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# What is an EPC, where it works and where it doesn't



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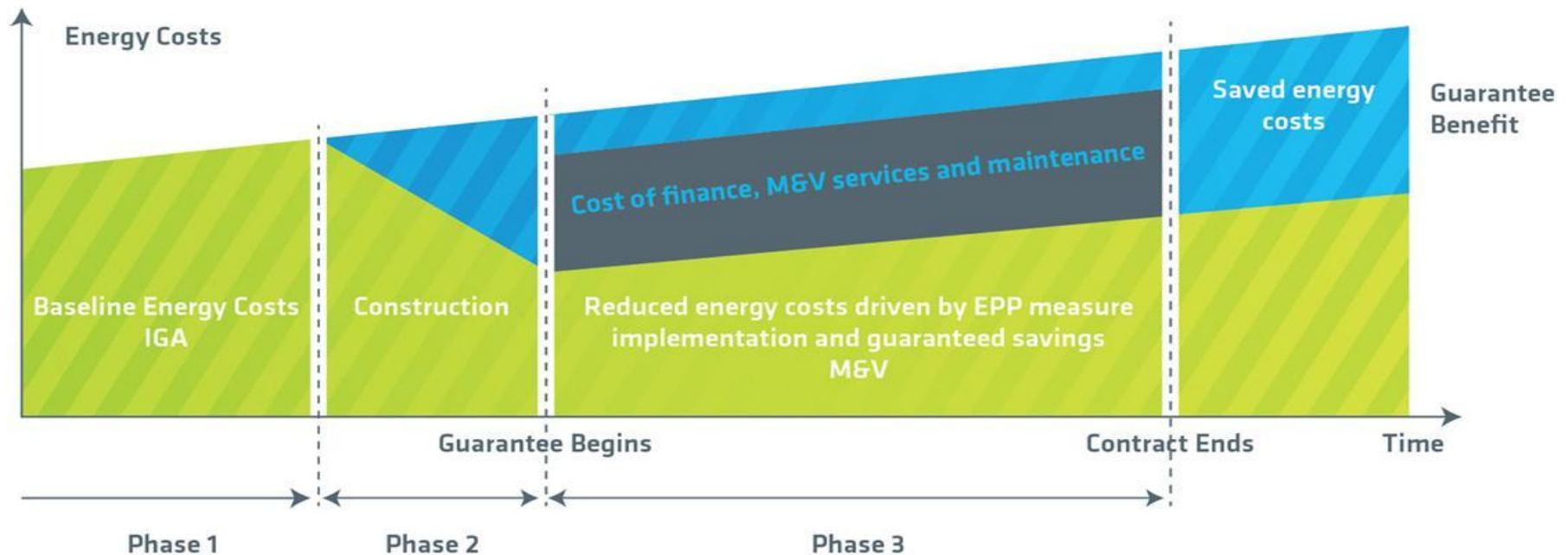
- An EPC will **identify, achieve and guarantee** energy savings
- Delivered by Energy Service Companies (ESCOs)
- ESCO assumes technology, operational and performance risk
- The added value can be significant



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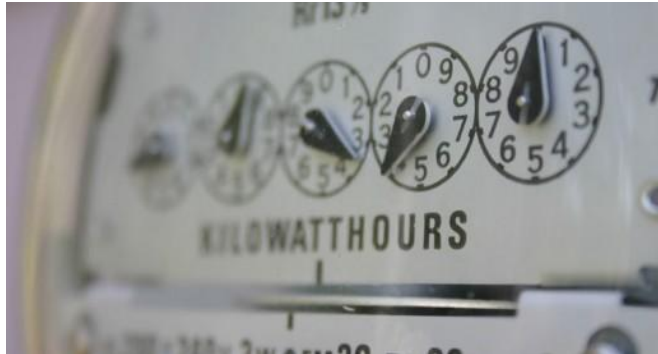
The majority of EPCs are signed with the Public Sector or with organisations which present some public sector characteristics, such as:

1. Ability to sign long-term agreements
2. Good creditworthiness
3. Ownership of old, inefficient buildings

# What it can deliver



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# How providers commonly make their money



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- EPC costs need not be opaque but;
- Not all ESCOs are created equal
- Margins vary per phase and per ESCO
- External financing adds an extra layer of cost
- Some ESCOs will offer a 'shared savings' option
- Real value of an EPC for an ESCO should lie in its potential upside

## Share of costs - Typical EPC

- 1) Audit (5% - 20%)
- 2) Installation (70% - 80%)
- 3) Performance (2% - 5%)



# Partnerships, transparency and value for money



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**EPCs still attract scepticism, reluctance and inertia, they:**

- Require closer client engagement compared to typical project
- Clients need to appreciate the time required from inception to full delivery and;
- There have been failures

**Great number of ESCOs**



## Golden Rules

1. Be suspicious of the cheapest price
2. Pay particular attention to the audit stage
3. Articulate your value for money clearly



# The importance of client's team in success



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## Client Engagement



### The ideal client

1. Has the right decision stakeholders involved from the start
2. Can articulate drivers and value
3. Understands the long-term nature of the agreement
4. Remains actively engaged
5. Is ready to challenge the ESCO in a constructive manner



# How it can be delivered



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## How to procure a successful EPC

1. Get expert advice before you approach the market
2. Use an established framework
3. Stay clear from Simple Paybacks
4. Drive Value for Money – articulate what this means to you
5. Be careful not to instigate a 'race to the bottom'

