

Lessons learned from
using accessible data
and engaging users
**to qualify and execute
decarb projects**

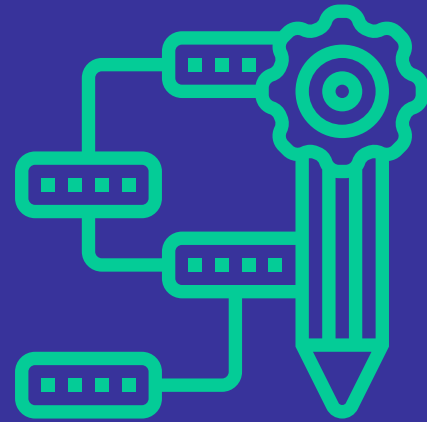
How to think about (and act on) **building decarbonization**

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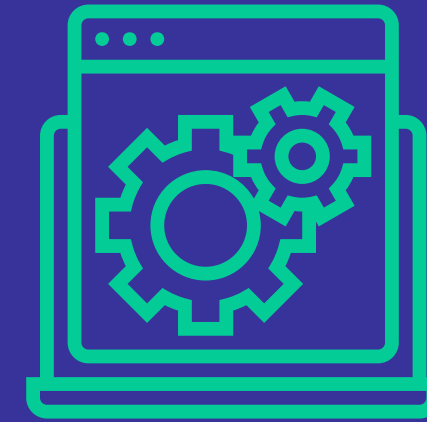
Environmental design

Designing buildings & cities for climate change



Geoanalytics

Determining what works best where and why



Software engineering

Leveraging cutting-edge tech for social good





Things I will cover

01

Today

Why qualifying and executing decarb projects is so hard and why it matters

02

Enter Station A

What we've tried, where we've failed, and where we've succeeded

03

The Future

How we can scale and expand building decarb using a tech playbook





~70%

Of carbon emissions are related to electricity generation and buildings



~10%

Of global electricity generation is clean (i.e. solar, batteries, wind, etc.), while most of it is still coal, oil, and natural gas



What's different now?

82%

cheaper to build clean energy today vs. 2012

3.5%

of onsite clean energy capacity has been tapped

88%

of public companies have ESG initiatives

It's affordable

Clean energy hardware is cheaper than ever, financing is widely available, and everything continues to become more affordable YoY

"it's not the cost"

It's an untapped market

The onsite clean energy market for commercial and industrial buildings remains nascent despite an average 7-year payback for "good" projects

"it's not the value prop"

It's a compliance issue

SEC is requiring public companies to measure & report emissions, but only 39% of them believe they're effectively meeting their goals

"it's not the policy"



Why are decarb projects **so hard** to qualify and execute?

"it's the data, the software, and the process"

01

Fragmented data, clunky software, and broken workflows

02

Non-standard roles, projects, proposals, and contracts

03

Unequal access to data and insight



~60%

Of the total cost of a decarb project is "soft", and includes analyzing the building, sizing the system, reaching the building owner, communicating the value, and signing the contract. In other words, all the things that can be automated with data and software.



"an industry of spreadsheets"

**Fragmented data,
clunky software,
& broken workflows**



The data is sparse and harvested from multiple sources



The average seller uses 10 different software tools



The average workflow takes 6–12 months



"everything is a snowflake"

Non-standard roles, projects, proposals, and contracts



Every project is a one-off,
every contract is a snowflake



Hardware sellers also develop
and install



Sellers also play the role of
biased advisors



"not everyone can afford consultants"

