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# Investment Returns from Responsible Property Investments: Energy Efficient, Transit-oriented and Urban Regeneration Office Properties in the US from 1998-2008

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#### **Abstract**

Responsible property investing (RPI) includes many facets such as investing in Energy Star labeled properties, transit-oriented development and redevelopment areas. This work shows that investors could have purchased a portfolio consisting solely of RPI office properties over the past 10 years and had performance that was better, at less risk, than a portfolio of properties without RPI features. Our paper breaks down the ways that various RPI features impact income, property values, capitalization rates, price appreciation and total returns. With few exceptions, RPI properties had incomes, values per square foot, price appreciation and total returns that were either higher or insignificantly different from conventional properties with lower or insignificantly different cap rates. Energy Star properties had 5.9% higher net incomes per square foot (due to 9.8% lower utility expenditures, 4.8% higher rents, and 0.9% higher occupancy rates), 13.5% higher market values per square foot, 0.5% lower cap rates, and appreciation and total returns similar to other office properties. Properties near transit in the suburbs had 12.7% higher net incomes, 16.2% higher market values, 0.3% lower cap rates, 1.1 percent higher annual appreciation and 0.9 percent higher annual total returns than other suburban office properties. Properties near transit in CBDs had 4.5% higher net incomes, 10.4% higher market values, and 0.2% lower cap rates but their appreciation and total returns were similar to other CBD office buildings. Properties in or near urban regeneration areas in CBDs had 2.4% lower net incomes, consistent with their economically distressed locations, but they still had 1.1% higher values per square foot, 0.5% lower cap rates, and appreciation and total returns on par with other CBD office properties. Regeneration properties in the suburbs were the only type of RPI property to not meet or beat market rate returns. They had 9.4% higher incomes and cap rates and market values on par with other suburban offices but their appreciation and total returns fell below other suburban offices by 1.4% and 2.1% per year respectively. Based on this evidence, we conclude that investors can be socially responsible while also earning competitive rates of return. Moreover, since RPI can produce social and environmental benefits while fulfilling fiduciary obligations, it would be economically irrational in social welfare terms and ethically unjustifiable for investors to not engage in Responsible Property Investing.

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#### Introduction

Investors are increasingly interested in corporate social responsibility and socially responsible investing (Hill *et al.* 2007, Schueth 2003). Since the 1970s, socially responsible investing, or efforts to maximize both financial return and social good, has grown into a global movement (Louche and Lydenberg 2006). Over 360 asset owners, investment managers and financial service providers, representing over \$15 trillion in assets under management, have signed the UN Principles for Responsible Investment which "help investors integrate consideration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues into investment decision-making and ownership practices" (Principles for Responsible Investment 2008).

The application of responsible investing and corporate social responsibility to the property sector is increasingly referred to as Responsible Property Investing (Mansley 2000, McNamara 2000, Newell and Acheampong 2002, Boyd 2005, Lutzkendorf and Lorenz 2005, Newell 2008, Pivo 2005, Pivo and McNamara 2005). Recent surveys have documented its emergence around the world (Pivo 2007, Rapson *et al.* 2007, UNEP FI 2007).

Responsible Property Investing (RPI) has been defined as maximizing the positive effects and minimizing the negative effects of property ownership, management and development on society and the natural environment in ways that are consistent with investor goals and fiduciary responsibilities (Pivo and McNamara 2005). Specific strategies include energy conservation, green power purchasing, fair labor practices, urban regeneration, safety and risk management, and community development, among others (Pivo and UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative Property Working Group 2008). RPI goes beyond compliance with legal requirements to better manage the risks and opportunities associated with social and environmental issues. It encompasses a variety of efforts to address ecological integrity, community development, and human fulfillment in the course of profitable real estate investing. The goal is to reduce risk and pursue financial opportunities while helping to address the challenging public issues facing present and future generations.

Because so many factors contribute to the social and environmental performance of buildings, RPI touches on literally dozens of property location, design, management, and investment strategies. However, a recent effort to prioritize RPI criteria found that experts, giving consideration to both financial investment materiality and public general welfare, would emphasize "the creation of less automobile-dependent and more energy-efficient cities where worker well-being and urban revitalization are priorities" (Pivo 2008). Based on this finding, our paper examines the economic performance of 3 particular types of RPI properties: those close to transit stations, energy efficient properties, and properties in or near areas targeted for urban revitalization. Our study question was how did these properties perform financially compared to otherwise similar properties without these RPI attributes?

A survey of senior US property investment executives found that concerns about financial performance and fiduciary duty were potential impediments to RPI (Pivo 2007). Still, more than 85 percent of the executives agreed that they probably would increase their allocation to such investments if they met their risk and return criteria. This paper targets these impediments by examining the financial performance of RPI properties in the USA. In particular, it examines how energy efficient properties, properties near transit ("transit-oriented properties") and properties in areas targeted for urban regeneration ("regeneration properties") have performed financially over the past decade in comparison to those without such features.

If RPI enhances investment returns, there are both business and fiduciary reasons to pursue it. If it has a neutral effect, then it makes economic sense in social welfare terms and moral sense because social or environmental gains can be achieved without harming financial results. But if RPI harms risk adjusted investment returns, it will be difficult for investors to justify or defend absent government requirements or incentives unless investors are willing to trade-off lower returns for social or environmental gains. Findings are mixed on whether individual investors will sacrifice financial returns for social responsibility and the degree to which financial returns influence the decision to make socially responsible investments (Rosen *et al.* 2005, Nilsson 2007, Vivyan *et al.* 2007, and Williams 2007). But if RPI harms returns it will likely face legal and economic resistance. Therefore, if RPI is to become more common among institutional investors, it is important to find approaches to RPI that are neutral or positive for financial returns.

Salzmann *et al.* (2005) reviewed the business case for corporate social responsibility (CSR), which they found to be a topic in the literature since the 1960s. Although theorists agree there are non-economic reasons to pursue CSR, considerable theoretical and empirical work has focused on the relationship between financial performance and

environmental/social performance. Theorists have argued whether the links are positive, neutral, or negative while empirical studies have been "largely inconclusive" due to research biases and ambiguities.

#### **How RPI Can Affect Investment Returns**

Just because properties produce more income or are worth more per square foot, does not mean they will automatically generate higher investment returns. This is important to understand for those trying to make the case for RPI investments by simply using evidence of higher incomes and valuations.

The three types of returns commonly monitored by investors are income returns, or net income relative to beginning property value, which is analogous to the capitalization rate, capital appreciation returns, or the change in property market value relative to beginning property value, and total returns which is the sum of income and appreciation returns. Assuming the same risk, for actual (ex post) returns to be higher for RPI properties than for non-RPI properties, income would have to increase more than was expected when the property was acquired or appraised due to rents or occupancy rates that were higher than expected or expenses that were lower than expected. This is because property values are generally a function of expected earnings, given a certain level of risk. Assuming that property values were adjusted in response to unexpected higher incomes using the same capitalization rate used to determine values before any higher incomes were recognized, unanticipated income gains would produce the same income returns, higher capital appreciation returns and higher total returns for RPI properties. If, however, property values were not adjusted to reflect the higher incomes or only adjusted upward at the previous rate of growth, then unanticipated income growth would produce higher income returns, the same capital appreciation returns and higher total returns for RPI properties. Thus, unanticipated income growth will produce higher total returns either by increasing income or capital returns depending on whether it is fully capitalized into property values. Another way for RPI properties to achieve higher returns would be for the capitalization rates used to assess values to decline as a result of the RPI properties being perceived as less risky than previously thought in comparison to otherwise similar investments. This would produce lower income returns, higher capital appreciation returns and higher total returns for RPI properties. So, overall, RPI properties can outperform as investments through either unexpected income gains or downward shifts in the cap rates used in valuation.

These three basic scenarios can be summarized as follows:

Table I: Relationships between Income, Value and Returns

	Change	es to Income and Value		Impact on Returns			
Scenario	Income	Property Value	Income Returns	Capital Appreciation Returns	Total Returns		
1	Increases faster than anticipated	Driven upward by higher income being capitalized using normal cap rates	Same	Higher	Higher		
2	Increases faster than anticipated	Increases at same rate as anticipated	Higher	Same	Higher		
3	Increase same as anticipated	Driven upward by declining cap rates due to perception of lower risk	Lower	Higher	Higher		

Only certain investors would be the beneficiaries of better performance. Investors that own the affected properties when shifts in value occur are the ones who receive the gains. Those who acquire RPI properties after higher

incomes have been capitalized into the price of properties or after capitalization rates have adjusted downward will not receive additional returns attributable to RPI features. Developers who create RPI properties via new construction or refurbishment can also obtain higher returns if they can create RPI properties without facing higher land or construction costs that offset any higher property values created by RPI features. If, however, they must pay a premium for land or buildings they intend to refurbish because, for example, they are located near transit or in a redevelopment zone, or if they must pay more for materials and labor to create an energy efficient or transit friendly building, then the additional costs could negate any additional profits they might otherwise have obtained by creating and selling more valuable RPI property. An examination of the development costs facing RPI developers is beyond the scope of this study. But readers should understand that any added value created by RPI features may or may not result in higher returns for the investors or developers who incurred the initial cost of adding RPI features to the property.

Based on this framework, we identify four practical pathways by which RPI attributes may have affected the income or appreciation of RPI properties in the recent past relative to other property investments:

- 1. Tenant Demand Certain RPI attributes could have gained or lost favor among tenants, changing their willingness to pay or their demand for properties with RPI attributes. For example, rising gas prices may have caused demand to shift toward properties with good transit service, resulting in lower vacancies and higher rents for transit-oriented properties. Over the past several years, rising energy prices and growing traffic congestion should have, if anything, increased interest in energy efficient and transit-oriented properties. Concern about urban crime or terrorism could have harmed demand for urban regeneration properties, but there is no evidence to suggest it did. In fact, urban areas have generally outperformed other locations and seen something of a renaissance in the past decade.
- 2. Expenses Certain operating expenses, such as utilities, taxes, or security, could have changed faster for RPI properties than for other properties, again affecting incomes. For example, in the face of rising energy prices, energy efficient buildings may have lost net operating income more slowly than less efficient properties. There is no reason to think that RPI properties have been disadvantaged by spikes in operating expenses relative to non-RPI properties. In fact, rising energy prices and tax incentives favoring urban regeneration have probably favored RPI properties. And while urban regeneration properties could have spent more than other properties on security, urban crime has been at historically low levels, so that seems unlikely.
- 3. Perceived Risk Certain RPI attributes may have come to be viewed by investors as creating more or less risk. This could have changed their willingness to pay for a given income stream and thus the rate of appreciation or depreciation. For example, a spike in urban crime might have caused investors to assign more risk to properties in urban regeneration areas, slowing their appreciation rate in relation to other properties. But here again, there is no reason to expect slower appreciation caused by perceptions of greater risk. If anything, investors have been worried that future energy prices and traffic congestion will cause auto-dependent, energy inefficient properties to lose value relative to transit oriented and energy efficient buildings.
- 4. Capital Improvement and Management Programs Certain management actions taken to alter the RPI attributes of properties could have improved or impaired their ability of properties to produce income, depending on the cost-effectiveness of the programs. For instance, a program to install water conservation features that pays for itself in just a few months by lowering water bills would probably improve total returns while a program composed of measures that take many years to yield dividends could harm returns. Whether or not a property is transit-oriented or promotes urban regeneration is mostly a function of location and not subject to alteration via capital improvement or management programs. But this is not so for energy efficiency where there are cost-effective strategies available for improving property performance (Urge-Vorsatz et al. 2007). Because there are options which are cost-effective and managers are rational actors, it is unlikely that such activities have been harmed returns.

We can use these four pathways to hypothesize whether it is likely that investing in energy efficient, transitoriented and urban regeneration properties has had negative, neutral, or positive effects on investment returns in the US over the past ten years. Our assessment of these issues suggests that RPI properties probably have performed at least as well as other property investments without RPI characteristics. The results of our assessment are summarized in Table 1.

Table II: Hypothesized Effects of RPI Features on Drivers of Investment Returns

RPI Feature	Tenant Demand	Expenses	Perceived Risk	Capital Improvement & Management Programs	Overall Expected Effect
Energy Efficient	Positive	Neutral or Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral or Positive
Transit- oriented	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Not applicable	Neutral or Positive
Urban Regeneration	Neutral or Positive	Neutral or Positive	Neutral or Positive	Not applicable	Neutral or Positive

#### **Previous Studies**

There is a substantial literature on the relationship between corporate financial performance and responsibility. However, as noted above, Salzmann *et al.* (2005) found the work to be "inconclusive". Other reviewers, focused on equity investing, found mixed evidence that it pays to screen for ethical issues (Michelson *et al.* 2004). And a recent review of 167 studies on business results and social responsibility found that it neither harms nor improves financial returns (Margolis and Elfenbein 2008). The authors found that "companies can do good *and* do well, even if they don't do well *by* doing good."

