

# TECHNICAL ASSURANCE

High Performance  
Building Enclosure  
Experts



Statement of  
Qualifications

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## Company Overview

Technical Assurance, Inc. is a nationally-recognized building consulting firm founded in 1993. Technical Assurance, Inc.'s current staff of professionals manages building enclosure consulting and design for assignments of varied size, scope and geographic location.

Our practice includes a considerable focus on solving a variety of building system deficiencies. Areas of expertise include roofs, façades, fenestrations (doors, windows and skylights), below-grade structures, parking areas and multi-level parking structures.





In addition, a number of the Technical Assurance clients engage the company to comprehensively manage their physical assets programmatically. These kinds of assignments generally include, predictive and preventative maintenance, capital budget integration and even client staff training.

We also have a full-service Commissioning Group to improve new construction building design and perform functional testing of the system during construction. Our Commissioning Group also performs Building Retro-Commissioning to improve existing building enclosure performance and energy loss.

Technical Assurance's success is due to our ability to lead the planning, design and implementation process for projects of any type, with a history of delivering projects on time and within budget. Our staff is committed to design excellence and client service with a team approach. Each program is approached individually, without preconceptions, and designed to serve the needs of the particular client – always with the goal of achieving excellence in delivery.

The professionals at Technical Assurance, Inc. have substantial critical facility industry experience. We have an extensive staff of consultants, engineers, field technicians, project and construction managers, database managers, GIS consultants, technical staff and office support. We maintain in-house capabilities to provide asset management and produce design drawings and project specs with complete cost estimating and budget preparation. Additionally, we continue to serve our clients with bidding services and construction administration during the entire course of the task, project, or program. Our services are sought primarily by those clients who value their building assets as "critical" in running their daily operations.

## Points of Differentiation

-  Established knowledge of critical facility project standards, guidelines and safety and security requirements.
-  30 years of proven work experience providing planning, assessment, technical design consultation, construction observation, asset life cycle management and building enclosure commissioning (BECx) services.
-  Approximately \$100 million of building envelope restoration, replacement and repair projects completed by Technical Assurance on an annual basis.
-  Technical Assurance is one of the largest specialized building enclosure consulting and engineering firms in the United States.

# SERVICE OVERVIEW



## Building Envelope Asset Management

Technical Assurance's ON-PNT® allows facility owners the ability to manage building system inventory, condition assessments and ongoing building system data within one central location. This technology provides for robust GIS mapping and automated reporting metrics for simple data consumption.



## Roof Consulting

We are your partner for total roof management. With a team of highly trained roofing specialists, we deliver comprehensive solutions for the assessment, design and implementation of roofing projects of any scope and size. Our programmatic approach to roof management ensures that your roofing investment is optimized to extend the service life of the roof system and to reduce the Total Cost of Ownership.



## Façade Consulting & Structural Engineering

We offer vertical facade and structural engineering services including masonry and concrete exterior walls, curtain walls, balconies, exterior insulation finishes, fenestrations (doors, windows and skylights) and structural consulting to diagnose the cause of structural distress. We design repairs and restorative solutions that protect the structural integrity and aesthetic design of the building enclosure.



## Parking Garage Consulting

Technical Assurance provides comprehensive consulting services for the restoration, repair and preventative maintenance of existing parking areas. Our deep understanding of the requirements for keeping your parking areas highly maintained and safe will help you operate with a low cost of ownership and extend the life of these necessary and valuable assets.



## Exterior Hardscape Consulting

The exterior hardscape serves as a first impression and welcomes visitors to your facility. Regular maintenance of these areas will improve safety and increase the perceived value of your facility. Technical Assurance provides condition assessments, functional design consulting and durability recommendations.



## Building Enclosure Commissioning

The full-serve BECx Group specializes in providing data-driven, quality improvement suggestions to new construction building design and performs functional testing during construction. Building enclosures directly affect the longevity and energy efficiency of a building. With a systematic approach to quality assurance, our BECx process improves the performance, safety and efficiency of a building and ensures that a project meets specific quality requirements.

