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Foreword

There is widespread agreement that commercially available technologies could profitably reduce the federal government's \$4 billion annual building energy costs by at least 25 percent. Efforts to tap the potential of energy efficient measures have continued to evolve since the mid- 1970s, and have saved several billion dollars to date. Despite this impressive achievement, considerably greater savings still appear possible. As discussed in OTA's 1991 Report, *Energy Efficiency in the Federal Government: Government by Good Example?*, however, there are a number of constraints to implementing more energy efficient practices. Two longstanding constraints are: 1) a shortage of funds to invest in efficient equipment; and 2) a lack of information for program planning and budgeting about the extent of investment opportunities and about the best funding mechanisms. This paper, prepared in response to a request from the House Committee on the Budget, reviews advances made in addressing these constraints since 1991.

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