While systematic attempts have been made to present the business case for more responsible buildings (Roper and Beard 2006), almost no studies have examined the relationship between investment returns and responsibility in the property sector. Two studies have been published which support the expectation that transit-oriented and urban regeneration properties have performed at least as well as other properties. Clower and Weinstein (2002) looked at changes in valuations for properties close to light rail stations in the Dallas area. They found that from 1997-2001, median valuations for office properties around transit stations increased by more than twice the rate of other properties. Meanwhile, McGreal *et al.* (2006) looked at properties in urban renewal locations in the UK and found that investment performance in regeneration areas matched national and local city benchmarks over a 22 year time period. They also found that regeneration properties had a lower level of risk per unit of return. Similar studies have not been published on energy efficient buildings. While recent papers have found a rent and transaction price premium that may compensate for any additional construction costs associated energy efficient buildings (Eichholtz *et al.* 2008, Fuerst and McAllister 2008, Wiley *et al.* 2008), they do not examine investment returns.

# **Hypothesis and Methods**

The hypothesis to be tested was that energy efficient properties, properties near transit, and properties in or near urban regeneration areas have performed as well or better than other properties without such characteristics.

Two analytical methods were used to test this hypothesis.

## **Portfolio Analysis**

We created an "RPI portfolio" that consisted of properties in the office property index produced by the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF) with at least one of the RPI characteristics (see discussion of NCREIF data below). We also created a portfolio that consisted of the office properties in the NCREIF property index without any of the RPI characteristics considered in this study. We then compared the performance of the two portfolios. The question was whether a portfolio of just RPI properties could perform as well or better than a portfolio composed of all other properties in the NCREIF office index.

The number of properties in each portfolio varied over time due to acquisitions and dispositions. For the non-RPI portfolio, the number of properties started at 492 in the first quarter of 1998 and ended with 1,114 properties by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008. For the RPI portfolio, the number of properties started at only 156 and ended with 336 over the same time period. Thus there were significantly more non-RPI properties, which might suggest that this portfolio was more diversified.

#### **Regression Analysis**

We examined the impact of various RPI features on the financial characteristics of the properties including their market values, income, expenses, price appreciation, cap rates and total returns while controlling for other factors that might impact finances.

Data were cross-sectional and time-series with around 46,000 observations of quarterly property data, but the number of observations in any particular regression ranged from around 23,000 to 34,000 observations, depending on the specific variables used because of missing variables (null values) for some data points for some properties. For example, some properties did not have square foot information whereas others (not necessarily the same property) did not have age information or information about whether they had a particular RPI characteristic or not.

When examining returns, the return was based on the compound return over the current and prior 3 quarters (annualized return for each property). The log of 1 + return was used in the regressions as was the log of the market value.

Various models were examined with different dependent variables:

Total Return = f (RPI variables, office market index, property characteristics, office demand, office supply, location, Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) characteristics)

Income Return = f (RPI variables, office market index, property characteristics, office demand, office supply, location, CBSA characteristics)

Capital Return = f (RPI variables, office market index, property characteristics, office demand, office supply, location, CBSA characteristics)

Market Value = f (RPI variables, office market index, property characteristics, office demand, office supply, location, CBSA characteristics)

NOI = f(RPI variables, office market index, property characteristics, office demand, office supply, location, CBSA characteristics)

RPI variables included nearness to transit, whether the property was in or near an urban regeneration zone, and whether the property was Energy Star labeled (see discussion of RPI Variables below). The NCREIF office market index was used to control for changes in the market for all office properties over time. Note that "appraisal smoothing" was not an issue for this study because the office index and the returns for the individual properties were appraisal based (Fisher and Geltner 2000), so it was an "apples to apples" comparison.

#### **Data**

The following is a summary of the variables used in the analysis.

Table III: Variables and Descriptive Statistics

Variable		Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
incret_yr appret_yr totret_yr cemp123 lmsadens sta123 officetotret age	-+         	27130 27130 27130 27130 20421 20421 26748 27130 25622	1.078201 1.025487 1.104575 .8307215 6.675177 2.095186 .0231883 19.13321	.0347113 .1707183 .1795599 1.742512 .8135731 1.366475 .0304863 14.75845	.92677781931961 .1933573 -6.827898 4.016593 .21901530926425	2.863781 11.76985 12.35782 6.867455 8.807326 13.14651 .0581637
sqft stype regensu regencb		27130 27130 26522 26522	303264 .1689642 .0322374 .0206621	840704.5 .3747272 .1766333 .1422531	8022 0 0	1.18e+08 1 1 1
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inctotsf_yr exptotsf_yr occupancy sqft2 sqft3 floors		27130 27130 27130 27130 27130 27130 27040	26.26301 10.806 .8906738 7.99e+11 6.19e+19 7.785392	19.11132 7.848138 .1259602 8.46e+13 9.97e+21 9.90824	-1.311061 .0067675 .09 6.44e+07 5.16e+11	849.7256 385.1041 1.39e+16 1.64e+24

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incret yr - the income return (cap rate) for the current and prior three quarters
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appret\_yr - the capital return for the current and prior three quarters totret\_yr - the total return for the current and prior three quarters cemp123 - the employment growth in the CBSA for the past three quarters

lmsadens - the population density of the CBSA

sta123 - the number of office construction starts in the CBSA in the past three quarters

officetotret - the quarterly return for all office properties in the NCREIF Property Index

age - the age of the property in years

sqft - the square feet of the property

sqft2 - the square of the number of square feet ( $sqft^2$ )

sqft3 - the cube of the number of square feet ( $sqft^3$ )

floors - the number of floors in the building

stype - a dummy variable where 1 = CBD

regensu - a dummy variable that is 1 if the property is in an urban regeneration zone in the suburbs

regencb - a dummy variable that is 1 if the property is in an urban regeneration zone in the CBD

estar - a dummy variable that is 1 if the property is Energy Star labeled

transitsu - a dummy variable that is 1 if the property is within ½ mile of a fixed rail transit station in the suburbs

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transitcb - a dummy variable that is 1 if the property is within ⅓ mile of a fixed rail transit station in the CBD

NOI - The Net Operating Income for the property that quarter

MV - The market value of the property at the end of the quarter

inctotsf_yr - The total rental income per square foot for the property over the past year including expense reimbursements

tot expenses - The total expenses for the property over the past year
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Occupancy - The occupancy of the property during the quarter

#### **Dependent Variables**

Actual accounting data were provided by NCREIF for property investment returns, age, size, floors, suburban or CBD location, net operating income, market value, rental income, total expenses and occupancy rates. NCREIF is a non-partisan source of real estate performance information based on property-level data submitted by its data contributing members, which include institutional investors and investment managers. Properties owned by contributing members are included in the pool, added or removed as they acquire or sell holdings. Quarterly data for all stabilized office buildings in the NCREIF dataset for at least 1 quarter during the 1998-2007 period were collected for this study. Earlier data were not used because 1998 was the earliest year for which energy efficiency data were available (see RPI Variables). Only office properties were examined in order to control for the effect of property type on financial returns. A total of 4,460 properties were included in the final dataset, however because properties are added to and deleted from the dataset as they are bought and sold by data contributors, from 648 to 1,450 properties were in the database in any single quarter.

#### **RPI Variables**

NCREIF does not maintain information on energy efficiency, transit or urban regeneration areas in its database. Therefore, building level data on these topics were collected from three additional sources.

Whether or not a property was Energy Star labeled was used to define whether or not it was energy efficient. Data on whether or not a property was Energy Star labeled was collected from the US EPA Energy Star Program online database of labeled properties. To be labeled under the Energy Star program, a building must have earned 75 points on a 100 point scale in the Energy Star rating system. Buildings are labeled on a yearly basis, but only if a property owner applies. Therefore, buildings could be labeled for none, one, or more than one of the ten years studied. It was assumed that a building is energy efficient for the purposes of this study if it was labeled in any year between 1998 and 2007. However, since labeling is discretionary for owners, it is possible that unlabeled buildings in the study would have been labeled if the owner had applied. This would not influence any effects produced by the labeling itself, but it could confound observations of effects tied directly to energy efficiency, such as operating expenses. This problem could be eliminated by using Energy Star rating data instead of Energy Star labels to define energy efficient buildings; however those data are proprietary information and were not available for this study.

Data on whether properties were transit-oriented was collected from the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), National Transportation Atlas Database. Property addresses available from NCREIF were used to find the latitude and longitude for each property. This was possible for 71 percent of the properties. Incomplete addresses made geo-coding infeasible for the other properties. The geographic data were then used to measure the straight line distance from each property location to the nearest rail transit station using GIS software. Properties that were equal to or less than ½ mile from a station were categorized as transit-oriented properties for this study. Supplemental data from Google Earth were used for the New York metropolitan area which is not included in the BTS database.

Data on urban regeneration came from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Urban regeneration properties were defined as those located in or near an Empowerment Zone, Renewal Community, or Enterprise Community as defined by the RC/EZ/EC Address Locator available online from HUD.

#### **Controls**

Employment growth was used as a measure of office demand and construction starts was used as a measure of office supply. Density of the CBSA was used as a proxy for traffic congestion. Dummy variables were used to control regional location, as well as whether the property was in a CBD or suburb. We also used CBSA dummy variables instead of regional dummy variables but the results were the same regardless of which variables were used in the regressions. Size and age were used to control for individual property characteristics.

Table IV gives the correlations between the property specific variables and the various RPI variables:

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I	age	sqft	stype re	egensu re	egencb	estar tra	nsitsu	transitcb
age	1.0000							
sqft	0.0917	1.0000						
stype	0.3457	0.1879	1.0000					
regensu	0.2234	0.0296	0.3874	1.0000				
regencb	0.0790	0.0559	-0.0598	-0.0231	1.0000			
estar	-0.0355	0.0980	0.0686	0.1187	0.0451	1.0000		
transitsu	0.0842	0.0418	-0.1440	-0.0558	0.2395	0.0460	1.0000	1
transitcb	0.3312	0.1875	0.7578	0.3249	-0.0453	0.0948	-0.1092	1.0000

#### Interpretation of RPI Dummy Variables

As indicated above, for two of the RPI characteristics (near transit and in or near urban regeneration zones), we used separate dummy variables to indicate whether a property had these characteristics and was in a CBD or whether a property had these characteristics and was in a suburb. For example, transitcb was 1 if the property was near transit in the CBD and 0 otherwise (meaning that it was not near transit in either a CBD or a suburb or near transit in a suburb). Similarly transitsu was 1 if it was near transit in a suburb and 0 otherwise. There is also a dummy variable (stype) indicating whether a property was in a CBD or suburb regardless of whether it had an RPI characteristic or not. If stype was 1, the property was in a CBD and if it was 0, it was in a suburb.

With this structure of dummy variables, what the stype variable captured was the difference that being in a CBD versus a suburb had on Energy Star and non-RPI properties because the relative impact of the transit and urban regeneration RPI variables caused by being in a CBD or suburb was already captured in the dummy variables already included for these characteristic. For example, if the only RPI variables in a regression were transited and transitsu, with the market value as the dependent variable, then stype would capture the difference in market value for the non-transit property in a CBD compared to the non-transit property in the suburb. Meanwhile, the transited variable would capture the marginal impact on market value of being near transit in a CBD. Likewise, the transitsu variable would capture the marginal impact on market value of being near transit in a suburb versus not being near transit in a suburb.

This setup for the dummy variables allowed us to capture the impact of each RPI variable in the CBD relative to those properties that did not have this RPI characteristic in a CBD and similarly in a suburb. As we will see, the impact of some of the RPI characteristics is different in a CBD than in a suburb.

Although stype could be omitted and a dummy variable added to indicate whether a property did not have one of the RPI characteristics in say a CBD (with not having the RPI characteristic in the suburb being the omitted dummy variable), this would cause dependency problems among the independent variables when there is more than one RPI characteristic because the dummies for each set of RPI variables define whether the property is in a CBD or not.

#### **Breakdown of Property Categories**

Table V gives the breakdown of property categories used in the analysis. They are not mutually exclusive, so buildings can fall into two or three category. A total 4,460 properties were used in the analysis, 20 percent of which had at least one RPI features, though just 0.4 percent had three and 80% of the properties had none.