Unequal access to data and insight



Smaller buyers lack sophistication or a dedicated energy team



Smaller sellers can't access buyers at scale



Channels don't provide full transparency



Enter Station A

01

Started in 2015 as an innovation team within NRG

02

Formed in 2018 as a startup based in the Bay Area

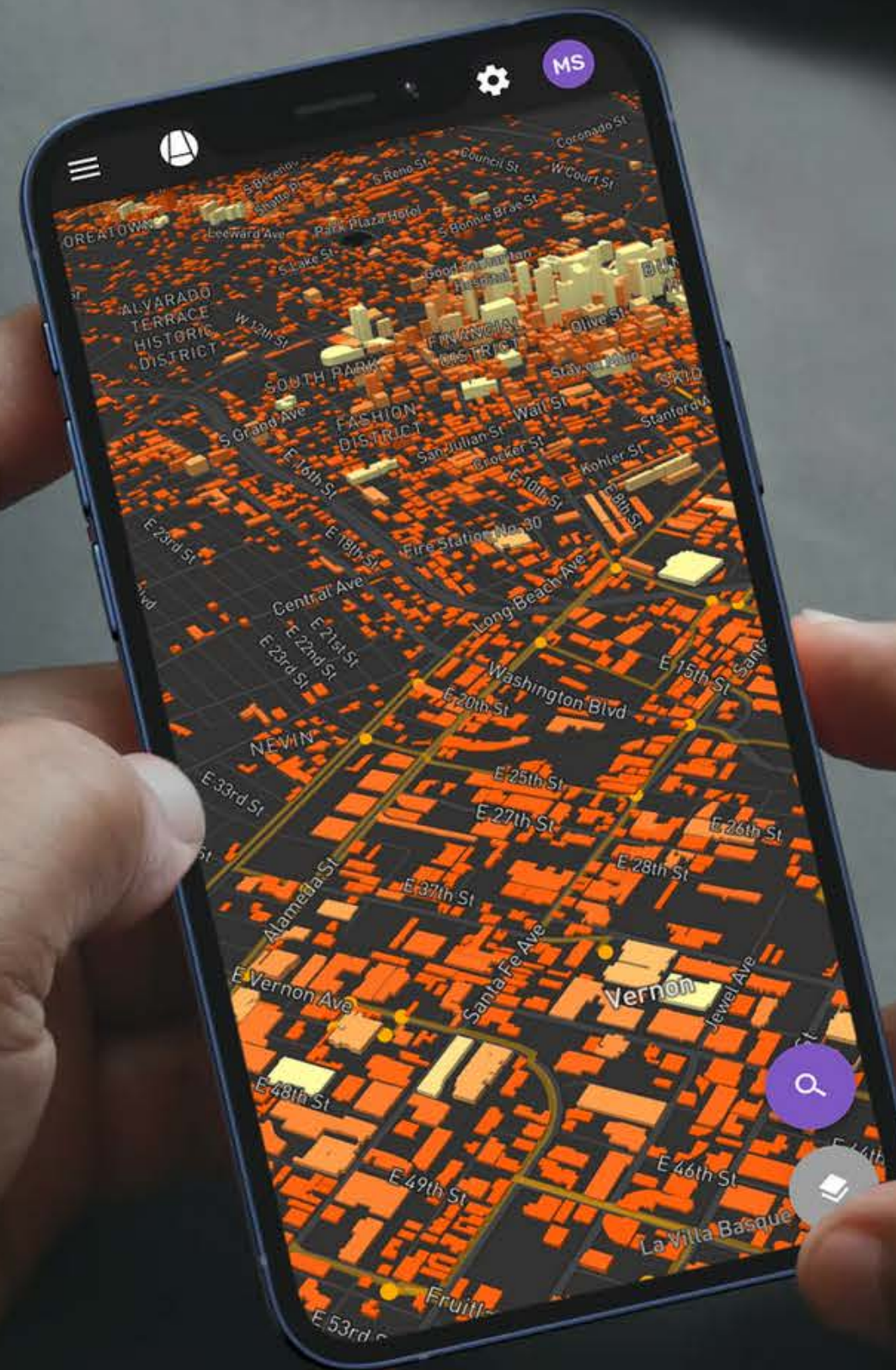
03

Reframing how decarb projects are qualified and executed on



We use data to identify the decarb potential of a C&I building

We leverage our patented blend of geoanalytics, energy modeling, and predictive simulations to determine what's most valuable where and why



"qualify projects"



We connect buyers with sellers to build projects

We connect thousands of users across our network through our first-of-kind decarb project marketplace



We help cities, utilities, and regulators make data-driven decisions for the future of the grid

We give our tech to users who would otherwise use clunky spreadsheets and expensive enterprise software

