

**SRS SPONSORS WHITEPAPER ON  
EMERGING BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS &  
INDUSTRY'S RESPONSE**

**Whitepaper Defines Rapidly Evolving Building Energy Labeling and Disclosure Regulatory  
Environment and the Commercial Real Estate Industry's Response**

TRUMBULL, CT – DECEMBER 20, 2010 – Sustainable Real Estate Solutions, Inc. (SRS), the industry leader in on-demand building energy assessment and proprietary benchmarking software, today announced it will sponsor the Emerging Building Energy Performance Regulations and Industry's Response whitepaper.

The research paper is the second published by Building Energy Performance News (BEPN) in its BEPN Critical Issues Series and will be available at no cost, based on SRS's sponsorship, for download at the link below on December 20, 2010. The paper focuses on the rapidly evolving legal and regulatory mandates, in addition to common sense economic factors, that are driving the inclusion of energy and sustainability issues into the main stream of commercial transactional due diligence. ([download whitepaper](#))

In addition to a comprehensive regulatory overview of the growing number of states and cities that have enacted policies requiring energy performance rating and disclosure for commercial buildings, the paper provides keen insight to the commercial real estate industry's response to these emerging regulations. To address the need for standardization in complying with these

regulations, the paper details how the industry turned to ASTM to establish a standardized methodology to assess and report on a building's energy use. The paper profiles ASTM's establishment of its Building Energy Performance Assessment (BEPA) Task Group of more than 200 industry stakeholders to address this growing marketplace need and its final work product in the form of ASTM E 2797, Building Energy Performance Assessment Standard, which is expected to be published in January 2011.

“SRS is proud to sponsor this research paper that provides commercial property stakeholders with insight to how the ASTM E 2797 Building Energy Performance Assessment Standard is expected to become the standard methodology for building energy use data collection and form the foundation for building energy performance determinations in pre-acquisition applications”, noted Brian J. McCarter, SRS CEO. He added, “It is also anticipated that the ASTM BEPA methodology will become a routine part of the building energy auditing process as a standardized first and critical step to calculate the building's baseline and projected energy use and cost ranges considering the impact of independent variables such as historic weather, occupancy and operating hours, leading to recommended energy conservation measures that meet the owner's ROI and payback criteria for energy retrofits.”

#### **About Sustainable Real Estate Solutions, Inc. (SRS)**

SRS, an industry leader in on-demand building energy assessment and proprietary benchmarking software, delivers Sustainable Real Estate Manager<sup>®</sup> an Internet-based software-as-a-service (SaaS) workflow platform enabling building owners, operators, investors, lenders, tenants and consultants assess, benchmark and optimize the energy and sustainability performance of their

properties. Its Peer Building Benchmarking™ module contains data on over 120,000 buildings nationwide encompassing 15 property types comprising 3.3 billion square feet, over \$7.8 billion in annual energy costs and \$635 million in annual water/sewer costs and has reinvented commercial real estate's energy efficiency benchmarking best practice. For more information, visit [www.SRMnetwork.com](http://www.SRMnetwork.com).

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