Table V: Properties in the Study

Total Properties = 4,460	Yes	No
Energy Star labeled	203 (4.6%)	4257 (95.4%)
In or near a CBD regeneration area	99 (2.2%)	4361 (97.8%)
In or near a suburban regeneration area	59 (1.3%)	4401 (98.7%)
Near a CBD transit station	408 (9.1%)	4052 (90.9%)
Near a suburban transit station	261 (5.9%)	4199 (94.1%)
Properties with at least 1 RPI feature	894 (20.0%)	3566 (80.0%)
Properties with two or three RPI features	140 (3.1%)	4320 (97.7%)
Properties with three RPI features	19 (0.4%)	4441 (99.6%)

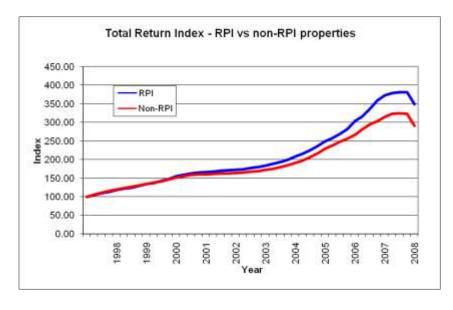
# **Analysis and Results**

## **Portfolio Analysis**

The RPI portfolio out-performed the non-RPI portfolio over the 1997 thru 2008 period. The geometric mean return for the RPI portfolio was 12.05 percent versus 10.18 percent for the non-RPI portfolio, which is statistically significant. The RPI portfolio did better than a portfolio of non-RPI properties and would have beaten the NCREIF office index benchmark (which would consist of both RPI and non-RPI properties) over the period. Most of the better years for RPI properties occurred recently suggesting a change is occurring in how the market views RPI properties. Since the start of 2006 the geometric mean return for the RPI portfolio was 11.63 percent, which is nearly double the geometric mean of 6.61 percent produced by the non-RPI portfolio.

We also examined whether investors would have been subject to more risk in an RPI portfolio because the RPI properties were somewhat constrained on location and the size of the portfolio was smaller. Results showed that the standard deviation of returns for the RPI portfolio was less (2.46 percent on a quarterly basis) than the non-RPI portfolio (2.50 percent). Thus, the RPI properties had a higher return and a lower risk (standard deviation) over the period studied.

The following graph compares an index starting at 100 in the 1st quarter of 1997 based on the total return for the two portfolios. We can see that the RPI portfolio performed similarly to the non-RPI portfolio up until recently when it showed significant separation that has been retained so far in the recent downturn.



What is interesting is that the source of total returns for the two portfolios was somewhat different. The average income return or implied cap rate for the RPI portfolio was 7.04 percent versus 7.32 percent for the non-RPI portfolio. This indicates that RPI properties were purchased at lower cap rates, suggesting their investors expected more income and price appreciation assuming they were seeking the same total return. And since they actually did earn the same (or slightly higher) total return, then they must have received more appreciation in value over this time period. So it appears that investors in RPI properties expected (*ex ante*) and received (*ex post*) more price appreciation.

#### **Regression Analysis**

We now proceed to a more formal statistical analysis, which will elaborate on the effects of different RPI characteristics on financial parameters while controlling for other non-RPI variables.

In this section, we look more closely to see if each of the RPI features affected financial returns. In all the regressions, the office market index, regional dummy variables, and property size and age variables were significant and had the expected sign. In most cases the supply and demand variables also were significant. Since the NPI office index is included in the regressions to control for changes in the market over time, the supply and demand variables will only capture differences across CBSAs. The R-squared varies depending on the regression. Our focus, however, is on the significance of the RPI variables and not the total explanatory value of the regressions.

#### **Income and Market Value**

If RPI features are desirable qualities in the marketplace, they should be associated with higher incomes and/or property values per square foot. In the following two models we see that RPI properties did have higher incomes and values, except in the case of CBD regeneration properties which had incomes that lagged other CBD properties, consistent with their location in economically distressed areas.

#### Net Operating Income per Square Foot

Table VI: Regressions Source  Model Residual Total	SS +   40153.6613	df 15 267 30686 3.9	MS  6.91075	Income	per Square Food Number of obs F( 15, 30686) Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared Root MSE	$\begin{array}{ll} = & 30702 \\ = & 678.45 \\ = & 0.0000 \\ = & 0.2490 \end{array}$
NOISF	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
cemp123	.0191214	.0069132	2.77	0.006	.0055712	.0326717
lmsadens	.6226615	.0167855	37.10	0.000	.5897613	.6555617
sta123	.026381	.0090079	2.93	0.003	.0087251	.0440369
Iregion 2	-1.774763	.0404717	-43.85	0.000	-1.854089	-1.695437
Iregion 3	-1.604762	.0372576	-43.07	0.000	-1.677789	-1.531736
Iregion 4	6081452	.0299759	-20.29	0.000	6668993	5493912
officetotret	5.181361	.835425	6.20	0.000	3.543894	6.818829
age	0206354	.0008555	-24.12	0.000	0223123	0189586
sqft	-1.25e-07	1.70e-08	-7.33	0.000	-1.58e-07	-9.14e-08
stype	.8103213	.0419957	19.30	0.000	.728008	.8926345
regencb	1449517	.0724049	-2.00	0.045	2868682	0030351
regensu	.3173406	.0547152	5.80	0.000	.2100965	.4245847
transitcb	.1930263	.0460351	4.19	0.000	.1027956	.283257
transitsu	.5526621	.039	14.17	0.000	.4762205	.6291037
estar	.253748	.0336752	7.54	0.000	.1877433	.3197527
_cons	.409898	.1396423	2.94	0.003	.1361934	.6836026

Net operating income (NOI) per square foot was 32 cents (9.4 percent) higher for suburban regeneration properties compared to non-regeneration suburban properties. They were 14 cents (2.5%) lower for regeneration properties compared to other properties in the CBDs, again, consistent with their location in redevelopment zones. For Energy Star properties, NOI per square foot was 25 cents (5.9 percent) higher than for non Energy Star properties. For properties near transit, NOI was 55 cents (12.7 percent) higher in the suburbs and 19 cents (4.5 percent) higher in the CBDs.

Higher NOI can result from higher rents, higher occupancy rates, or lower operating expenses. To determine which of these might be driving the lower NOIs in RPI properties we examined whether each RPI feature could explain rents, occupancy rates and expenses by using them as dependent variables in separate regressions. The detailed results are given in the Appendices 1 - 3.

We found that rents were not significantly different near transit in the suburbs but \$2.10 (7.9 percent) higher near transit in the CBDs. Occupancy was significantly higher (1.6 percent) in the suburbs but not in the CBDs (0.6 percent). Expenses were significantly higher for properties near transit in the CBDs 40 cents (3.7 percent) but 57 cents (6.2 percent) lower for properties near transit in the suburbs. Overall, 12.7% higher NOI near transit in the suburbs was explained by 1.6% higher occupancy rates and 6.2% lower expenses while 4.5% higher NOI near transit in the CBDs could be explained by 7.9% higher rents.

For properties in urban regeneration zones we found no significant differences in rents in the suburbs but \$3.27 lower rents in CBD regeneration areas. There were no significant differences in occupancy rates. Expenses were significantly higher (1.25 cents per foot) for regeneration properties in the CBDs but not significantly different in the suburbs. Our finding of lower NOI for CBD regeneration properties can thus be explained by significantly lower rents and higher expenses and insignificantly lower occupancy rates. Our finding of higher NOI for suburban regeneration properties are consistent with their higher rents, higher occupancy rates and lower expenses, but these observations were not statistically significant.

The higher NOI generated by Energy Star properties could be explained by 4.8 percent (\$1.26 per square foot) higher rents and 0.9 percent higher occupancy rates. Wiley *et al.* (2008) found a 7.3 to 8.6 percent rent premium for Energy Star properties and 10 to 11 percent higher occupancy rates. Fuerst and McAllister (2008) found an 11.6 percent rent premium and Eichholtz *et al.* (2008) found an 8.9 percent "effective rent" premium.<sup>3</sup> Our results confirm the findings of higher rents and occupancy rates reported in these other studies, though our premiums are not as large.

The Energy Star buildings did not have lower total operating expenses, contrary to our expectation. To further probe for expense related differences in the Energy Star properties, we did a regression of just the utility expenses per square foot against the Energy Star dummy variable and other control variables, assuming energy efficiency would more likely affect utility expenses than total expenses. Because utility costs can change over time and vary across CBSAs, dummy variables were used for the year and quarter as well as the CBSA. Even after controlling for the CBSA, utility expenses can vary regardless of whether the property is Energy Star or not due to different utility costs that can occur within CBSAs depending on the utility service provider. We used income per square foot as a proxy to capture these differences with the idea being that areas with higher utility costs could charge higher rents. The results of this regression are shown in Appendix 4.

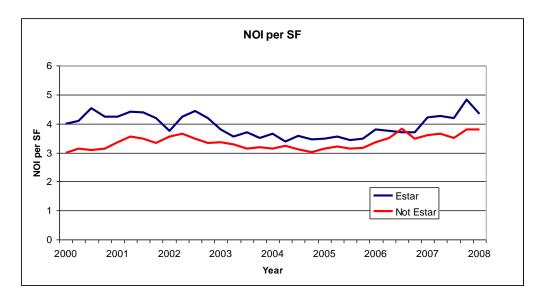
We found that utility expenses per square foot were significantly lower for Energy Star properties. Control variables such as property age and size were of the expected sign, e.g., utility costs per square foot increased for older properties and decreased for larger properties. Utility savings in Energy Star properties averaged about 24 cents per square foot per year (or 9.8 percent). This finding compares to an estimated saving of 50 cents per square foot per

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "effective rent" per square foot used by Eicholtz *et al.* was the asking rent for the building multiplied by the occupancy. This is analogous to the rent used in this study because we had the actual rent collected on the property which already reflects occupancy when divided by the total leasable area of the building. Both Eichholtz *et al.* and Wiley *et al.* used asking rent. Eicholtz *et al.* did not control for age, height and square footage in their regression as we did here. Wiley *et al.* (2008) only controlled for age and Fuerst and McAllister (2008) only controlled for age and height.

year for energy alone published by the Energy Star program (Kats and Perlman 2006), however that figure is an estimate based on observed energy savings of percent in Energy Star labeled office buildings rather than a direct observation of their actual energy expenditures.

The following is a comparison of the NOI per square foot for Energy Star and non Energy Star over time since the year 2000. It does not control for all the factors included in the regression, but is consistent with and illustrates the results.



#### Market Value per Square Foot

Because value is normally related to income, higher incomes should be reflected in higher property values, so long as the differences are recognized by buyers or appraisers and there is no change in perceived risk. That is what we found, which suggests that any effects RPI features may be having on incomes are being priced into the market.

Table VII: Re	gression Resu	lts for Mar	ket Value	per Squ	are Foot	
Source	l SS	df	MS		Number of obs	= 34034
	+				F( 15, 34018)	= 823.45
Model	5859.99013	15 390	.666009		Prob > F	= 0.0000
Residual	16138.994	34018 .47	4425127		R-squared	= 0.2664
	+				Adj R-squared	= 0.2661
Total	21998.9841	34033 .64	6401555		Root MSE	= .68879
logvaluesf	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	<pre>Interval]</pre>
	+					
cemp123	0178611	.0026222	-6.81	0.000	0230008	0127214
sta123	.0343203	.0041402	8.29	0.000	.0262055	.0424352
lmsadens	.2526502	.0057134	44.22	0.000	.2414517	.2638488
_Iregion_2	4905822	.0130973	-37.46	0.000	5162534	464911
_Iregion_3	3694751	.0122115	-30.26	0.000	3934101	3455402
Iregion 4	0475209	.0098591	-4.82	0.000	0668451	0281967
officetotret	10.50436	.2849239	36.87	0.000	9.945904	11.06283
age	0026786	.0002832	-9.46	0.000	0032338	0021235
sqft	-1.03e-07	5.72e-09	-18.08	0.000	-1.15e-07	-9.21e-08
stype	.2555634	.0136784	18.68	0.000	.2287532	.2823735
estar	.1266436	.0112292	11.28	0.000	.1046339	.1486533
regensu	.0231144	.0180916	1.28	0.201	0123458	.0585745
regencb	.010869	.024194	0.45	0.653	0365521	.05829
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transitsu	.1501139	.0130452	11.51	0.000	.1245449	.1756829
transitcb	.0993227	.0150684	6.59	0.000	.0697882	.1288572
_cons	3.338575	.0483869	69.00	0.000	3.243735	3.433415

Consistent with their higher NOI, Energy Star properties had a 13.5 percent higher market value relative to non Energy Star properties. This compare to a 10.4 percent premium found by Wiley *et al.* (2008) and a 10.3 percent premium found by Fuerst and McAllister (2008).

Market values for regeneration properties were 2.3% higher in the suburbs and 1.1% higher in the CBDs. This is consistent with the higher NOI results for properties in the suburbs but not for the properties in the CBDs where we found lower net incomes. However, neither of the market value differences which we found was statistically significant, so we cannot conclude with certainty that market values reflected differences in net incomes. Perhaps there is some uncertainty or inconsistency in how NOI is capitalized into value for properties in regeneration areas.

For properties near transit, we found that in the suburb they had a 16.2 percent higher market value than other suburban properties. In the CBDs the premium was 10.4%. Both results are consistent with our findings of higher net income near transit.

