Eversource partnered with the City of Boston, Massachusetts, and the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Better Buildings Energy Data Accelerator (EDA).

**Implementation Highlights**

- The City of Boston and Eversource worked collaboratively to develop a data access solution. Starting with a Memorandum of Understanding to clearly define the goal of providing whole-building data access to commercial building owners, Eversource also provided a dedicated staff member to interface with the city, and to ensure that the data access solution supported compliance with the city's benchmarking ordinance.

- Based on the initial experience of working with the City of Boston, Eversource was readily able to expand its data access system to support building owners in the neighboring City of Cambridge, in order to support the Cambridge benchmarking ordinance.

- Eversource's solution featured a standalone data access portal, through which commercial customers in Boston and Cambridge could submit requests for aggregate whole-building data.
  
  - In the current version of the tool, the building owner uses the portal to identify their building and to initiate the meter-to-building mapping process. The owner then receives the aggregate data output in spreadsheet format, which must be manually uploaded into EPA's Portfolio Manager® to complete the benchmarking process.
  
  - In the future, Eversource seeks to incorporate Portfolio Manager web services, in order to send whole-building aggregate data directly into EPA's benchmarking tool.

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**About the Better Buildings Energy Data Accelerator**

DOE’s Better Building Energy Data Accelerator (BBEDA) was a two-year partnership with cities and utilities to improve energy efficiency by making energy data more accessible to building owners. As a result of best practices developed by these partners, 18 utilities serving more than 2.6 million commercial customers nationwide will provide whole-building energy data access to building owners by 2017.

Learn more at eere.energy.gov/buildings/betterbuildings/accelerators/energy.html