# ROOFTOP FALL PROTECTION HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

Falls from heights and working surfaces are among the leading causes of serious work-related injuries and deaths. One of an employer's first priorities is to protect its people from possible fall hazards. Fall protection safeguards employees and company assets from preventable accidents.

As part of our roof consulting services, the Technical Assurance team can perform routine rooftop fall protection hazard assessments to help keep your facilities OSHA compliant and maintain safe rooftop working environments. Our two-pronged approach includes both roof condition and fall protection hazard assessments in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of the entire roof system for clients – from both life safety and serviceability standpoints.

## COMPLIANCE & STANDARDS

**OSHA 1910.28 (b)(1)(i)** requires employers to provide fall protection for employees performing work at heights of 4 feet or more.

**ANSI 359** fall protection and fall restraint standards address fall protection equipment and systems for an array of fall hazards.

**IWCA1-14.1** outlines a set of standards to protect workers in the window cleaning industry. The standard requires a certain amount of certifiable roof anchorage systems.



## The Role of Fall Hazard Assessments

1. Identify fall hazards
  - Access
  - Perimeter Edges
  - Equipment Access
  - Openings
  - Navigation
2. Inventory existing fall protection system and equipment
3. Assign risk values to hazards and prioritize accordingly
4. Propose solutions

These assessments are not intended to serve as a certification or recertification of fall protection.

## Our Approach

At Technical Assurance, we believe that the condition and serviceability of your roof and fall protection system(s) compliance go hand in hand.

Our two-pronged approach includes assessing both systems in order to create a comprehensive understanding of how to address maintenance, remediation and/or replacement of the roof comprehensively.

### What is the benefit of our approach?

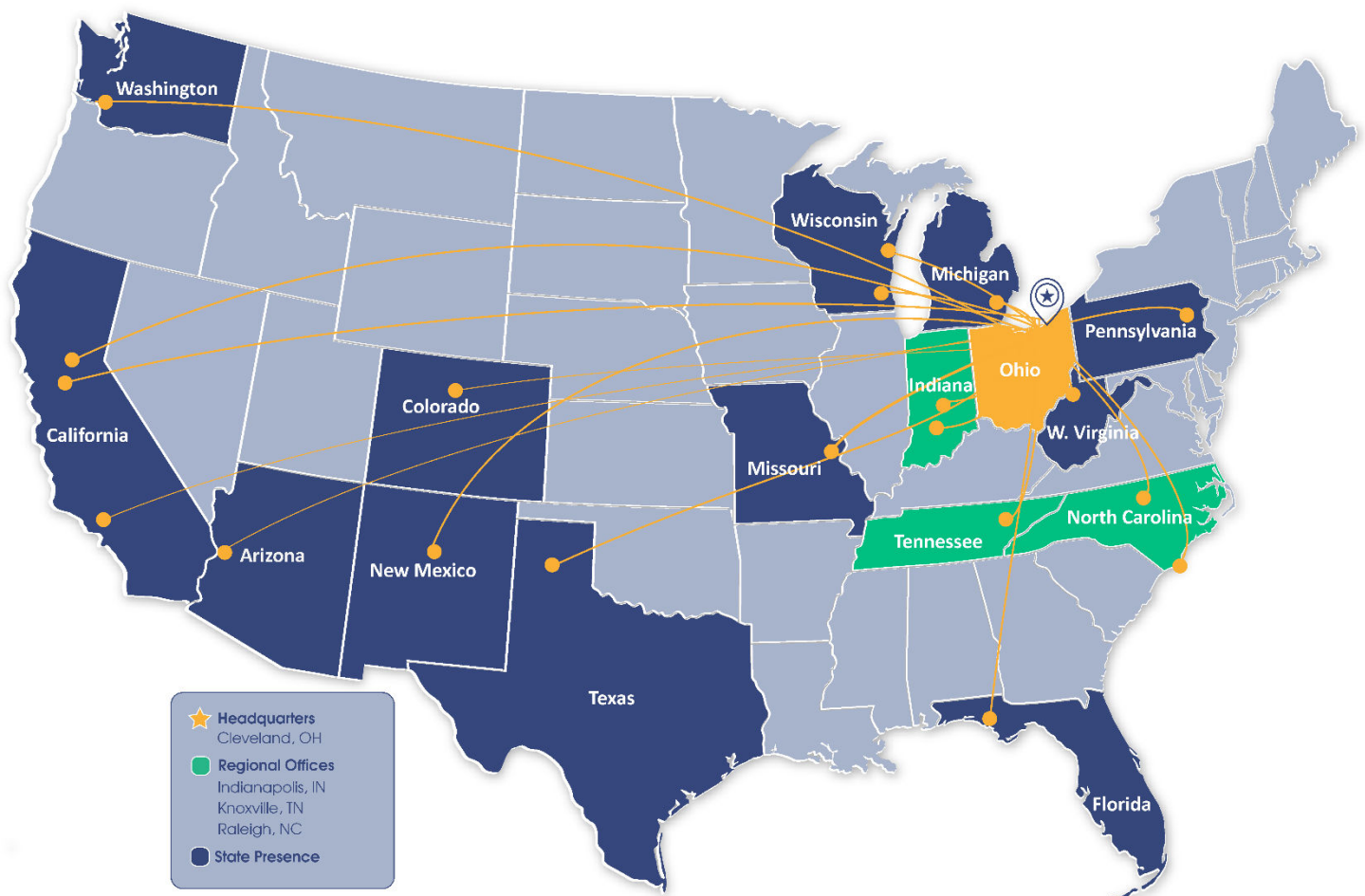
Time and Cost Efficiencies  
Roofing Best Practices Considered

# GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Technical Assurance has the capacity to provide national building enclosure consulting services. Our project-related field teams span across the United States, as we are continuously recruiting top talent in different markets in order to efficiently staff client program needs. We have successfully delivered roofing and building envelope projects across all 50 U.S. states and in Canada.

## Office Locations

Headquarters	38112 Second Street, Willoughby, OH 44094
Raleigh, NC	301 Kilmayne Drive, Suite 204, Cary, NC 27511
Knoxville, TN	10426 Jackson Oaks Way, Suite 103, Knoxville, TN 37922
Indianapolis, IN	160 West Carmel Drive, Suite 244, Carmel, IN 46032



# 5 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

Technical Assurance's unique 5 Steps to Sustainability process ensures thorough, superior results in program assessment, planning, design and management. Our process-driven approach allows our team to systematically lead all phases of building envelope programs — providing a framework for collaboration and creative solutions.

## DISCOVER

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Development of Owners Facilities Requirement (OFR), inspect, test, explore, excavate, evaluate and observe existing facilities and parking structures to develop an accurate condition assessment. This step frequently involves forensic investigation for facilities problems.

## PLAN

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Prepare and develop repair programs and capital plans along with work schedule priorities based on discovery phase findings.

## SOLVE

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Meet with the Owner's Team and develop design (construction documents, plans and specifications) solutions for all building and parking conditions requiring repair, restoration and/or remediation.

## MANAGE

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Manage and administer the construction process to ensure cost control, energy savings, quality assurance requirements and compliance with construction documents.

## SUSTAIN

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Implement and monitor preventative maintenance programs based on long-range component life-cycle forecast to reduce Total Cost of Ownership.



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**Project & Program  
Experience**



# Case Western Reserve University

## Roof Sustainability Program



### Programmatic Value

Because of our extensive relationship with CWRU, Technical Assurance is their go-to roof expert for any of their roofing needs. Technical Assurance's ability to simultaneously manage the design, bid and construction processes of each of the roof replacements allowed for an expedited project schedule and reduced costs.