#### **Investment Returns**

#### Capital Appreciation Returns

Table VIII: Re	egression Res	ults for Cap df	pital App MS	reciatio	n Returns Number of obs F( 15, 26729)	= 26745 = 709.98
Model   Residual	150.642955 378.087992		0428637 4145235		Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared	= 0.0000 = 0.2849
Total	528.730947	26744 .019	9770077		Root MSE	= .11893
logret_yr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
cemp123	.017704	.0005147	34.40	0.000	.0166951	.0187129
sta123	0130267	.0008122	-16.04	0.000	0146186	0114348
lmsadens	.0143713	.0011161	12.88	0.000	.0121838	.0165588
Iregion 2	039994	.0025376	-15.76	0.000	0449679	0350201
Iregion 3	0304265	.0023777	-12.80	0.000	0350869	0257661
Iregion 4	.0095664	.0019329	4.95	0.000	.0057779	.0133549
officetotret	3.158981	.05465	57.80	0.000	3.051864	3.266097
stype	.0297958	.0026782	11.13	0.000	.0245463	.0350452
age	000152	.0000573	-2.65	0.008	0002643	0000397
sqft	-5.51e-09	1.11e-09	-4.97	0.000	-7.68e-09	-3.34e-09
regencb	.0038312	.0046896	0.82	0.414	0053606	.013023
regensu	0144526	.003538	-4.08	0.000	0213873	0075179
estar	.0021517	.0021806	0.99	0.324	0021223	.0064257
transitsu	.0110026	.0025403	4.33	0.000	.0060234	.0159817
transitcb	.0046127	.002958	1.56	0.119	0011851	.0104105
_cons	1411462	.0094009	-15.01	0.000	1595724	1227199

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> When we separated estar into having a dummy for the CBD and for the suburbs, we found higher value in both locations.

Capital Appreciation Returns are the quarterly percentage change in market value adjusted for capital expenditures and partial sales. Higher capital appreciation returns are not necessarily related to higher market values at any given point in time. They will only be higher if the *increase* in value over time is above the norm. In other words, capital appreciation returns measure the time series change in value as opposed to the cross-sectional comparison of value. RPI properties may have a high market value per square foot, as we found in the previous analysis, but their appreciation in value would be average or below average if their change in value is the same or less than that of other properties. What we found was that with one exception, capital appreciation returns for the RPI properties were greater or insignificantly different from similar properties without RPI features. Thus, by and large, RPI investing does not dilute capital returns.

Properties near suburban transit stations appreciated 1.1 percent per year more quickly than other suburban properties. Properties near CBD transit stations appreciated 0.5% more quickly per year than other CBD properties, though these results were statistically insignificant. These findings suggest that investors or appraisers had not fully anticipated the higher incomes they would obtain from properties near transit or that a decline was occurring in the perceived relative risk of investment in transit-oriented properties as congestion and commuting costs became greater threats to accessibility and property values.

For properties in or near regeneration zones, annual appreciation was 1.4 percent lower in the suburbs compared to other suburban office buildings. Even though these properties had significantly higher net incomes, it appears that the higher incomes were insufficient to justify higher valuations. This is a good example of how higher incomes and values do not necessarily produce higher investment returns.

Energy Star properties had slightly more capital appreciation (0.2 percent) than non Energy Star properties but the difference was statistically insignificant. Even though Energy Star properties produced higher incomes and were more valuable per square foot, they did not appreciate faster than non Energy Star buildings suggesting that their greater economic productivity was already priced in when they were developed or acquired. This is another example of higher incomes and values not necessarily producing higher investment returns.

#### **Income Returns**

Table TV. Degression Posults for Income Poturns

Source		SSION RESULT	df	Incom	MS MS		Number of obs	=	26745 320.17
Model Residual	+ <b>-</b>       + <b>-</b>	2.47930403	15 26729		5286935 )516241		F(15, 26729) Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared	=	0.0000 0.1523 0.1518
Total		16.2779027	26744	.000	0608656		Root MSE	=	.02272
logret_yr	   +-	Coef.	Std.	Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	In	terval]
cemp123		0003513	.0000	0983	-3.57	0.000	000544		0001585
lmsadens		0024703	.0002	2132	-11.59	0.000	0028882		0020524
sta123		.0012325	.0001	1552	7.94	0.000	.0009283		0015366
Iregion 2		.0010984	.0004	4848	2.27	0.023	.0001482		0020486
_Iregion_3		0020405	.0004	4542	-4.49	0.000	0029308		0011502
_Iregion_4		0055934	.0003	3692	-15.15	0.000	0063171		0048696
officetotret		4092401	.0104	4403	-39.20	0.000	4297035		3887766
age		0000454	.0000	0109	-4.14	0.000	0000668		0000239
sqft		-5.89e-10	2.12	e-10	-2.78	0.005	-1.00e-09	-1	.73e-10
stype		0007713	.000	5116	-1.51	0.132	0017741		0002316
regensu		0006788	.000	6759	-1.00	0.315	0020036		.000646
regencb		0050332	.0008	3959	-5.62	0.000	0067892		0032772
transitsu		0030179	.0004	4853	-6.22	0.000	0039691		0020667
transitcb		0018763	.000	5651	-3.32	0.001	0029839		0007687
estar		0050795	.0004	4166	-12.19	0.000	005896	-	.004263

\_cons | .1077123 .0017959 59.98 0.000 .1041922 .1112324

Income return measures the portion of total return attributable to each property's net operating income. It is analogous to capitalization (cap) rates. All types of RPI properties generated lower income returns and exhibited lower cap rates, suggesting relatively positive views about risk and future income growth and appreciation relative to non-RPI properties. These lower cap rates translate into an increase in value over and above any added value created by higher net incomes.

The RPI property with the lowest income returns were Energy Star properties (-0.5 percent). Investors or appraisers appear to have assigned a significant value premium for each dollar of income produced by Energy Star properties. This suggests they fear future energy regulations and price hikes, creating an advantage more energy efficient buildings.

Cap rates for properties in or near regeneration areas were also lower (-0.1 percent in the suburbs and -0.5 percent in the CBDs) but only the results for CBD properties were significant. This indicates optimism about the prospects for revitalizing areas as well.

Properties near transit in the CBDs and suburbs also had significantly lower income returns (-0.2 percent and -0.3 respectively). A premium was being paid for these properties which cannot simply be explained by their higher incomes and values. Worries about gas prices, growing congestion, and accessibility issues appear to be increasing what investors are willing to pay for less auto-depending properties.

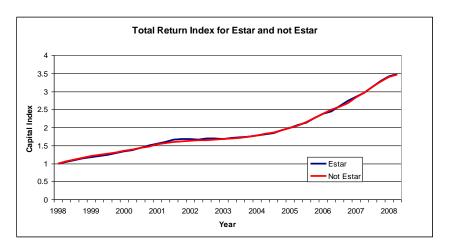
#### **Total Returns**

Table X: Regression Results for Total Returns

Source	SS 164.524182 757.203736 		MS  0682788 3328921  1464849		Number of obs F( 15, 26729) Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared Root MSE	= 387.18 = 0.0000 = 0.1785
ret_yr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
cemp123   lmsadens   sta123   _Iregion_2   _Iregion_4   officetotret   age   sqft   stype   regensu   regencb   estar   transitsu   transitcb   _cons	.0185703 .0142378 0117818 045286 0375218 .006874 3.344821 0000993 -9.02e-09 .0358545 0212603 0024542 0046308 .0092997 .0023367 .9475264	.0007284 .0015794 .0011494 .0035912 .0033648 .0027353 .0773392 .0000811 1.57e-09 .0037902 .0050069 .0066366 .0030859 .003595 .0041861 .0133039	25.49 9.01 -10.25 -12.61 -11.15 2.51 43.25 -1.23 -5.75 9.46 -4.25 -0.37 -1.50 2.59 0.56 71.22	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.012 0.000 0.220 0.000 0.000 0.712 0.133 0.010 0.577 0.000	.0171426 .011142 0140346 0523249 0441171 .0015126 3.193232 0002583 -1.21e-08 .0284256 031074 0154623 0106792 .0022534 0058682 .92145	.0199981 .0173335 009529 0382471 0309266 .0122353 3.49641 .0000596 -5.94e-09 .0432834 0114465 .0105538 .0014177 .016346 .0105416 .9736028

Total returns includes appreciation (or depreciation), realized capital gain (or loss) and income. It is computed by adding the Income and Capital Appreciation return on a quarterly basis. As such, it measures the net result of RPI features on appreciation and income returns. Generally, our results for total returns showed that, with one exception, RPI features were either positive or neutral (on the basis of statistically insignificant differences) for returns.

Energy Star properties had lower total returns but the difference was insignificant. Their insignificantly higher capital appreciation returns were more than offset by lower income returns caused by premiums given by investors or appraisers to each dollar of income they produced. These findings are illustrated in the following graphic. Energy Star properties had higher NOI per square foot. But they also had a higher value per square foot. On balance they performed almost the same as other properties, as shown by the following graph of total return over time.



This does not mean that developers of new Energy Star properties or capital investments that reduced energy use did not or cannot earn a greater than market return. Since Energy Star properties have higher NOI, and since this is recognized in their higher market value, they have a higher value once built and operating. Depending on the cost of making the properties Energy Star compliant, developers could have made normal or above normal profits so long as the added value exceeded the added cost by the necessary amount. If the NOI and market values for Energy Star properties had not been above the norm for other properties, we could not say this.

Properties near transit had a different story. Annual total returns were 0.9 percent higher for properties near transit in the suburbs and 0.2 percent higher for properties near transit in the CBDs. Recall that capital appreciation was higher for transit properties compared to other office buildings. Even though investors had to pay a premium for the properties near transit, as indicated by their lower income returns and cap rates, the faster appreciation was more than enough to offset the lower income returns and produce higher total returns.

The only case of an RPI feature being associated with lower total returns was suburban regeneration properties where total returns were significantly lower (-2.1 percent) than for other properties. Even though they had higher incomes and values than other suburban properties, they appreciated more slowly than other suburban properties, perhaps because of disappointing income growth, which together with lower income returns left them with total returns significantly below other suburban properties. There was no significant difference in the CBDs where total returns for regeneration properties were on par with other CBD office investments.

# **Summary of Results**

- According to the portfolio analysis, investors in a portfolio of just RPI properties would have earned a higher return at lower risk compared to a portfolio of all non-RPI properties between 1998 and 2009.
- 2. Table XI summarizes the regression coefficients and percent changes for the RPI variables. With the exception of properties in or near CBD regeneration areas, all RPI properties had incomes and values per square foot that were either higher or insignificantly different from those produced by conventional properties. The biggest differences were found in Energy Star properties, with 5.9 percent higher incomes and 13.5 percent higher market values per square foot, and suburban transit-oriented properties with 12.7 percent higher incomes and

16.2 percent higher market values than other suburban offices. The higher Energy Star incomes were driven by 9.8 percent lower utility bills, 4.8 percent higher rents and 0.9 percent higher occupancy rates, confirming trends found in other studies. The higher incomes for suburban transit-oriented properties were explained by 1.6 percent higher occupancy rates and 6.2 percent lower expenses. The exception to this pattern was net incomes in or near CBD regeneration areas. It appears that the forces that depressed property values in these areas and which led to their designation as special economic zones in the first place have not been fully overcome by any special tax incentives and public investment programs, leaving them with property incomes still lagging other CBD locations. This is not the case in the suburbs, however, where regeneration properties had higher net incomes and market values than other suburban office properties. This could be the result of successful redevelopment programs and incentives or an indication that the designation of these areas as special incentive zones may have been unjustified in the first place.

- 3. RPI properties had capitalization rates that were lower than other buildings. In only one case (suburban regeneration) was this statistically insignificant. Here, the biggest differences were found in Energy Star and CBD regeneration properties which had cap rates that were 50 basis points lower that otherwise similar properties. This demonstrates that RPI properties were being purchased or appraised at a premium consistent with an expectation of more price appreciation, more income growth, or lower risk.
- 4. With one exception, RPI properties received price appreciation that was either greater than or not significantly different from other properties over the study period. Suburban transit-oriented properties led the way in this category by posting annual capital appreciation rates that were 1.1 percent higher than those for other suburban buildings. The one exception to this pattern was buildings in or near suburban regeneration areas which appreciated more slowly than other suburban properties, though their annual gains were still positive. This is interesting in light of the fact that these properties produced incomes that were significantly higher than other suburban properties. Perhaps the market was losing confidence that these higher returns could be sustained over the long term if these areas lost the incentives associated with their special status.
- 5. Annual total returns for RPI properties were either greater than or not significantly different than non-RPI properties. Here again, suburban transit properties demonstrated the greatest success. And as before, the one exception was properties in or near suburban regeneration areas whose total returns were impeded by their slower rate of capital appreciation.

