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## **CABA FEATURES ACTIVE BUILDING PROFILES IN LIFE-CYCLE COST CALCULATOR**

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association is pleased to announce that it has four active demonstrations currently profiled in its Life-Cycle Cost Calculator.

CABA and RSMeans the construction cost company have designed this Life-Cycle Calculator to allow users to choose, evaluate, view, and save customized reports to determine the return on investment for intelligent building developments.

The tool incorporates the RSMeans Square Foot models for initial construction costs; RSMeans Facilities Maintenance & Repair models; and Preventative Maintenance & Repair models for operational costs; as well as building automation controls in the Means Assembly databases. U.S. Department of Energy usage guides are also incorporated to calculate building energy costs.

The final calculated result from the Life-Cycle Cost Calculator provides a report outlining initial assembly costs and a ten-year cost analysis for ROI applicable to intelligent, fully integrated building automation controls.

The purpose of the tool is to provide a comprehensive, user friendly tool to allow owners, facility managers, architects and engineers to evaluate, model and assess intelligent building automation systems and its impact on life cycle costs of proposed and existing building inventory.

CABA encourages more owners and facility managers to become involved in the project to widen the number of active demonstrations within the Life-Cycle Cost Calculator. To become involved in the project, please contact Tim Duggan at RSMeans at 781-422-5105 or email [tim.duggan@reedbusiness.com](mailto:tim.duggan@reedbusiness.com).

### **About CABA**

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at [www.caba.org](http://www.caba.org).

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