### Project Specifics

**Size:** 1.7 million square feet of roof assets

**Location:** Cleveland, OH

### Overview

Technical Assurance has been working with Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) since 2003. In 2013, we were contracted by CWRU to provide a thorough roof assessment for their entire campus, including all academic and residential housing buildings. The university had been experiencing some premature roof failures and needed to gain control of this expansive facility system asset that requires so many capital renewals over the life of a building. To avoid or at least minimize future "surprises," administration decided to contract an enclosure consultant to conduct a thorough conditions assessments of the roofs.

Following the assessment, Technical Assurance worked with the university to implement a campus-wide Roof Sustainability Program on 1.7 million square feet of roofs. This program includes biannual roof preventative maintenance and assessments, reporting, emergency and non-emergency leak responses, large roof replacements and construction management.

The Sustainability Program has extended the useful service life of their roof portfolio from 5 to 12 years, affording the university over \$7 million in total cost of ownership savings over the remaining service life of their roof assets with ongoing repairs and preventative maintenance.

Each year, CWRU replaces failed roof sections on the prioritized buildings. The number of replacements varies each year based on budget and needs. Technical Assurance designs each of the roof replacements, manages the bid process, serves as on-site project management, construction administration and provided quality observation throughout each replacement.



## Duke University Perkins Library

### Façade Evaluation & Restoration



#### Programmatic Value \_\_\_\_\_

Helped the client identify restoration needs and provided services throughout all project phases to ensure a successful project.

#### Project Specifics \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** 1 Building; Multi-Story

**Cost:** \$83,600

#### Overview

In 2020, Technical Assurance performed a facade evaluation on the Perkins Library for Duke University in North Carolina. The project included the inspection, testing and planning for the remediation of chronic water infiltration associated with the façade, which is comprised of Duke stone and limestone. The Duke stone is the primary façade component and limestone is found at window surrounds, water tables, spandrels, finials and copings.

The Duke stone is unique to the Duke Forest and quarry and is used on the roughly 100 buildings on the Duke University and Health System campuses. The stone's color is unique and ranges in color that includes deep blues, rich browns, dusty grays and fiery ochres. The University purchased the quarry so that the stone would become a unique architectural common thread on the campus.

The walls of Perkins Library are a barrier system, which means that its function is to prevent the vast majority of water from infiltrating the wall. Whatever water does infiltrate the exterior face, the mass of the full wythe Duke stone wall absorbs it and holds it until the wall dries out. The entire façade of the buildings constructed in 1928, 1948 and 1968 were evaluated with a particular focus on developing a remediation plan for the north elevation which was primarily part of the 1968 addition.

Given the uniqueness of the Duke Stone and the common issues that the University is experiencing across the University, the goal was to develop a systematic and successful remediation program for the Duke stone façade that will not only be used on Perkins Library but can be implemented at all Duke stone clad buildings on the campus.

Technical Assurance developed an approach that will use conventional restoration methods with specialized mortar that is designed for historical restoration. This plan was developed in the fall of 2020. So far in 2021, our team designed the repair and restoration measures necessary to stop the chronic water infiltration. We developed specifications and construction documents. The bidding phase of the project was just completed. Following the bid phase, Technical Assurance provided quality observation throughout the construction of the remediation/restoration work.

## West Virginia University

### Full Building Envelope IDIQ



#### Programmatic Value

Technical Assurance provides consulting services for a variety of projects including roofing, façade and waterproofing.

#### Project Specifics

**Size:** 17 buildings; multiple campuses

**Cost:** Varies per project

#### Overview

In 2023 Technical Assurance was awarded a new 3-year IDIQ with West Virginia University. An initial IDIQ with the University was awarded in 2013 for comprehensive building envelope consulting services, including roofs, facades, waterproofing and forensic investigations. Although each assignment can vary, Technical Assurance has been asked to assess, cost estimate, design, bid phase manage, and construction phase administer, manage, observe and closed-out a number of projects at WVU. In addition, Technical Assurance has been tasked with providing consulting services for façade evaluation projects, waterproofing and building enclosure forensic investigation at the university. Below is just a sample of façade/building envelope projects completed for the university:

##### **Beckley Campus RCB Learning Center Sub-Grade Waterproofing:**

Technical Assurance was retained to provide inspection, testing and planning in regard to sub-grade waterproofing failures at the RCB Learning Center. Our team discovered many design issues that were causing the chronic water infiltration. After investigation, we worked with the university on the design, bid, project management, field testing and quality observation of the repair project.