Table XI: Regression Coefficients and Percentages (\* = significant at .05 level)

	NOI	Market Value	Capital Appreciation Return	Income Return (Cap Rate)	Total Return
estar	.254* (5.9%)	.127* (13.5%)	.002 (0.2%)	005* (-0.5%)	005 (-0.05%)
regensu	.317* (9.4%)	.023 (2.3%)	014* (-1.4%)	001 (-0.1%)	021* (-2.1%)
regencb	144* (-2.4%)	.011 (1.1%)	.004 (0.4%)	005* (-0.5%)	.002 (0.2%)
transitsu	.553* (12.7%)	.150* (16.2%)	.011* (1.1%)	003* (-0.3%)	.009* (0.9%)
transitcb	.193* (4.5%)	.099* (10.4%)	.005 (0.5%)	002* (-0.2%)	.002 (0.2%)

#### Conclusion

These finding have three important implications for the practice of Responsible Property Investing.

First, real estate executives can invest in these types of RPI properties with greater confidence, knowing that over the past decade they have neither harmed total returns nor increased risk or, in the case of suburban regeneration areas, they can achieve normal returns if they pay prices more consistent with their slower rate of appreciation.

Second, it may be possible to develop more specialized portfolios or funds focused on energy efficient, transitoriented, and urban regeneration properties capable of producing returns on par with or higher than more conventional portfolios. While some funds of this nature can already be found (e.g., the Morley igloo Urban Regeneration Fund in the UK), there is growing interest in the creation of more RPI-style funds among socially responsible investors and others committed to "less automobile-dependent and more energy-efficient cities where worker well-being and urban revitalization are priorities."

Third, the fact that most types of RPI properties have not significantly outperformed other properties suggests that capital will not flow disproportionately toward RPI in search of higher risk adjusted returns. Transit oriented development in the suburbs may be an exception. While investors may move toward RPI investing for other reasons with the knowledge that it will not dilute returns, there are few strong financial impulses for doing so. This may change if trends in demographics, energy prices and global warming shift tenant demand toward the types of properties in this study, if they increasingly put pressure on the cost of operating inefficient buildings, and if they all the more worry investors that conventional buildings may lose value relative to more responsible "future proofed" alternatives. But so far, we do not see substantial financial trends leading to significant shifts in capital flows. Faster transformation may depend on regulations and incentives being joined with the investment opportunities documented here. Nevertheless, we may be past the time when tenant and investor apathy about these issues allowed appraisers to ignore RPI features. If we move to a time when investors and tenants increasingly focus on these concerns, a greater economic difference in the appraisal and exchange value of RPI and non-RPI features may emerge (McNamara 2008).

Salzmann *et al.* (2005) found various shortcomings in prior empirical studies on the relationship between corporate financial and social or environmental performance including the use of a variety of sometimes poor measures, a lack of significance testing and control for interactions with other variables, inadequate sampling due to limited data availability, and pan-sector samples which mask sector specific differences. The methods used here avoid these problems. The measures for financial performance are based on the industry standard established by NCREIF, the measures used for responsible properties are not combined into an opaque composite index but rather represent specific and transparent examples of property types defined in terms of recognized government and professional criteria, statistical tests of significance and controls of potentially confounding variables are utilized, a large sample of all NCREIF properties is analyzed and only one property type is examined.

Hopefully, this will be the first of many studies on the relationship between investment returns and responsible property investing. Some productive study questions for future examination could include the following.

- 1) How do other RPI attributes affect office investment risks and returns? Do features matter like water efficiency, walkability, fair labor practices, green building certification, childcare services, affordability, handicapped access, indoor air quality, recycling, mixed use and other concerns of responsible property investors? And what effects do they have in other types of property beyond office buildings?
- 2) What are the most cost-effective methods for improving or creating RPI characteristics? Characteristics related to a property location cannot be altered, but others can be altered as properties are managed, maintained and refurbished. What are the best opportunities for maintaining or improving risk adjusted returns while upgrading the social or environmental performance of properties?
- 3) To what degree might the social or environmental performance of properties affect the level of institutional investment? Prior studies of equities suggest a positive relationship (Cox *et al.* 2004) but it is unclear whether such information may affect investment decisions in the property sector.
- 4) How can the data needed to address these questions be compiled? The data collections maintained by both for-profit and non-profit organizations were not designed to answer these kinds of questions. However, with some additional effort they could become quite useful for answering questions about the social, environmental and financial performance of buildings and the relationships among them.

Investors wanting proof that Responsible Property Investing does not harm returns should be comforted by the findings of this study. At least for US office buildings, the record shows that it is possible to invest in RPI properties without diluting returns. Since RPI can produce social and environmental benefits and fulfill fiduciary duties, it would be economically irrational and ethically unjustifiable to not engage in Responsible Property Investing.

# **Appendix 1: Rent Regression**

Source	SS	df 	MS 		Number of obs F(139, 25854)	= 25994 = 34.25
Model   Residual	1539659.33 8361870.71		76.6858 .426577		Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared	= 0.0000 = 0.1555
Total	9901530.04	25993 380	.930637		Root MSE	= 17.984
inctotsf_yr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t 	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
transitcb	2.104038	.6266488	3.36	0.001	.8757716	3.332305
transitsu	140788	.4406421	-0.32	0.749	-1.004471	.722895
regensu	.8159046	.8043956	1.01	0.310	7607555	2.392565
regencb	-3.274257	.9462067	-3.46	0.001	-5.128875	-1.419639
estar	1.263316	.428439	2.95	0.003	.4235514	2.10308
stype	3.284777	.5465009	6.01	0.000	2.213605	4.355949
sqft	-3.89e-06	6.26e-07	-6.22	0.000	-5.12e-06	-2.67e-06
sqft2	3.25e-13	1.49e-13	2.17	0.030	3.19e-14	6.17e-13
sqft3	-9.85e-21	6.29e-21	-1.57	0.117	-2.22e-20	2.48e-21
floors	.2016958	.0163183	12.36	0.000	.1697111	.2336805
age	1089226	.0089853	-12.12	0.000	1265343	0913109
_Imsa_10740	1.77791	5.902277	0.30	0.763	-9.790881	13.3467
_Imsa_11260	9.977001	6.592031	1.51	0.130	-2.943747	22.89775
_Imsa_11460   Imsa 12060	(dropped)	1 011101	0.96	0.335	1 020261	14 15700
Imsa_12420	4.668463 5.0123	4.841101 4.864956	1.03	0.303	-4.820364 -4.523285	14.15729 14.54788
Imsa_12580	5.662941	4.925135	1.15	0.250	-3.990599	15.31648
Imsa_12360	11.90906	4.894428	2.43	0.230	2.315711	21.50241
Imsa 13820	4.01564	5.035728	0.80	0.425	-5.854668	13.88595
Imsa 14484	15.5734	4.896143	3.18	0.001	5.976687	25.17011
Imsa 14500	.5935308	4.999392	0.12	0.905	-9.205557	10.39262
Imsa 14860	19.35508	4.986754	3.88	0.000	9.580768	29.1294
Imsa 15764	11.98456	4.855981	2.47	0.014	2.466572	21.50256
 Imsa 15804	6896893	5.537689	-0.12	0.901	-11.54387	10.16449
Imsa 15980	.9129388	8.328074	0.11	0.913	-15.41055	17.23643
	3.187038	4.932963	0.65	0.518	-6.481844	12.85592
	7.446329	4.833542	1.54	0.123	-2.027683	16.92034
_Imsa_17140	6.060805	5.020617	1.21	0.227	-3.779883	15.90149
_Imsa_17460	(dropped)					
_Imsa_17820		5.493606	0.36	0.718	-8.782598	12.75295
_Imsa_18140	3.828695	4.925801	0.78	0.437	-5.826149	13.48354
_Imsa_18180	3437977	6.206332	-0.06	0.956	-12.50855	11.82096
_Imsa_19124	4.594701	4.837911	0.95	0.342	-4.887874	14.07728
_Imsa_19660	10.74356	13.60378	0.79	0.430	-15.9206	37.40771
_Imsa_19740	4.15217	4.846909	0.86	0.392	-5.348041	13.65238
_Imsa_19780   Imsa 19804	6.042382	8.78022	0.69	0.491	-11.16734	23.2521
Imsa_19604   Imsa 20500	(dropped) 8.858955	7.077207	1.25	0.211	-5.012765	22 73067
Imsa_20764			3.21	0.001		22.73067
IMSa20764   Imsa 21340	15.75298 -8.642394	4.901305 6.41434	-1.35	0.178	6.146148 -21.21486	25.35981 3.930069
Imsa_21340   Imsa 22744	8.163861	4.927312	1.66	0.178	-1.493945	17.82167
Imsa_23104	0392612	5.377439	-0.01	0.098	-10.57934	10.50082
Imsa 24660	-1.266778	5.569595	-0.23	0.820	-12.18349	9.649938
Imsa 24860	-2.880522	9.390235	-0.31	0.759	-21.28591	15.52486
Imsa 25420	1.977594	6.007823	0.33	0.742	-9.798074	13.75326
Imsa 25540	4.410923	5.454435	0.81	0.419	-6.280073	15.10192
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_Imsa_26180	9.347435	5.845278	1.60	0.110	-2.109635	20.80451
_Imsa_26420	3.799424	4.862813	0.78	0.435	-5.73196	13.33081
_Imsa_26900	.364591	5.140556	0.07	0.943	-9.711186	10.44037
_Imsa_27260	1.660532	5.340735	0.31	0.756	-8.807605	12.12867
_Imsa_27620	5.701269	8.782301	0.65	0.516	-11.51253	22.91507
	10.80452	5.824417	1.86	0.064	6116621	22.2207
	5.70551	4.978203	1.15	0.252	-4.052045	15.46307
Imsa 28660	(dropped)					
	1334808	8.803177	-0.02	0.988	-17.3882	17.12124
	3.614274	4.894734	0.74	0.460	-5.979676	13.20823
	10.26001	6.156232	1.67	0.096	-1.806552	22.32656
	(dropped)					
 Imsa 30780	-7.538686	5.560428	-1.36	0.175	-18.43743	3.360062
 Imsa 31084	15.44933	4.848706	3.19	0.001	5.945594	24.95306
	1.493052	6.087452	0.25	0.806	-10.43869	13.4248
	5.00163	5.928469	0.84	0.399	-6.6185	16.62176
 Imsa 32820	3.42325	5.625349	0.61	0.543	-7.602748	14.44925
Imsa 33100	(dropped)					
 Imsa 33124	6.768457	4.900868	1.38	0.167	-2.837517	16.37443
	4.244725	5.111113	0.83	0.406	-5.773341	14.26279
 Imsa 33460	6.363053	4.861576	1.31	0.191	-3.165907	15.89201
	(dropped)					
 Imsa 34940	14.57309	6.100667	2.39	0.017	2.615447	26.53074
 Imsa 34980	2.956124	5.063585	0.58	0.559	-6.968784	12.88103
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Imsa 37100	1.811105	5.377462	0.34	0.736	-8.72902	12.35123
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Imsa 38060	4.962653	4.850182	1.02	0.306	-4.543974	14.46928
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Imsa 38860	6.372342	5.748384	1.11	0.268	-4.89481	17.63949
Imsa 38900	2.104382	4.893547	0.43	0.667	-7.487244	11.69601
Imsa 39300	-3.241013	5.333507	-0.61	0.543	-13.69498	7.212958
Imsa 39580	6.130561	5.075171	1.21	0.227	-3.817057	16.07818
Imsa 39900	5.132656	5.419702	0.95	0.344	-5.490263	15.75557
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Imsa 40900	7.82233	4.962698	1.58	0.115	-1.904834	17.54949
 Imsa 41180	6.729482	4.953944	1.36	0.174	-2.980524	16.43949
Imsa 41500	6.216591	8.781109	0.71	0.479	-10.99487	23.42805
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Imsa 42044	10.86385	4.855542	2.24	0.025	1.346717	20.38098
Imsa 42060	10.79066	10.20352	1.06	0.290	-9.2088	30.79012
Imsa 42220	4.849522	7.447652	0.65	0.515	-9.74829	19.44733
Imsa 42644	8.55608	4.854174	1.76	0.078	9583714	18.07053
Imsa 42680	7.189542	9.375358	0.77	0.443	-11.18668	25.56576
Imsa 43780	-1.233792	6.490977	-0.19	0.849	-13.95647	11.48888
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Timsa							
Tunsa   45940   15.39427   5.191905   2.97   0.003   5.217847   25.57069     Tunsa   46000   14.98198   9.375606   1.60   0.110   -3.394727   33.35869     Tunsa   46700   (dropped)   Tunsa   46700   (dropped)   Tunsa   47260   9.569514   5.555589   0.17   0.863   -9.932313   11.84622     Tunsa   47260   9.327826   5.005904   1.86   0.062   -4.840256   19.13968     Tunsa   47844   9.327826   5.005904   1.86   0.062   -4.840256   19.13968     Tunsa   48844   14.22485   4.981269   2.86   0.004   4.461285   23.9841     Tunsa   48864   (dropped)   1.00588   2.86   0.004   4.461285   23.9841     Tunsa   49840   8.821946   5.220215   1.69   0.091   -1.409948   19.05388     Tyyyy   20011   5.528362   1.275302   0.39   0.693   -1.996827   3.002499     Tyyyyy   20012   9.369465   1.248505   0.75   0.453   -1.510193   3.384086     Tyyyy   20012   2.0544   1.21161   1.70   0.090   -3.315423   4.008903     Tyyyy   20022   3.012599   1.97632   2.52   0.012   6.651742   5.360023     Tyyyy   20022   3.012599   1.97632   2.52   0.012   6.651742   5.360023     Tyyyy   20023   3.757906   1.79709   3.19   0.001   1.455611   6.070201     Tyyyy   20024   4.079673   1.159332   3.52   0.000   1.807317   6.352029     Tyyyy   20034   3.3030319   1.22594   2.70   0.007   8.301487   5.230489     Tyyyy   20034   3.3030319   1.22594   2.70   0.007   8.301487   5.230489     Tyyyy   20034   3.3030319   1.22594   2.70   0.007   8.301487   5.230489     Tyyyy   20041   3.347955   1.16124   3.00   0.003   1.66987   5.448263     Tyyyy   20042   3.259075   1.16901   2.92   0.004   1.06987   5.448263     Tyyyy   20042   2.736348   1.24798   2.43   0.015   5.31681   4.94014     Tyyyy   20054   2.566043   1.117099   2.24   0.025   3.316438   4.681853     Tyyyy   20054   2.596043   1.117099   2.24   0.025   3.316438   4.681853     Tyyyy   20064   3.983646   1.118668   3.80   0.000   2.945287   7.302424     Tyyyy   20064   3.983613   1.10129   5.67   0.000   4.686866   8.87003     Tyyyy   20064   3.983613   1.10129   5.67   0.000   4.686866   8.87003		•					
Timsa	Imsa 45820	-2.49169	6.10177	-0.41	0.683	-14.4515	9.46812
Timsa	Imsa 45940	15.39427	5.191905	2.97	0.003	5.217847	25.57069
Timsa		•					
Timsa		•					
Timsa			8.32/306	-0.02	0.985	-16.48319	16.160//
Timsa	_Imsa_46700	(dropped)					
Timsa	Imsa 47260	.9569514	5.555589	0.17	0.863	-9.932313	11.84622
Timsa	 Tmsa_47644	9.327826	5.005904	1.86	0.062	4840256	19.13968
Timsa							
Imsa		•					
Imsa		•	4.981269	2.86	0.004	4.461285	23.98841
		(dropped)					
	Imsa 49340	8.821964	5.220215	1.69	0.091	-1.409948	19.05388
		. 5028362	1.275302	0.39	0.693	-1.996827	3.002499
Tyyyy-20013   1.572581							
Tyyyy~20021   2.0544							
		2.151026	1.214464	1.77		2293914	4.531444
	Iyyyy~20021	2.0544	1.211161	1.70	0.090	3195423	4.428342
		3.012599	1.197632	2.52	0.012	. 6651742	5.360023
		•					
		4.149638	1.124304	3.69	0.000	1.94594	6.353336
	Iyyyy~20032	4.010178	1.122751	3.57	0.000	1.809523	6.210832
		3.446659	1.128742	3.05	0.002	1.234262	5.659056
		•					
		3.259075	1.116901	2.92	0.004	1.069887	5.448263
	Iyyyy~20043	2.861697	1.115431	2.57	0.010	.6753902	5.048003
		2.571931	1.116943	2.30	0.021	.3826607	4.761202
		•					
		2.475652	1.125732			.2691539	4.682151
	Іуууу∼20054	2.506043	1.117009	2.24	0.025	.3166438	4.695442
		2.479931	1.126199	2.20	0.028	.272518	4.687345
Iyyyy~20063   3.680646		•					
		•					
		3.978307	1.11427			1.794276	6.162339
	Іуууу~20071	4.204519	1.105666	3.80	0.000	2.037351	6.371686
		5.124014	1.111564	4.61	0.000	2.945287	7.302742
Iyyyy~20074   6.239613 1.101129 5.67 0.000 4.081339 8.397888  Iyyyy~20081   6.830789 1.102486 6.20 0.000 4.669854 8.991724  Iyyyy~20082   6.731845 1.094438 6.15 0.000 4.586686 8.877003  Iyyyy~20083   8.123415 1.090398 7.45 0.000 5.986175 10.26066  Iyyyy~20084   7.254427 1.091081 6.65 0.000 5.115848 9.393006							
Iyyyy~20081   6.830789							
Iyyyy~20082   6.731845							
Iyyyy~20083   8.123415							
Iyyyy~20083   8.123415 1.090398 7.45 0.000 5.986175 10.26066		6.731845	1.094438	6.15	0.000	4.586686	8.877003
_Iyyyy~20084   7.254427 1.091081 6.65 0.000 5.115848 9.393006		8.123415	1.090398	7.45	0.000	5.986175	10.26066
			4.700293	Z • 1Z		J. 72025	