The Evolution

Bill Savings: \$1,320,757

206 Locations 7,054 kW +\$345,437

145 Locations 1,854 Units +\$693,647

55 Locations 5,671 DC kW +\$281,673

9%

2015 - today

01

Harvest and organize building data at scale

2016 - today

02

Model every building's electricity usage and decarb potential

2017 - today

03

Develop a web platform to help clean energy sellers find leads

2019 - today

04

Learn from user intent data, solicit quotes, and train recommendation models

2021 - today

05

Connect users and run project transactions digitally

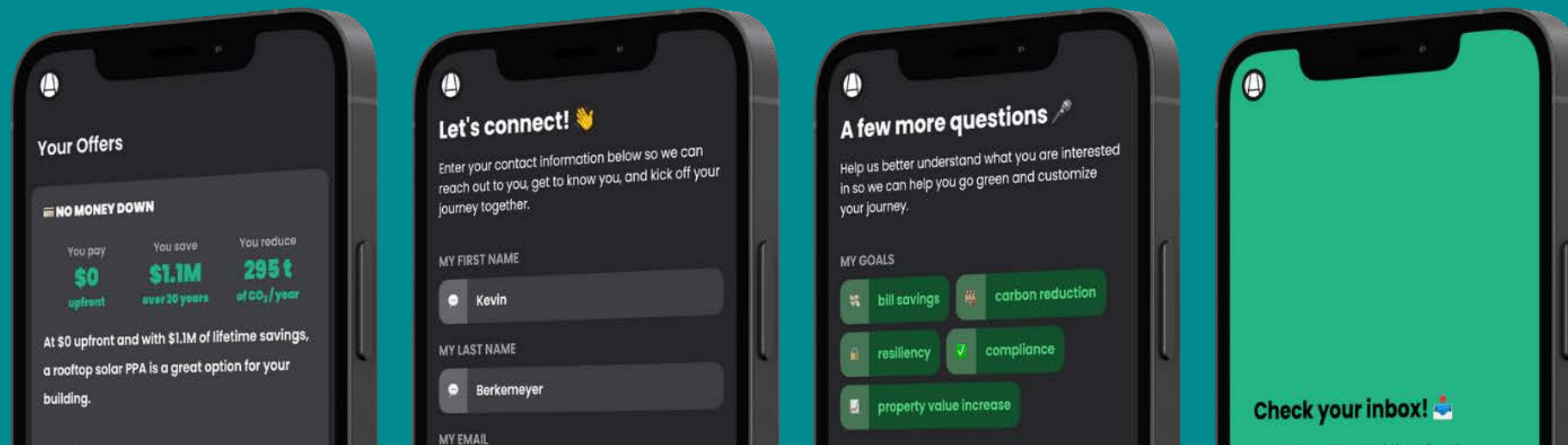


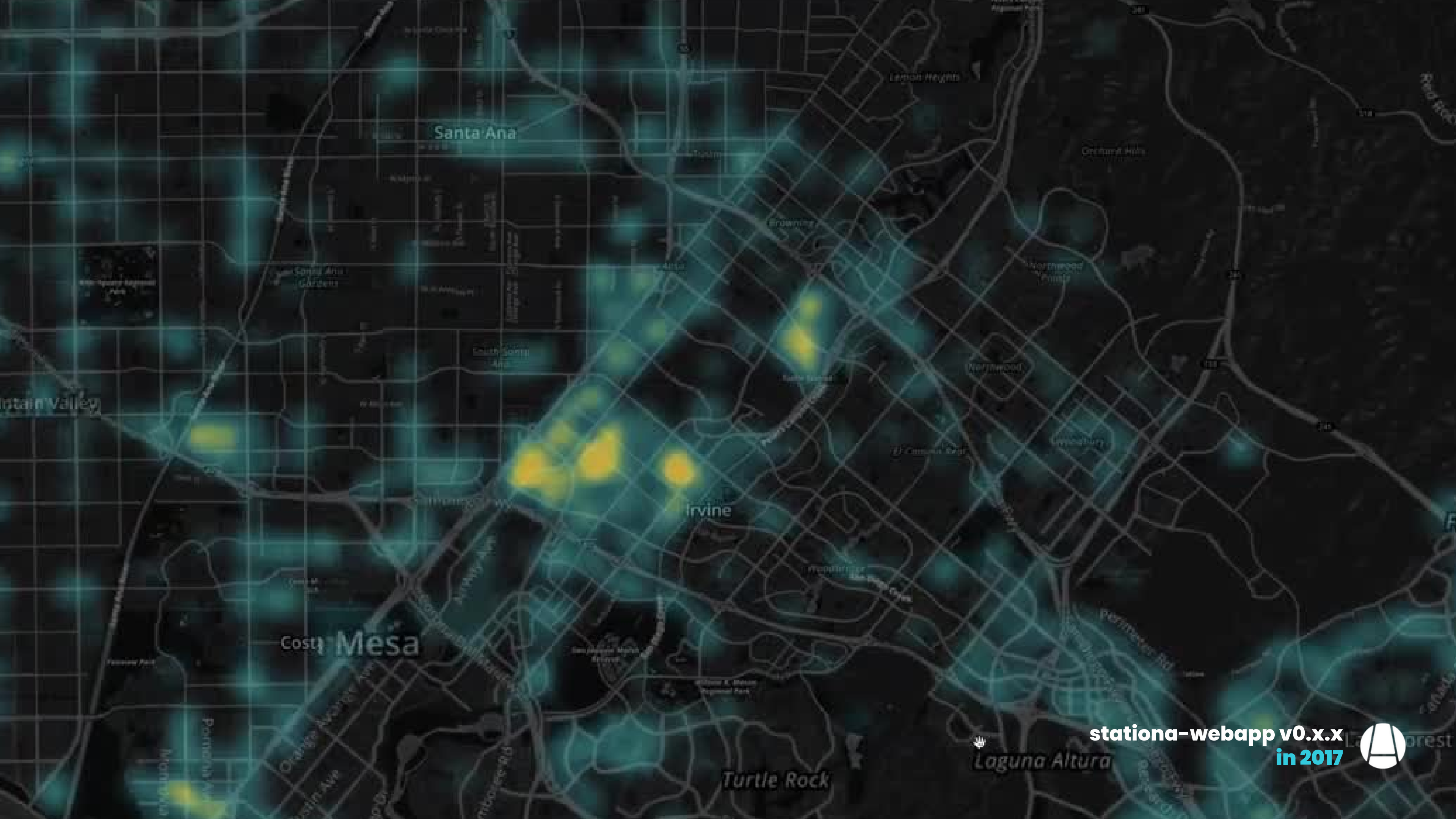
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how you present the data
is as important as the data itself

Lead with intuitive metrics, lower data barrier to entry, refine data over time.

