

Announcing: B3 Benchmarking version 4.0!

We are proud to present a new, re-designed version of B3 Benchmarking. Combining the same general functionalities with several new features, B3 Benchmarking 4.0 offers:

- Improved **search** finds sites as well as organizations and highlights results for easy identification.
- Site level **Baseline** tab includes 12-month display for enhanced analysis.
- Re-integration with **ENERGY STAR** Portfolio Manager's web service automatically manages and presents scores for qualified sites.
- New **Freshness** rating on Summary tab allows you to see how current your meter readings are.
- Permanent **export, map, and print** buttons expand reporting capabilities from each tab.
- Add **images** of your buildings and equipment for visual record-keeping.
- **Map** display on the Building Editor General tab provides visual verification.

The screenshot displays the B3 Benchmarking software interface. The top navigation bar includes the B3 logo, the text 'BENCHMARKING', and a user login status 'Logged in as Katie Schmitt'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Energy Mode', 'Water Mode', and 'Meter Search'. The main content area is titled 'QA, Demonstration City' and features a sidebar with a search bar and a list of sites: 'QA, Demonstration City', 'Community Center', and 'Greenhouse'. The main panel shows the 'SUMMARY' tab selected, with sub-tabs for 'BENCHMARK', 'PEER COMPARISON', 'ENERGY STAR', 'BASELINE', 'REPORTS', and 'IMPROVEMENTS'. The summary text states: 'Summary of the organization is detailed below. Data integrity is reported on using a variety of factors - complete, correct, contiguous and current. The better the entered data, the more accurate the results. More info...'. Below this, there are sections for 'Completeness', 'Freshness', and 'Attributes'. The 'Completeness' section includes a table with columns for Sites, SF, Bldgs, and Meters, showing 100% completion for all categories. The 'Freshness' section shows 'Meter data current to 1/1/2013' and '374 days old'. The 'Attributes' section is empty. At the bottom, there is a 'Sites (2 sites)' table with columns for Site Name, Status, Primary Space Usage, Square Footage, Bldgs, Meters, First Reading, Current To, Days Overdue, and Contig. Month. The table lists 'Community Center' and 'Greenhouse' with their respective details.