##### **Mineral Resource Building Re-Caulk & Replace Seals on Exterior Windows**

Technical Assurance provided design, bidding and construction phase services to the University to re-caulk and replace seals on the exterior windows of the building. The scope included developing design and construction documents, managing the bid process on behalf of the University, contractor submittal and shop drawing review, construction administration, and period technical site visits during construction.

##### **Benedum Center Façade Restoration and Waterproofing Repair Project**

Following an assessment of the facility, Technical Assurance provided design, bidding, construction administration, project management and quality observation on the \$150,000 restoration and repair project. Repair & remediation items included sealants joint replacement around windows and glass doors, masonry repair from deterioration and cracking, repairing surface corrosion, tuckpointing, and restoration to the failed chimney.

## University of Alabama

### ON-PNT® Assessments and Forensic Leak Investigation



#### Programmatic Value \_\_\_\_\_

Our assessment allowed the University to understand the condition of their building envelope assets on campus in order to develop a comprehensive repair and replacement plan.

#### Project Specifics \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** Approx. 1.2 million square feet in roof assets and 1.16 square feet in façade assets

**Cost:** Multi-million (varies per year)

#### Overview

In 2021, Technical Assurance was engaged by University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) to assess their roofs and facades. Overall, the client requested 38 buildings with more than 1.42 million square feet of roofing assets to be assessed and input into the Technical Assurance ON-PNT system. During that time, 1 million square feet of façades were assessed and added to ON-PNT too. The buildings have been dormitories, research centers, utility buildings and office spaces.

Along with the ON-PNT assessments, Technical Assurance performed forensic leak investigations on 3 buildings. One dormitory was experiencing an interior leak and recommendations were provided on remediation. A second building was determined that the leakage was intruding from the perimeter of the building. The evidence lent itself to the construction of the perimeter edge detailing, specifically as it relates to the termination of the membrane flashing behind the perimeter edge sheet metal fascia. Finally, the third building was a dormitory that had reports of leakage and recommendations were made on how to proceed going forward.

The university has plans to repair and fix parts of campus and has requested Technical Assurance to assess and report on more buildings across the campus.

In 2022, Technical Assurance was engaged to perform campus wide building envelope assessments on fourteen (14) additional campus buildings. The assessments data will be input into ON-PNT® and commenced in early 2023.

# Ohio State University

## Postle Hall Partial Replacement Project



### Programmatic Value

Building Enclosure Commissioning Services (BECx) helped the client to ensure a weathertight building and achieve LEED silver certification.

### Project Specifics

**Size:** 130,000 square feet

**Cost:** \$95 million

### Overview

In 2018, Technical Assurance was engaged Engineering Economics, Inc. (EEI) to provide building enclosure commissioning services on the OSU Postle Hall project. EEI is the commissioning agent of record.

Postle Hall houses The College of Dentistry. The project includes a new building up to 130,000 GSF and will renovate portions of the east and west sections of Postle Hall. Demolition of the southern portion of the eastern wing is required for the new construction. The new addition will include programming for an Ambulatory Care Center, Pre-Doc Clinics, Faculty Practice Clinic, Radiology Clinic, Sterilization, Simulation labs, small commercial space and facility support space. The goal was to register the project with the USGBC and achieve LEED silver certification.