# **Appendix 2: Occupancy Regression**

Source	SS	df	MS
	'		
Model	64.864	5235 147	.441255262

Number of obs = 33080 F(147, 32932) = 23.45Prob > F = 0.0000

Residua	1	619.666046	32932	.018816532	R-squared	=	0.0948
	+-				Adj R-squared	=	0.0907
Tota	1 1	684 530569	33079	020693811	ROOT MSE	=	13717

occupancy	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
transitcb	.0064307	.004178	1.54	0.124	0017583	.0146197
transitsu	.016343	.0029756	5.49	0.000	.0105107	.0221753
regensu	.0060445	.0054464	1.11	0.267	0046307	.0167196
regencb	0022856	.0064091	-0.36	0.721	0148476	.0102764
estar	.0086163	.0029248	2.95	0.003	.0028836	.0143491
stype	.0225353	.0036222	6.22	0.000	.0154356	.029635
sqft	5.13e-09	4.31e-09	1.19	0.235	-3.33e-09	1.36e-08
sqft2	-1.67e-15	1.06e-15	-1.58	0.114	-3.75e-15	4.03e-16
sqft3	7.21e-23	4.52e-23	1.59	0.111	-1.66e-23	1.61e-22
floors	0007142	.0001108	-6.44	0.000	0009314	0004969
age	0009694	.0000601	-16.14	0.000	0010871	0008517
Imsa 10740	1095929	.0408334	-2.68	0.007	1896278	029558
 Imsa 11260	0264278	.0443599	-0.60	0.551	1133748	.0605192
 Imsa 11460	(dropped)					
 Imsa 12060	138569	.0334887	-4.14	0.000	204208	07293
 Imsa 12420	0943264	.0336676	-2.80	0.005	160316	0283368
 Imsa 12580	0715989	.0340687	-2.10	0.036	1383748	004823
 Imsa 12940	.0473608	.0859342	0.55	0.582	1210734	.215795
 Imsa 13644	0547617	.0338545	-1.62	0.106	1211177	.0115942
 Imsa 13820	1109387	.0349189	-3.18	0.001	1793811	0424963
Imsa 14484	083143	.0338615	-2.46	0.014	1495128	0167733
 Imsa 14500	0977195	.0345922	-2.82	0.005	1655215	0299175
 Imsa 14860	07801	.0344357	-2.27	0.023	1455052	0105149
 Imsa 15764	1220531	.0335919	-3.63	0.000	1878944	0562118
Imsa 15804	128065	.0387359	-3.31	0.001	2039888	0521412
_Imsa_15980	1214278	.0546824	-2.22	0.026	2286073	0142483
_Imsa_16180	.0265783	.1025933	0.26	0.796	1745082	.2276648
_Imsa_16740	1080187	.0340717	-3.17	0.002	1748005	0412368
_Imsa_16974	124054	.0334483	-3.71	0.000	1896139	0584941
_Imsa_17140	1488034	.0346725	-4.29	0.000	2167627	080844
_Imsa_17460	(dropped)					
_Imsa_17820	1031905	.0376435	-2.74	0.006	176973	029408
_Imsa_18140	1774851	.0340768	-5.21	0.000	2442767	1106934
_Imsa_18180	.0120401	.043491	0.28	0.782	0732038	.097284
_Imsa_19124	1135516	.0334772	-3.39	0.001	1791682	0479351
_Imsa_19660	0570411	.0698287	-0.82	0.414	1939079	.0798257
_Imsa_19740	1141163	.0335382	-3.40	0.001	1798523	0483803
_Imsa_19780	1120778	.0517451	-2.17	0.030	2135	0106555
_Imsa_19804	(dropped)					
_Imsa_20500	050015	.0464052	-1.08	0.281	1409709	.0409409
_Imsa_20764	0716602	.0338908	-2.11	0.034	1380873	005233
_Imsa_21340	.0379426	.0452838	0.84	0.402	0508152	.1267004
_Imsa_22744	0961336	.0340602	-2.82	0.005	1628929	0293743
_Imsa_23104	1161875	.0369602	-3.14	0.002	1886308	0437442
_Imsa_23420	.0580356	.1026044	0.57	0.572	1430728	.259144
_Imsa_24340	.0050279	.0859434	0.06	0.953	1634241	.17348
_Imsa_24660	0728729	.0388385	-1.88	0.061	1489978	.003252
_Imsa_24860	0369214	.05894	-0.63	0.531	1524459	.0786031
_Imsa_25420	.0367919	.0422021	0.87	0.383	0459257	.1195095
_Imsa_25540	0907163	.0372808	-2.43	0.015	1637881	0176446

Imsa 26180	147654	.0395748	-3.73	0.000	2252221	0700859
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_Imsa_26420	1056749	.0336296	-3.14	0.002	1715902	0397596
_Imsa_26900	185814	.035364	-5.25	0.000	2551286	1164993
Imsa 27260	1858395	.0367337	-5.06	0.000	2578389	1138401
Imsa 27620	6111214	.0565889	-10.80	0.000	7220377	5002052
Imsa 27940	.0014892	.0409722	0.04	0.971	0788177	.0817962
Imsa 28140	1073397	.0344782	-3.11	0.002	1749182	0397612
Imsa 28660	(dropped)	.0311702	9.11	0.002	.1719102	.0001012
		0567004	2 0 5	0 000	220400	1070047
_Imsa_28940	2182164	.0567294	-3.85	0.000	329408	1070247
_Imsa_29404	0693096	.0339091	-2.04	0.041	1357726	0028466
_Imsa_29820	0779522	.0397624	-1.96	0.050	1558878	0000165
_Imsa_30220	(dropped)					
Imsa 30780	2227468	.038789	-5.74	0.000	2987747	1467189
	0781785	.0335335	-2.33	0.020	1439053	0124516
Imsa 31140	1337447	.04272	-3.13	0.002	2174774	050012
Imsa 31700	1558757	.0398995	-3.91	0.000	2340802	0776713
Imsa 32820	1330757	.0390674	-3.41	0.001	209609	056462
Imsa 33100	(dropped)	.0330074	3.41	0.001	.20000	.030402
		0000007	0 25	0 010	1460506	010106
_Imsa_33124	0795883	.0339087	-2.35	0.019	1460506	013126
_Imsa_33340	0931469	.0354089	-2.63	0.009	1625495	0237442
_Imsa_33460	1212909	.03364	-3.61	0.000	1872265	0553552
_Imsa_34100	(dropped)					
Imsa 34940	0836921	.0411923	-2.03	0.042	1644304	0029537
Imsa 34980	0362272	.0351077	-1.03	0.302	1050396	.0325852
Imsa 35004	0364711	.0359074	-1.02	0.310	1068509	.0339088
Imsa 35084	108144	.0343608	-3.15	0.002	1754925	0407956
Imsa 35300	(dropped)	•001000	0.10	0.002	•1701920	.0107300
Imsa 35380	0607894	.0859766	-0.71	0.480	2293067	.1077279
_Imsa_35644	0413753	.0337004	-1.23	0.220	1074292	.0246786
_Imsa_36084	0926547	.0335945	-2.76	0.006	1585012	0268082
_Imsa_36540	0106479	.0470771	-0.23	0.821	1029206	.0816248
_Imsa_36740	1134801	.0341994	-3.32	0.001	1805121	0464482
_Imsa_37100	0511834	.0369163	-1.39	0.166	1235407	.0211738
_Imsa_37340	(dropped)					
Imsa 37964	097645	.0338696	-2.88	0.004	1640306	0312593
Imsa 38060	0802087	.0335538	-2.39	0.017	1459754	0144421
Imsa 38300	1090953	.0340674	-3.20	0.001	1758686	042322
Imsa 38860	0782461	.0391301	-2.00	0.046	1549425	0015496
Imsa 38900	1041006	.0338376	-3.08	0.002	1704234	0377778
_Imsa_39300	0166711	.0370112	-0.45	0.652	0892144	.0558722
_Imsa_39580	0884937	.0349881	-2.53	0.011	1570717	0199157
_Imsa_39900	0309507	.0374547	-0.83	0.409	1043632	.0424618
_Imsa_40060	1267876	.0369184	-3.43	0.001	1991489	0544263
_Imsa_40140	1047377	.0366372	-2.86	0.004	1765479	0329275
Imsa 40900	0739877	.034287	-2.16	0.031	1411915	0067838
	0895443	.0342	-2.62	0.009	1565777	022511
Imsa_41500	0349646	.0565806	-0.62	0.537	1458646	.0759354
Imsa 41540	2179946	.0487434	-4.47	0.000	3135334	1224559
Imsa 41620	11157	.0350768	-3.18	0.001	1803218	0428182
Imsa 41700	1259095	.0350452	-3.59	0.000	1945993	0572197
Imsa_41700	0811134	.0335885	-2.41	0.000	146948	0152788
IMSa_41740   Imsa 41884	0927581	.0335609	-2.41 -2.76		1585387	0152766 0269775
				0.006		
_Imsa_41940	1259148	.033703	-3.74	0.000	1919739	0598556
_Imsa_42044	0876965	.0335756	-2.61	0.009	1535059	0218872
_Imsa_42060	0391909	.0616298	-0.64	0.525	1599876	.0816057
_Imsa_42220	0397411	.0505484	-0.79	0.432	1388177	.0593356
_Imsa_42644	0780885	.0335823	-2.33	0.020	143911	0122661