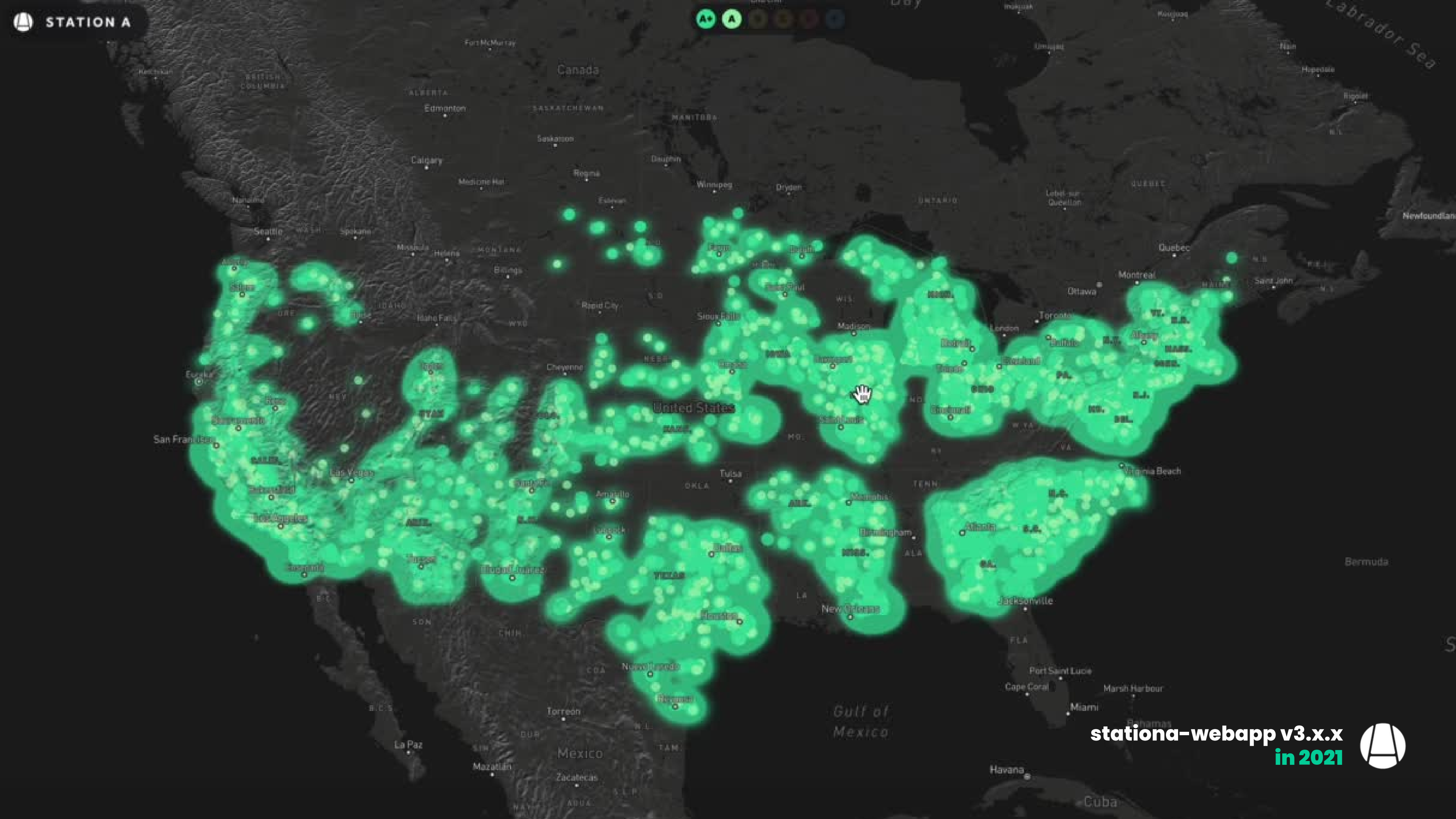
Instead of hyper-accurate, engineer-vetted quotes, we lead with simple, qualitative metrics, invest in buyer education, and refine our numbers with actuals later. Our building grades lead to a follow-up conversation with a buyer **86%** of the time.

