THE FACILITY FILES

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For a building program to be successful and sustainable, it is imperative that the program include an operating budget as well as a construction budget. Fifteen to 20% of the cost of a building is "first cost," and that remaining 80% or more of the cost to own a building is in the operation of the building over its lifespan. The following is a sample of what the HVAC annual operating budget for an assisted living building could look like at the conceptual phase of a renovation project.

ADMINISTRATIVE					
SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS					
Employee Salaries & Wages	(0) Manager	(0) Supervisor	(1) Technician		\$ 42,000.0
Taxes, healthcare, etc.					\$ 8,000.0
Retirement & Benefits					\$ 2,000.0
SALARIES, WAGES, & BENEFITS					
Project Management					\$ 1,200.
Vendor Salaries & Wages					\$ 32,000.
Supplies					\$ 5,000.
SERVICE CONTRACTS					
Refrigeration Equipment-	(1) Air-Cooled Chiller twice a year				\$ 3,000
Heating Equipment-	(1) Condensing Boiler twice a year				\$ 1,800.
• Filters-	By outsource vendor				\$ 0.
Emergency Generator-	By outsource vendor monthly				\$ 0.
CONSULTANTS					
CAD computer-aided drafting-	None				\$ 0.
• Energy-	None				\$ 0.
Information Technology-	(1) On-Call + Anni	ual visit			\$ 1,200.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				,	
Computerized Maintenance Manage	ement Software-	None			\$ 0.
Handheld Devices-		(1) Cell Phone + M	onthly fee		\$ 1,500.
EXPENSES					
• Education-	(2) HVAC courses				\$ 500.
Conferences	(1) NCAL in June				\$ 1,200.
Office Supplies	\$250.00 per month	1			\$ 3,000
JTILITIES					
Electricity					\$ 144,000
• Gas					\$ 24,000
• Oil					\$ 0
• Propane					\$ 0.
District/Campus Steam					\$ 0
District/Campus Chilled Water					\$ 0.
District/Campus Hot Water					\$ 0
DOCUMENTATION				,	
Printing					\$ 0.
PROJECT					
Maintenance Repair	By outsource vend	dor			\$ 0.
In-House HVAC Modifications	None				\$ 0.
Capital Projects	None				\$ 0.
Energy Initiatives	None				\$ 0.
			TOTAL A	NNUAL OPERATING COST	\$ 270,400.0
				OPERATING COST/Sq Ft	\$ 5.6