_Imsa_42680	.000112	.0588464	0.00	0.998	115229	.115453
Imsa 43780	1697115	.0452537	-3.75	0.000	2584103	0810127
Imsa 43900	.0167238	.0762726	0.22	0.826	1327732	.1662208
Imsa 45220	0029519	.0403781	-0.07	0.942	0820945	.0761907
 Imsa 45300	0711262	.0339584	-2.09	0.036	137686	0045665
Imsa 45820	0446851	.040579	-1.10	0.271	1242214	.0348511
Imsa 45940	0328527	.0360936	-0.91	0.363	1035975	.0378921
Imsa 46060	0005606	.0588481	-0.01	0.992	1159049	.1147838
Imsa 46140	.0115151	.0546787	0.21	0.833	0956572	.1147838
Imsa 46700	(dropped)	.0340707	0.21	0.055	0930372	.1100073
	0981558	.0386477	-2.54	0.011	1739066	022405
_Imsa_47260					2291661	022405
_Imsa_47644	1611094	.0347222	-4.64	0.000		0930526
_Imsa_47894	0633353	.0334085	-1.90	0.058	1288171	.0021465
_Imsa_48424	1018314	.0343809	-2.96	0.003	1692191	0344437
_Imsa_48864	(dropped)					
_Imsa_49340	0783739	.0360394	-2.17	0.030	1490124	0077355
_Iyyyy~20002	0016969	.009034	-0.19	0.851	0194038	.01601
_Iyyyy~20003	.0108408	.0088434	1.23	0.220	0064925	.0281742
_Iyyyy~20004	.0102812	.0087647	1.17	0.241	0068979	.0274602
_Iyyyy~20011	.0113344	.0086045	1.32	0.188	0055308	.0281996
_Iyyyy~20012	.0073142	.0086072	0.85	0.395	0095563	.0241847
	008543	.0086149	-0.99	0.321	0254286	.0083425
	0148204	.0084968	-1.74	0.081	0314744	.0018337
	024177	.0083301	-2.90	0.004	0405043	0078498
	0445856	.0079848	-5.58	0.000	0602362	0289351
	0586317	.007972	-7.35	0.000	0742571	0430063
	0649702	.0080176	-8.10	0.000	080685	0492554
Iyyyy~20031	0769606	.0079635	-9.66	0.000	0925694	0613518
	0794095	.0079188	-10.03	0.000	0949306	0638883
	0876049	.0079095	-11.08	0.000	1031078	072102
	0881025	.0079346	-11.10	0.000	1036545	0725505
	0933043	.0079121	-11.79	0.000	1088123	0777962
	0865073	.0079453	-10.89	0.000	1020804	0709342
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_Iyyyy~20051	078831	.0079203	-9.95	0.000	0943551	0633069
_Iyyyy~20052	0731859	.0079175	-9.24	0.000	0887045	0576673
_Iyyyy~20053	0700361	.0079009	-8.86	0.000	0855223	05455
_Iyyyy~20054	0632756	.0078986	-8.01	0.000	0787572	047794
_Iyyyy~20061	0560701	.0079219	-7.08	0.000	0715974	0405428
_Iyyyy~20062	0487225	.0078595	-6.20	0.000	0641274	0333176
_Iyyyy~20063	0461927	.0078337	-5.90	0.000	061547	0308384
_Iyyyy~20064	0439543	.0077887	-5.64	0.000	0592205	0286881
_Iyyyy~20071	0398713	.0077664	-5.13	0.000	0550937	0246488
_ _Iyyyy~20072	0402887	.0078051	-5.16	0.000	0555869	0249904
	0384722	.0077828	-4.94	0.000	0537267	0232177
	0407079	.0077286	-5.27	0.000	0558563	0255595
	0411408	.0077768	-5.29	0.000	0563837	025898
	0409951	.0077948	-5.26	0.000	0562731	0257171
	0502797	.0078674	-6.39	0.000	0657	0348594
	0515592	.0078795	-6.54	0.000	0670032	0361152
cons	1.046	.0339435	30.82	0.000	.9794696	1.112531

**Appendix 3: Total Expenses Regression** 

Source	SS	df 	MS		Number of obs F(140, 24864)	= 25005 = 344.37
Model   Residual	995937.655 513635.844		3.84039 6578123		Prob > F R-squared	= 0.0000 = 0.6597
+ Total	1509573.50	25004 60.3	3732802		Adj R-squared Root MSE	= 0.6578 = 4.5451
exptotsf_yr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
IncSF	1.383436	.0074367	186.03	0.000	1.368859	1.398012
transitcb	.4047195	.1608131	2.52	0.012	.0895162	.7199228
transitsu	5698028	.1137337	-5.01	0.000	7927275	3468781
regensu	0395036	.2054517	-0.19	0.848	4422011	.3631939
regencb	1.248249	.24511	5.09	0.000	.7678192	1.728679
estar	.1485255	.1097275	1.35	0.176	066547	.363598
stype	.3395442	.140428	2.42	0.016	.064297	.6147914
sqft	-4.89e-07	1.61e-07	-3.04	0.002	-8.04e-07	-1.73e-07
sqft2	5.99e-14	3.81e-14	1.57	0.115	-1.47e-14	1.35e-13
sqft3	-2.12e-21	1.60e-21	-1.33	0.185	-5.26e-21	1.01e-21
floors	.0669676	.0042112	15.90	0.000	.0587133	.0752219
age	.0449633	.0023317	19.28	0.000	.040393	.0495336
_Imsa_10740	4.318541	1.491785	2.89	0.004	1.394553	7.242529
_Imsa_11260	2.578143	1.666191	1.55	0.122	6876901	5.843976
_Imsa_11460	(dropped)	1 004006	2 55	0 000	1 040007	6 720075
_Imsa_12060	4.339951	1.224006	3.55	0.000	1.940827	6.739075
_Imsa_12420	4.948268	1.230263	4.02	0.000	2.536879	7.359657
_Imsa_12580	4.323451	1.245913	3.47	0.001	1.881388	6.765513
_Imsa_13644   Imsa_13820	3.69709 4.587849	1.237133 1.276014	2.99 3.60	0.003	1.272236 2.086785	6.121945
Imsa_13620   Imsa 14484	4.632331	1.238353	3.74	0.000	2.205086	7.088912 7.059576
Imsa_14404   Imsa_14500	4.053194	1.266026	3.20	0.000	1.571707	6.534681
Imsa_14860	4.760459	1.261183	3.77	0.001	2.288464	7.232453
Imsa_14000	5.086272	1.228475	4.14	0.000	2.678387	7.494156
Imsa 15804	5.543352	1.399588	3.96	0.000	2.800077	8.286627
Imsa 15980	5.071759	2.218555	2.29	0.022	.7232604	9.420258
Imsa 16740	2.871162	1.247449	2.30	0.021	.4260873	5.316237
Imsa 16974	5.747758	1.221862	4.70	0.000	3.352835	8.14268
Imsa 17140	4.959111	1.27264	3.90	0.000	2.464661	7.453561
Imsa 17460	(dropped)					
Imsa 17820	3.427578	1.412448	2.43	0.015	.6590968	6.196059
Imsa 18140	6.852139	1.248541	5.49	0.000	4.404925	9.299353
Imsa 18180	4.056734	1.56853	2.59	0.010	.9823224	7.131146
Imsa 19124	5.146753	1.22315	4.21	0.000	2.749307	7.544199
 Imsa 19660	8.55326	3.438171	2.49	0.013	1.81424	15.29228
 Imsa 19740	5.599314	1.225363	4.57	0.000	3.19753	8.001097
_Imsa_19780	6.229476	2.219051	2.81	0.005	1.880004	10.57895
_Imsa_19804	(dropped)					
_Imsa_20500	4.16845	1.78868	2.33	0.020	.6625311	7.674368
_Imsa_20764	3.700622	1.239975	2.98	0.003	1.270197	6.131047
_Imsa_21340	3706873	1.664895	-0.22	0.824	-3.633981	2.892606
_Imsa_22744	5.348969	1.245354	4.30	0.000	2.908002	7.789936
_Imsa_23104	4.413585	1.372301	3.22	0.001	1.723794	7.103376
_Imsa_24660	.5587356	1.407629	0.40	0.691	-2.200301	3.317773
_Imsa_24860	4.384172	2.37335	1.85	0.065	2677345	9.036078
_Imsa_25420	6.935831	1.518399	4.57	0.000	3.959679	9.911982
_Imsa_25540	6.600016	1.381719	4.78	0.000	3.891764	9.308267

_Imsa_26180	7.799839	1.477449	5.28	0.000	4.903951	10.69573
Imsa 26420	5.523902	1.229794	4.49	0.000	3.113434	7.934371
Imsa 26900	5.612102	1.302454	4.31	0.000	3.059214	8.164989
 Imsa 27260	5.406126	1.372039	3.94	0.000	2.716849	8.095404
 Imsa 27620	14.79331	2.578817	5.74	0.000	9.738671	19.84794
Imsa 27940	3.57742	1.472168	2.43	0.015	.6918844	6.462957
Imsa 28140	4.939927	1.258619	3.92	0.000	2.47296	7.406895
Imsa_28660	(dropped)	1.230013	3.72	0.000	2.47230	7.400033
		0 074077	2 22	0 001	2 220001	10 54007
_Imsa_28940	7.893178	2.374977	3.32	0.001	3.238081	12.54827
	3.880495	1.237525	3.14	0.002	1.454873	6.306118
_Imsa_29820	2.377947	1.555939	1.53	0.126	6717855	5.42768
_Imsa_30220	(dropped)					
_Imsa_30780	5.305711	1.429572	3.71	0.000	2.503666	8.107757
_Imsa_31084	4.635019	1.225963	3.78	0.000	2.232059	7.037979
_Imsa_31140	2.637311	1.538744	1.71	0.087	3787178	5.65334
_Imsa_31700	7.148385	1.498343	4.77	0.000	4.211544	10.08523
Imsa 32820	7.230441	1.432283	5.05	0.000	4.423082	10.0378
 Imsa 33100	(dropped)					
Imsa 33124	5.529398	1.238852	4.46	0.000	3.101174	7.957623
Imsa 33340	5.419168	1.293159	4.19	0.000	2.884499	7.953838
Imsa 33460	5.993655	1.229665	4.87	0.000	3.583439	8.403872
Imsa_33400	(dropped)	1.227003	4.07	0.000	3.303433	0.403072
	(dropped)   5.805024	1.541941	2 76	0.000	2.782728	0 00733
_Imsa_34940	•		3.76			8.82732
_Imsa_34980	3.369469	1.280739	2.63	0.009	.8591449	5.879792
_Imsa_35004	8.474463	1.315397	6.44	0.000	5.896205	11.05272
_Imsa_35084	6.464013	1.259409	5.13	0.000	3.995496	8.932531
_Imsa_35644	4.980579	1.232917	4.04	0.000	2.563988	7.397169
_Imsa_36084	4.964769	1.227901	4.04	0.000	2.55801	7.371527
_Imsa_36540	.8549665	1.883311	0.45	0.650	-2.836435	4.546368
Imsa 36740	4.465316	1.251625	3.57	0.000	2.012058	6.918575
Imsa 37100	2.144826	1.364084	1.57	0.116	5288594	4.818512
Imsa 37340	(dropped)					
 Imsa 37964	3.7901	1.240322	3.06	0.002	1.358995	6.221204
	4.171981	1.226357	3.40	0.001	1.768249	6.575712
Imsa 38300	5.008612	1.243488	4.03	0.000	2.571303	7.445922
Imsa 38860	2.883822	1.452924	1.98	0.047	.0360049	5.73164
Imsa 38900	2.441062	1.237735	1.97	0.049	.015027	4.867097
Imsa 39300	1 2.216552	1.350069	1.64	0.101	4296632	4.862767
Imsa_39580	3.253276	1.283754	2.53	0.101	.7370419	5.76951
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_Imsa_39900	2.416226	1.369773	1.76	0.078	2686106	5.101063
_Imsa_40060	4.815046	1.367086	3.52	0.000	2.135476	7.494616
_Imsa_40140	5.196628	1.373335	3.78	0.000	2.504811	7.888446
_Imsa_40900	3.41908	1.254845	2.72	0.006	.9595091	5.87865
_Imsa_41180	4.974813	1.252373	3.97	0.000	2.520087	7.429539
_Imsa_41500	2.577388	2.219312	1.16	0.246	-1.772596	6.927371
_Imsa_41540	5.799362	1.79433	3.23	0.001	2.282368	9.316356
	2.857769	1.289121	2.22	0.027	.3310149	5.384524
Imsa 41700	5.694525	1.282393	4.44	0.000	3.180959	8.208091
 Imsa 41740	2.926913	1.228194	2.38	0.017	.5195793	5.334247
 Imsa 41884	4.47929	1.227019	3.65	0.000	2.074259	6.884321
Imsa 41940	2.857927	1.23287	2.32	0.020	.4414282	5.274427
Imsa 42044	4.315266	1.227562	3.52	0.000	1.909172	6.721359
Imsa 42060	1.374956	2.578847	0.53	0.594	-3.679737	6.42965
Imsa 42220	5.551524	1.942406	2.86	0.004	1.744292	9.358755
Imsa_42220	2.180589	1.227062	1.78	0.004	2245262	4.585704
_Imsa_42680	1.385011	2.369504	0.58	0.559	-3.259357	6.029378
_Imsa_43780	5.38084	1.663422	3.23	0.001	2.120435	8.641245