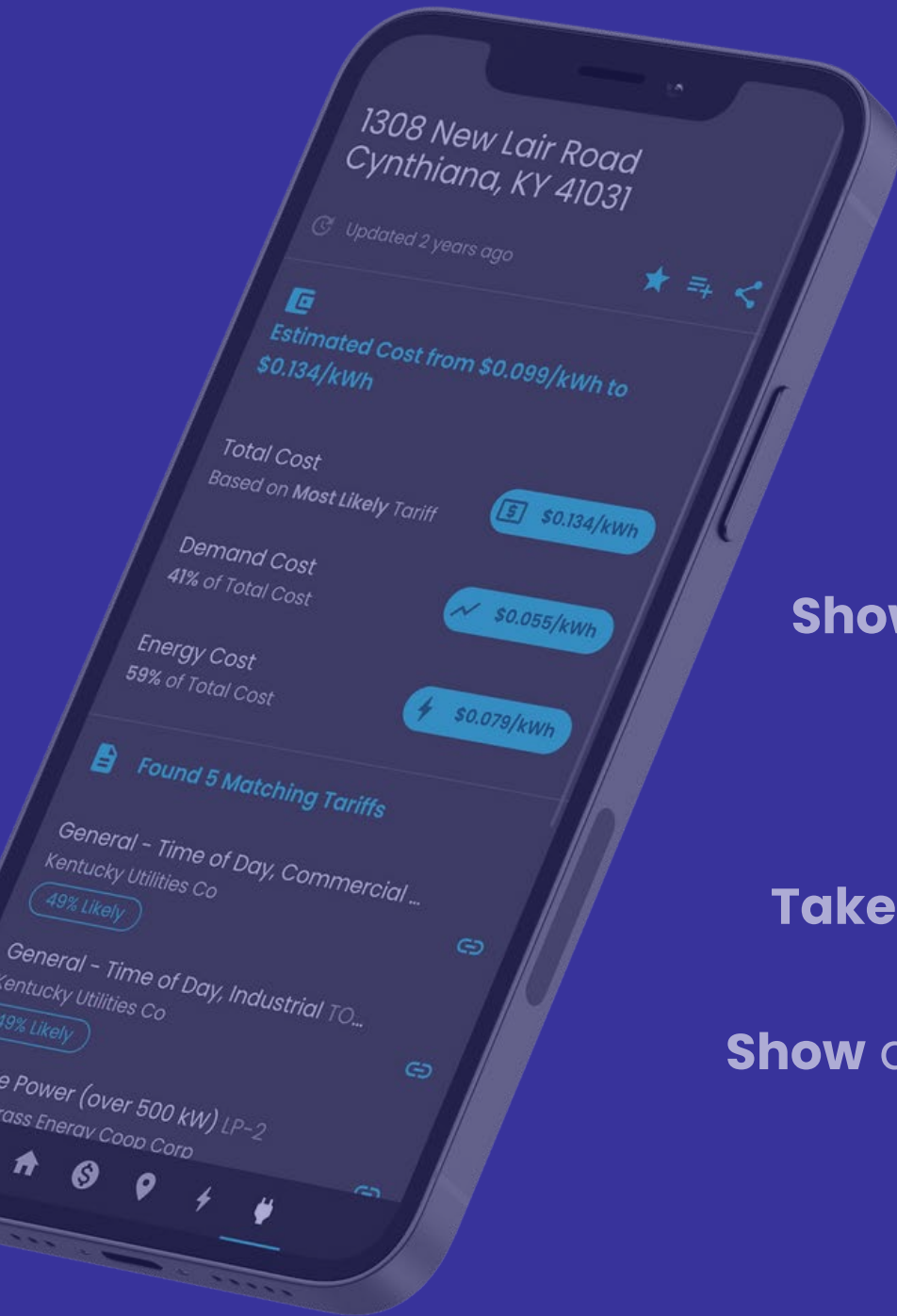




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in 2017







"here's everything we can infer about a building"

Place Cards

2016 - 2021

Show numeric data with high precision

Browse for buildings in a list

Take all the data and put it on the page

Show all the data at once without context

Wait for the user to ask questions

"here's a metric that helps drive decisions"

