracking
- Space Utilization
- Indoor Positioning/Wayfinding
- Room Scheduling
- Remote Diagnostics
- External Systems Integration
- Security
- Flexibility to make changes!





BetterBricks Industry Voices

Novanta | Mukilteo, WA

Selling LLC for Long Term Success

Strategies For Each Project

Occupant Sensing

- Lights turn off after 10 minutes of non-occupancy
- Configure occupancy sensors to manual "ON" mode

Daylighting

- Identify daylit areas within the building
- Fine-tune light levels to optimize daylight integration

Task Tuning

- Adjust light levels based on the specific task in each space (per IES recommendations)
- Implement scheduling for different areas:
 - Time of day
 - Day of the week
 - Monthly adjustments

High-End Trim

- Set light output to 80% (minimum 90% where applicable)



Remember the Benefits

- Increased Energy savings: up to 50% more than just a LED retrofit
- Flexibility: make changes after the install
- Business benefits: (Light levels, dimming, color tuning, future changes, better environment for occupants)
- Higher Incentives: Local incentives for LLLC are up to \$0.46 kWh saved- plus don't forget Vendor Incentive!
- Better long-term ROI!

Better value for your customer, they receive so much more for incremental added cost



Final Thoughts

Consider enrolling in NXT-Level training: <https://nxtleveltraining.com/>

BetterBricks has LLC resources: <https://betterbricks.com/solutions/luminaire-level-lighting-controls>

Lighting Controls Association: www.lightingcontrolsassociation.org

Lastly, just talk to your customer about LLC.....

Questions





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