Technical Assurance is providing the following services:

- Design and CD phase BECx services, which includes design review and specification development at the CD phase.
- Construction Phase – shop drawing and submittal review, mock up testing and part-time construction observation during critical installations.
- Below-grade waterproofing inspecting/testing
- Performance Testing: IR Scans of Roof systems, water penetration testing, water spray testing, air infiltration testing, flood test of cementitious crystalline waterproofing and envelope water penetration testing

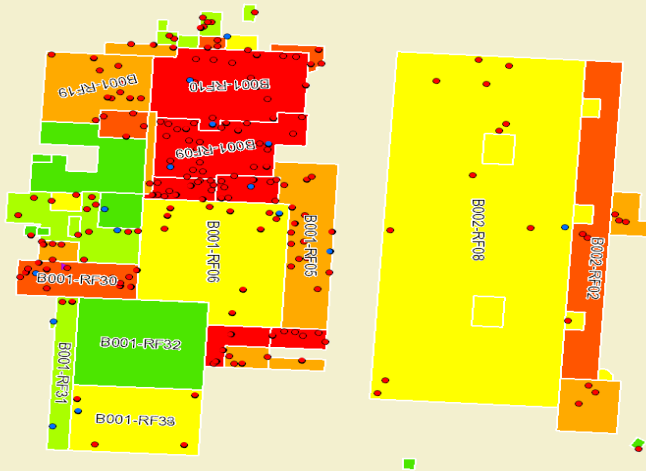
The project is currently in the construction phase. Our team has identified multiple water points of entry throughout out testing, allowing the construction team to remediate the issues and continue to create a weatherproof barrier.



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**ON-PNT<sup>®</sup>**  
Simplified Asset  
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Building System Asset Management Made Simple.

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## Simplified Management

- > Robust project management tool
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The ON-PNT Enterprise Solution is a GIS-enabled database and web portal technology solution for:

- Building System Management
- Design Services and Bid Management
- Construction Management
- Sustainable Maintenance Management

ON-PNT allows facility owners the ability to manage building system inventory, condition assessments, repairs and ongoing building system data within one central location. This cutting-edge technology provides robust GIS mapping and automated reporting metrics for simplified data consumption.

ON-PNT is fully customizable per client. In fact, we build a unique ON-PNT Portal for each client program. This means we can incorporate each client's unique program nomenclature, ID system, special acronyms, custom metrics, etc.

## A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

The ON-PNT system provides repeatable and objective analysis using established facilities asset management (FAM) standards. The database is modeled using the following engineering standards:

- ✓ "Asset Lifecycle Model for Total Cost of Ownership," IFMA/APPA
- ✓ ASTM E917-05 Measuring Life-Cycle Costs of Buildings and Building Systems
- ✓ ASTM E1057-06 Measuring Internal Rate of Return and Adjusted Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Buildings and Building Systems
- ✓ ASTM E1121-12 Measuring Payback for Investments in Buildings and Building Systems
- ✓ ASTM E1765-11 Standard Practice for Applying Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) to Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis of investments related to Buildings and Building Systems

Using these standards to work within the structure of our database, we are able to ensure consistent findings and reporting with our Asset Management solution. The standards also allow us to bring in unique characteristics and attributes important to our clients from a non-monetary perspective.





# RECOMMENDATIONS & BUDGETING

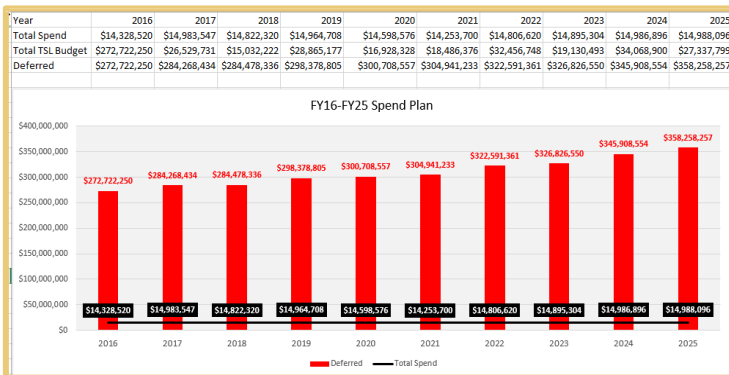
ON-PNT® includes a built-in Business Intelligence for Capital and O&M budgeting and planning, along with work schedule priorities based on discovery phase findings. The automated budgeting reports include scientific methodology for ranking capital replacements and repair projects. The Triage Budget Report and Project analyzer tool is based upon the:

- ✓ Building or building system Condition Index (CI)
- ✓ Mission Dependency Index (MDI)
- ✓ System Component Index (SCI)
- ✓ Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

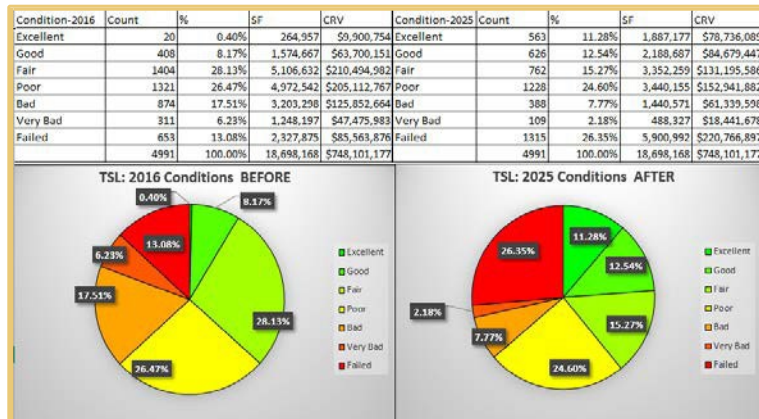
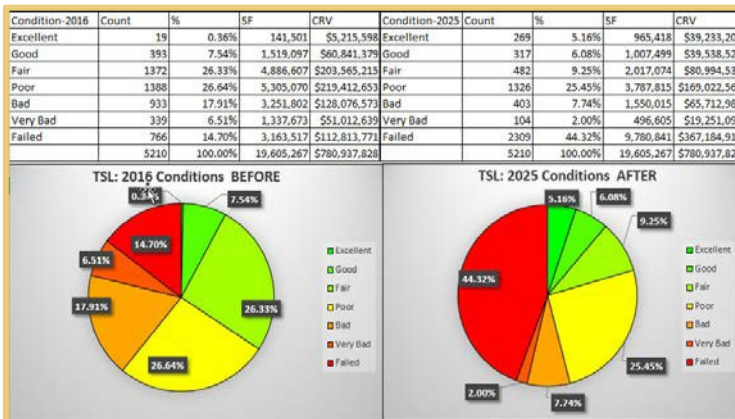
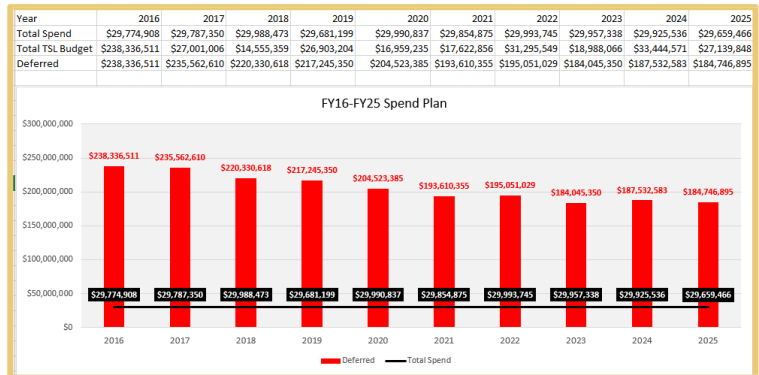


ON-PNT lets you generate ad-hoc Triage Budget Plans based upon set budget constraints. You can also set your organization's inflationary rate and/or cost of capital or value of cash percentage rate. Once constraints and other rates are set, you can easily generate Triage Budget Plan and/or special Spend Plan and Deferred Maintenance Reports.

## 10-Year Spend: \$15 million/Year



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# REQUEST A CONSULTATION

We would love to talk with you about your facility needs.  
Connect with us on our [website](#) to request a consultation.

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