Building Grades

2021 - today

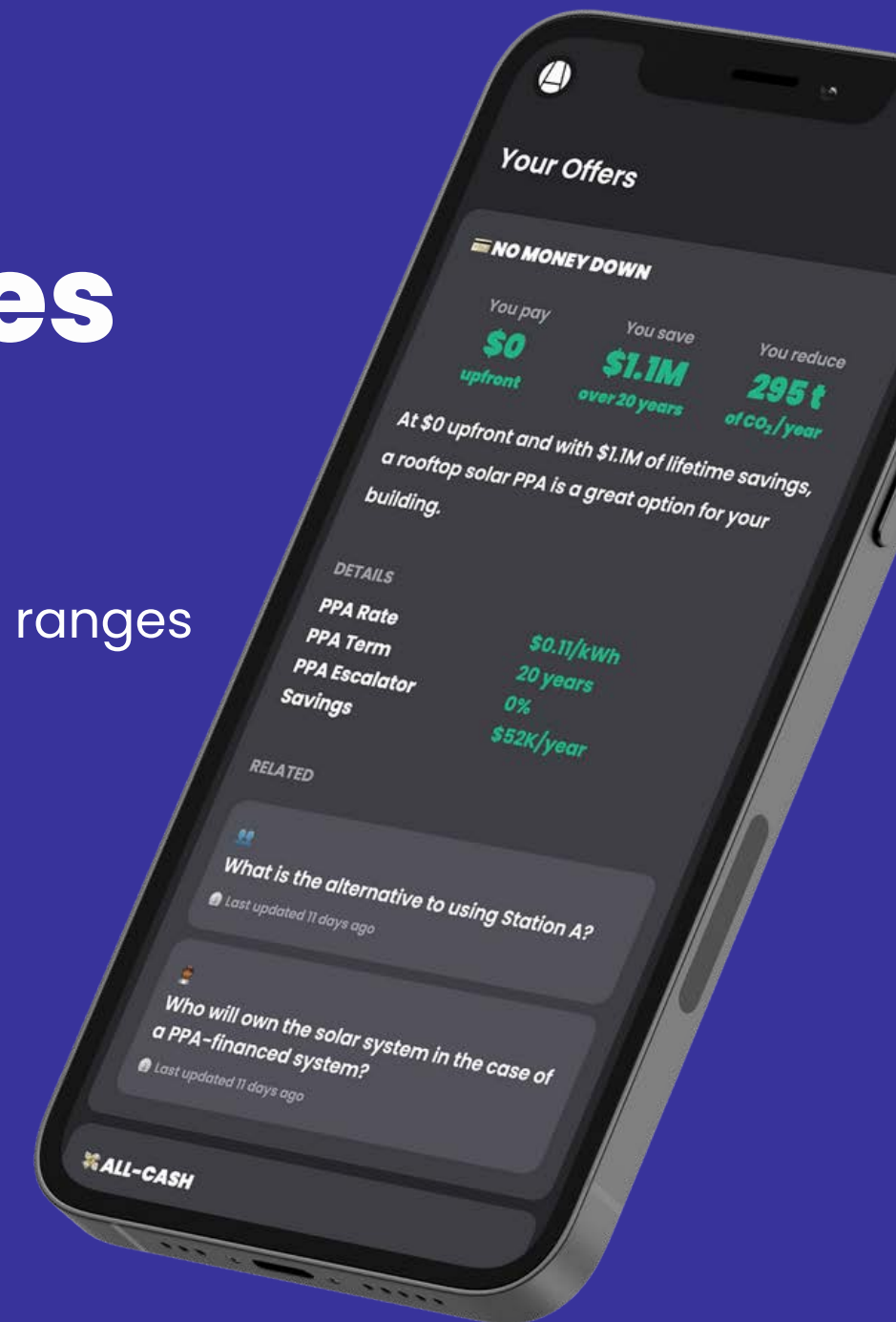
Show qualitative data representing ranges