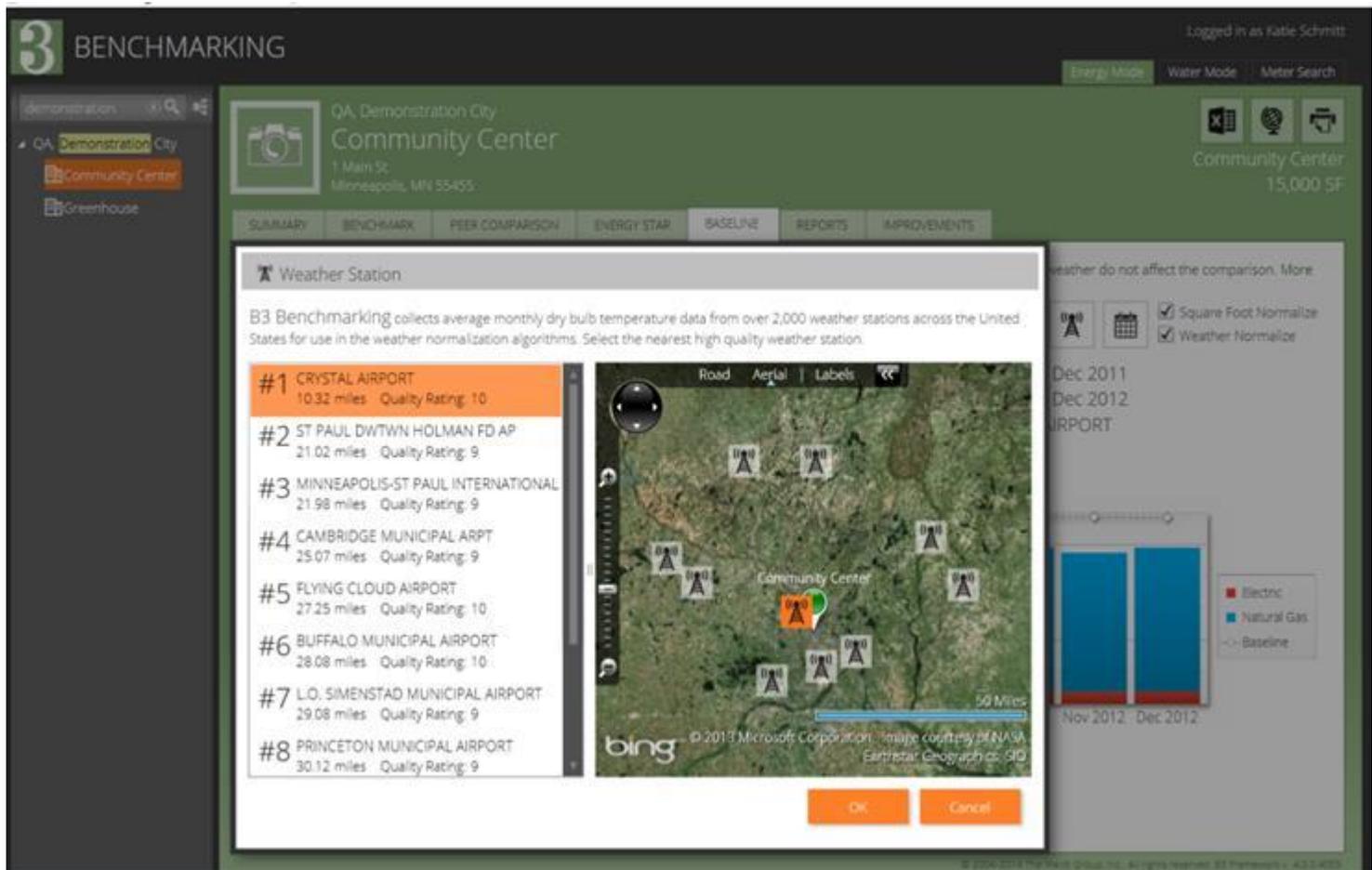
Site Name	Status	Primary Space Usage	Square Footage	Bldgs	Meters	First Reading	Current To	Days Overdue	Contig. Month
Community Center	✓	Community Center	15,000	2	2	1/1/2011	1/1/2013	284	12
Greenhouse	✓	Greenhouse	4,000	1	1	1/1/2012	1/26/2013	259	12

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New Weather Normalization

B3 Benchmarking now offers more accurate weather normalization capabilities. Previously, sites used weather data from the closest of 5 weather stations in the state. Now over 2000 stations from across the US are available for reference, and the system defaults to using the nearest high quality station for each site. To discover and/or change

your weather station, click the weather station icon  on a site's Baseline tab.



The screenshot displays the B3 Benchmarking software interface. The main dashboard shows the site 'QA, Demonstration City Community Center' with a 'BASELINE' tab selected. A 'Weather Station' dialog box is open, listing eight nearby airports with their distances and quality ratings. The top airport, Crystal Airport, is highlighted. A map shows the location of the Community Center and the selected weather station. The dialog also includes a legend for utility types (Electric, Natural Gas) and a 'Baseline' indicator.

Rank	Weather Station	Distance (miles)	Quality Rating
#1	CRYSTAL AIRPORT	10.32	10
#2	ST PAUL DWTWN HOLMAN FD AP	21.02	9
#3	MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL INTERNATIONAL	21.98	9
#4	CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL ARPT	25.07	9
#5	FLYING CLOUD AIRPORT	27.25	10
#6	BUFFALO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	28.08	10
#7	LO. SIMENSTAD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	29.08	9
#8	PRINCETON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	30.12	9

Would you like a tour?

In the B3 Benchmarking [Learning Center](#), we will post short, instructional videos soon to help you quickly learn the B3 skills you need. The videos will not only cover new features, but also provide specific instruction for:

- basic navigation
- entering buildings and meters
- reading your utility bill
- meter search
- understanding each dashboard analysis
- setting targets

- and many more!

“You can’t manage what you don’t measure.”

The State of Minnesota B3 Energy Benchmarking program has been developed by the State of Minnesota Department of Administration and Department of Commerce to help State and local governments improve the energy performance of their buildings by tracking and managing facility energy consumption.

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