Imsa 43900	.305208	4.707413	0.06	0.948	-8.9216	9.532016
Imsa 45220	4.303686	1.450238	2.97	0.003	1.461134	7.146238
Imsa 45300	4.610559	1.241401	3.71	0.000	2.177339	7.043779
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_Imsa_45820	5.881288	1.602473	3.67	0.000	2.740345	9.02223
Imsa 45940	3.15934	1.312471	2.41	0.016	.5868181	5.731861
	4.663986	2.369705	1.97	0.049	.0192234	9.308748
Imsa 46140	2.0739	2.218506	0.93	0.350	-2.274504	6.422304
	•	2.210000	0.33	0.550	2.271301	0.122301
_Imsa_46700	(dropped)	4 440004			4 000046	6 04 5 0 0 5
_Imsa_47260	4.047887	1.412784	2.87	0.004	1.278746	6.817027
Imsa 47644	5.161242	1.270233	4.06	0.000	2.671509	7.650975
Imsa_47894	2.629541	1.220638	2.15	0.031	.2370176	5.022064
 Imsa 48424	6.299564	1.260449	5.00	0.000	3.829009	8.770119
Imsa 48864	(dropped)	1.200113	0.00	0.000	0.023003	0.770113
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_Imsa_49340	5.076807	1.320665	3.84	0.000	2.488226	7.665389
_Iyyyy~20011	1547099	.3287675	-0.47	0.638	7991138	.4896939
	007643	.3217737	-0.02	0.981	6383386	.6230526
Туууу~20013	.185721	.3201864	0.58	0.562	4418634	.8133053
	.496498	.3125717	1.59	0.112	1161612	1.109157
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_Іуууу~20021	.4492772	.3113619	1.44	0.149	1610105	1.059565
_Iyyyy~20022	.685344	.3081362	2.22	0.026	.0813788	1.289309
Iyyyy~20023	1.066472	.3041249	3.51	0.000	.4703687	1.662575
_Iyyyy~20024	1.136219	.2994716	3.79	0.000	.549237	1.723201
	1.290888	.2903901	4.45	0.000	.7217064	1.86007
	1.547563	.2903021	5.33	0.000	.9785533	2.116572
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_Iyyyy~20033	1.79597	.291369	6.16	0.000	1.224869	2.36707
_Iyyyy~20034	1.744405	.2901664	6.01	0.000	1.175662	2.313148
_Iyyyy~20041	1.812742	.2885574	6.28	0.000	1.247152	2.378331
	1.550898	.2889222	5.37	0.000	.984593	2.117202
	1.700914	.2888685	5.89	0.000	1.134714	2.267113
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_Iyyyy~20044	1.737511	.2899185	5.99	0.000	1.169253	2.305768
_Iyyyy~20051	1.667975	.2913624	5.72	0.000	1.096887	2.239062
_Iyyyy~20052	1.772192	.2909921	6.09	0.000	1.201831	2.342554
	1.70457	.2914346	5.85	0.000	1.133341	2.275799
 Туууу~20054	1.634398	.2901094	5.63	0.000	1.065767	2.20303
	1.47206	.2916198	5.05	0.000	.900468	2.043652
	1.40118	.2905499	4.82	0.000	.8316849	1.970675
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_Іуууу~20063	1.619304	.2898023	5.59	0.000	1.051275	2.187334
_Iyyyy~20064	1.684829	.2887407	5.84	0.000	1.11888	2.250778
	1.612379	.2863979	5.63	0.000	1.051022	2.173735
Туууу~20072	1.578213	.2876202	5.49	0.000	1.014461	2.141966
Iyyyy~20073	1.940453	.2861987	6.78	0.000	1.379487	2.50142
	1.959078	.2852261	6.87	0.000		2.518138
_Iyyyy~20074	•				1.400018	
_Іуууу~20081	1.868406	.285116	6.55	0.000	1.309562	2.427251
_Iyyyy~20082	1.942171	.2831528	6.86	0.000	1.387175	2.497168
_Iyyyy~20083	2.306405	.2824279	8.17	0.000	1.75283	2.85998
Туууу~20084	2.424894	.2824754	8.58	0.000	1.871226	2.978563
cons	-4.603383	1.239946	-3.71	0.000	-7.03375	-2.173015

# **Appendix 4: Utility Expense Regression**

Source		SS	df	MS	Numbe	er of	obs	=	22963
	+-				F(134	, 228	328)	=	207.40
Model		37562.0101	134	280.313508	Prob	> F		=	0.0000
Residual		30853.545	22828	1.35156584	R-squ	ared		=	0.5490
	+-				Adj F	≀-squ <i>a</i>	ared	=	0.5464

utilsf_yr	Coef.	Std. Err.	t 	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
IncSF	.2671705	.0019374	137.90	0.000	.2633732	.2709679
estar	2445381	.0282309	-8.66	0.000	2998726	1892036
stype	1345776	.0266867	-5.04	0.000	1868854	0822699
sqft	-1.69e-07	4.24e-08	-3.99	0.000	-2.52e-07	-8.59e-08
sqft2	3.45e-14	9.87e-15	3.49	0.000	1.51e-14	5.38e-14
sqft3	-1.34e-21	4.13e-22	-3.24	0.001	-2.15e-21	-5.30e-22
floors	0010477	.0010862	-0.96	0.335	0031767	.0010813
age	.0136695	.0006018	22.72	0.000	.01249	.014849
Imsa 11260	-1.215092	.3654969	-3.32	0.001	-1.93149	4986931
 Imsa 11460	(dropped)					
 Imsa 12060	6601072	.2241369	-2.95	0.003	-1.099431	2207837
	623248	.2265426	-2.75	0.006	-1.067287	1792091
Imsa 12580	.4164995	.2324568	1.79	0.073	0391315	.8721306
	.0732307	.2290117	0.32	0.749	3756477	.5221091
	1977965	.2461514	-0.80	0.422	6802698	.2846769
	8014082	.2291971	-3.50	0.000	-1.25065	3521664
_Imsa_14500	6463978	.2439592	-2.65	0.008	-1.124574	1682213
Imsa 14860	4682688	.236903	-1.98	0.048	9326149	0039228
_Imsa_15764	.3933949	.226295	1.74	0.082	0501587	.8369485
_Imsa_15804	.7234055	.3176412	2.28	0.023	.1008071	1.346004
_Imsa_15980	-1.457607	.5238089	-2.78	0.005	-2.484308	4309063
_Imsa_16740	8272863	.232531	-3.56	0.000	-1.283063	3715098
_Imsa_16974	-1.189062	.2229993	-5.33	0.000	-1.626156	7519684
_Imsa_17140	3956564	.240259	-1.65	0.100	8665804	.0752677
_Imsa_17460	(dropped)					
_Imsa_17820	4299743	.2959455	-1.45	0.146	-1.010048	.150099
_Imsa_18140	3717419	.2325977	-1.60	0.110	8276492	.0841653
_Imsa_18180	0339118	.3366268	-0.10	0.920	6937231	.6258995
_Imsa_19124	2413752	.2238754	-1.08	0.281	6801862	.1974357
_Imsa_19660	1.281519	.8517999	1.50	0.132	3880668	2.951104
_Imsa_19740	4877556	.2245697	-2.17	0.030	9279275	0475837
_Imsa_19780	-1.665223	.7071133	-2.35	0.019	-3.051213	2792333
_Imsa_19804	(dropped)	4001504	1 00	0 001	1 000540	0060510
_Imsa_20500	4922451	.4021784	-1.22	0.221	-1.280542	.2960519
_Imsa_20764	.3609163	.2318603	1.56	0.120	0935456	.8153782
_Imsa_22744	6511856	.2322774	-2.80	0.005	-1.106465	1959061
_Imsa_23104		.2788848	-0.99	0.321	8236538	.2696125
_Imsa_24660   Imsa_24860	7273502 0006358	.3656305 .566059	-1.99 -0.00	0.047 0.999	-1.444011	0106897
					-1.11015	1.108878
_Imsa_25420   Imsa 25540	3197663 .6112887	.3208792	-1.00 2.20	0.319 0.028	9487113	.3091788
Imsa_26180	1072794	.2776356 .3070711	-0.35	0.028	.067104 7091596	1.155473 .4946007
Imsa_26420	0728019	.2258466	-0.33	0.747	5154765	.3698728
Imsa_26900	2011111	.2578646	-0.32	0.435	7065433	.3043211
Imsa_20900	0885191	.2923734	-0.70	0.762	6615909	.4845527
Imsa_27620	-1.28432	.6222465	-2.06	0.702	-2.503965	0646743
IMSa_27620   Imsa 27940	5315102	.3090769	-2.06 -1.72	0.039	-1.137322	.0743016
Imsa_27940	5527645	.2374656	-2.33	0.020	-1.137322	0873158
Imsa_28660	(dropped)	. 20/1000	2.55	0.020	1.010210	.00/0100
Imsa 28940	-1.48688	.5660632	-2.63	0.009	-2.596402	3773574
Imsa 29404	-1.381585	.2293143	-6.02	0.000	-1.831057	9321133
Imsa 29820	2992074	.3326613	-0.90	0.368	9512462	.3528314
			0.00	3.300		

Imsa 30220	(dropped)					
Imsa 30780	.2098757	.2887952	0.73	0.467	3561825	.7759338
Imsa 31084	4421229	.2236949	-1.98	0.048	8805801	0036658
Imsa 31140	4608946	.324411	-1.42	0.155	-1.096762	.174973
Imsa 31700	.1792245	.3146842	0.57	0.569	4375779	.796027
Imsa 32820	.4521397	.2940646	1.54	0.124	1242469	1.028526
Imsa 33100	(dropped)	.2340040	1.04	0.124	•1242403	1.020520
Imsa 33124	2999097	.229065	-1.31	0.190	7488925	.1490732
Imsa 33340	636686	.2531565	-2.51	0.012	-1.13289	140482
Imsa 33460	3227089	.226169	-1.43	0.154	7660154	.1205977
Imsa 34940	6092481	.3414397	-1.78	0.074	-1.278493	.0599969
Imsa 34980	3904952	.2467602	-1.58	0.114	8741621	.0931716
Imsa 35004	.70704	.2551828	2.77	0.006	.2068644	1.207216
Imsa 35084	.2744406	.2366087	1.16	0.246	1893285	.7382096
Imsa 35644	2520749	.2267143	-1.11	0.266	6964504	.1923006
Imsa 36084	6051616	.2254219	-2.68	0.007	-1.047004	1633193
Imsa 36540	-1.162535	.4292826	-2.71	0.007	-2.003958	3211119
Imsa 36740	3033962	.2352588	-1.29	0.197	7645194	.157727
Imsa 37100	6895917	.2768009	-2.49	0.013	-1.23214	1470433
Imsa 37340	(dropped)	•= / 00000	2.13	0.010	1,20211	•======================================
Imsa 37964	195187	.2308125	-0.85	0.398	6475952	.2572211
Imsa 38060	80688	.2256607	-3.58	0.000	-1.24919	3645697
Imsa 38300	1533471	.2309093	-0.66	0.507	605945	.2992508
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