Browse for buildings on a map

Empower user to discover data

Emphasize the key metrics

Show contextual FAQs



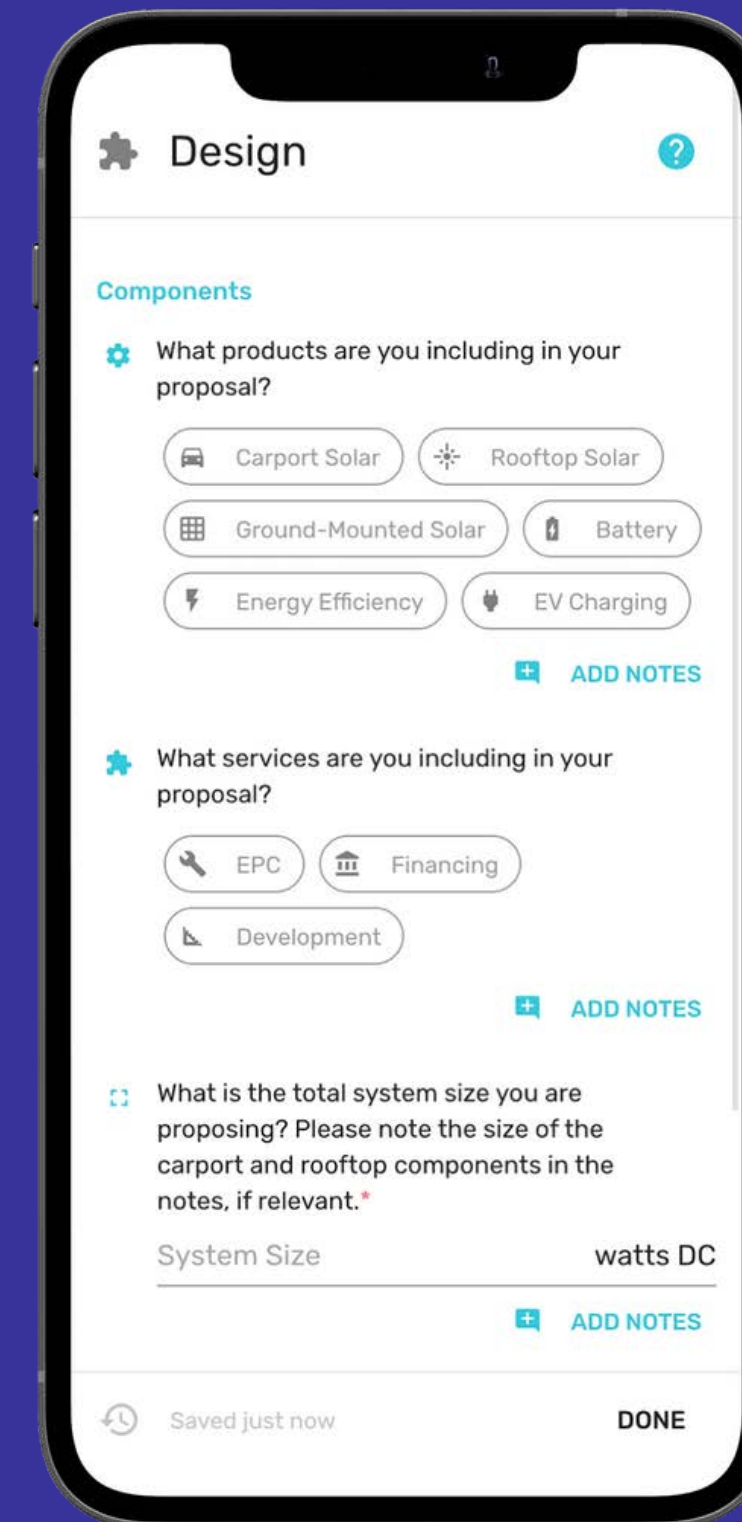
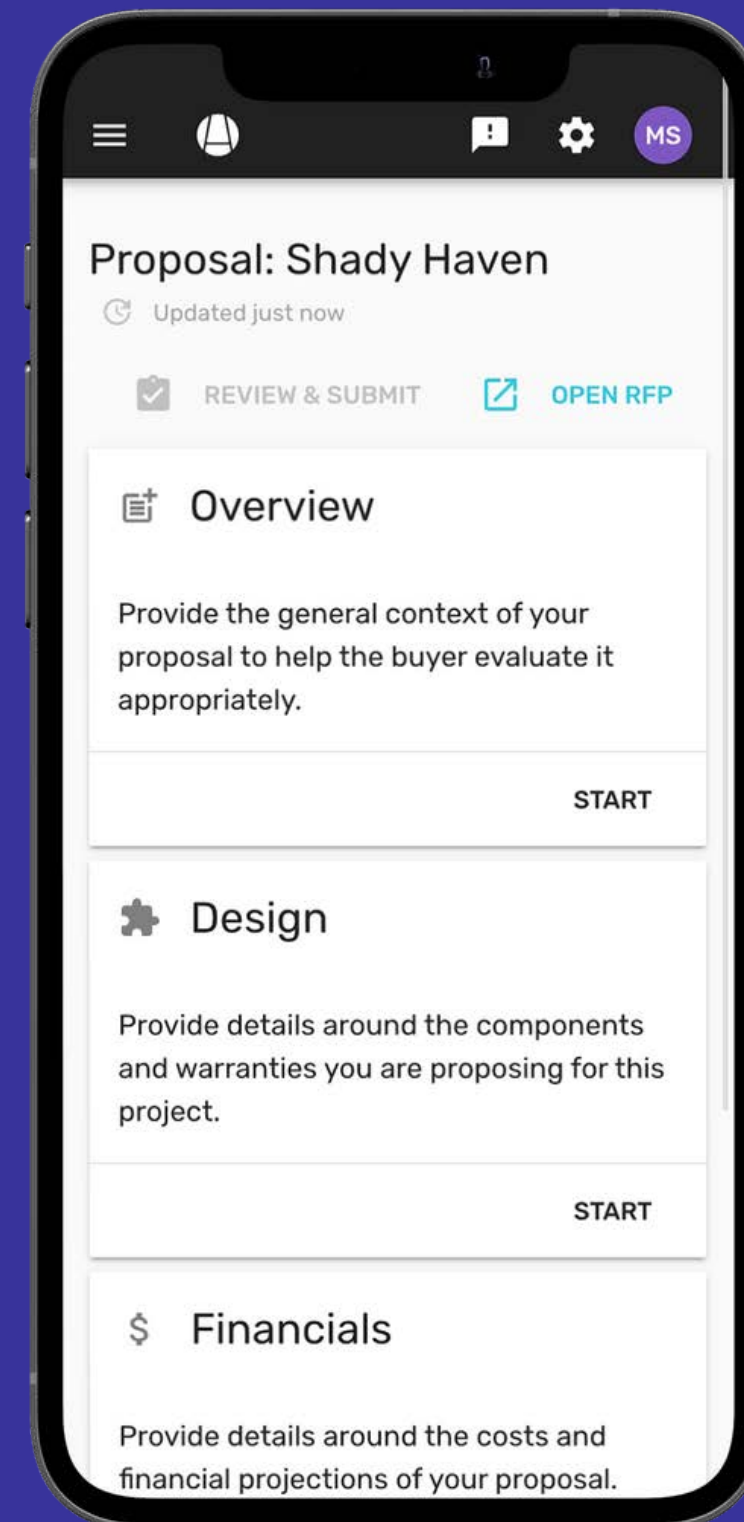
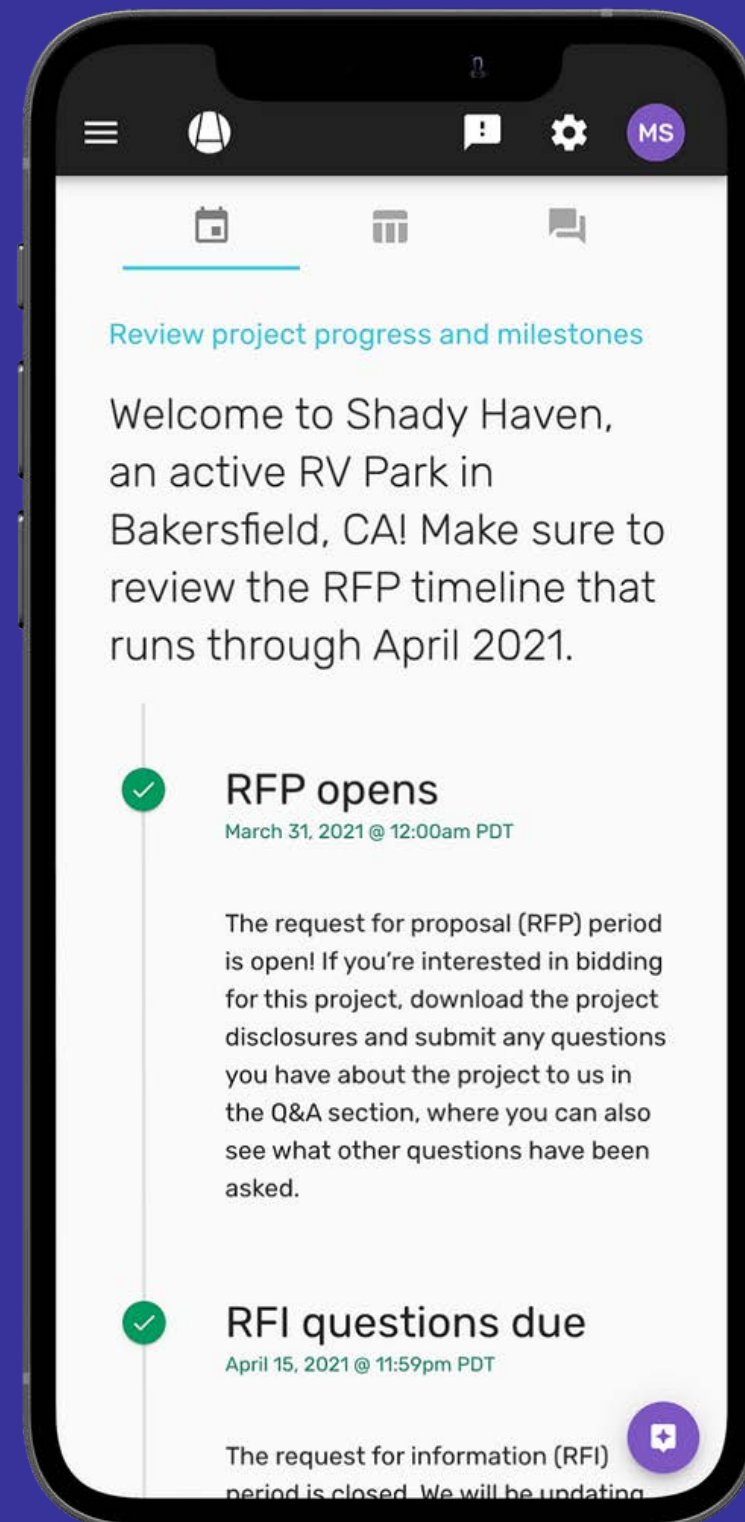
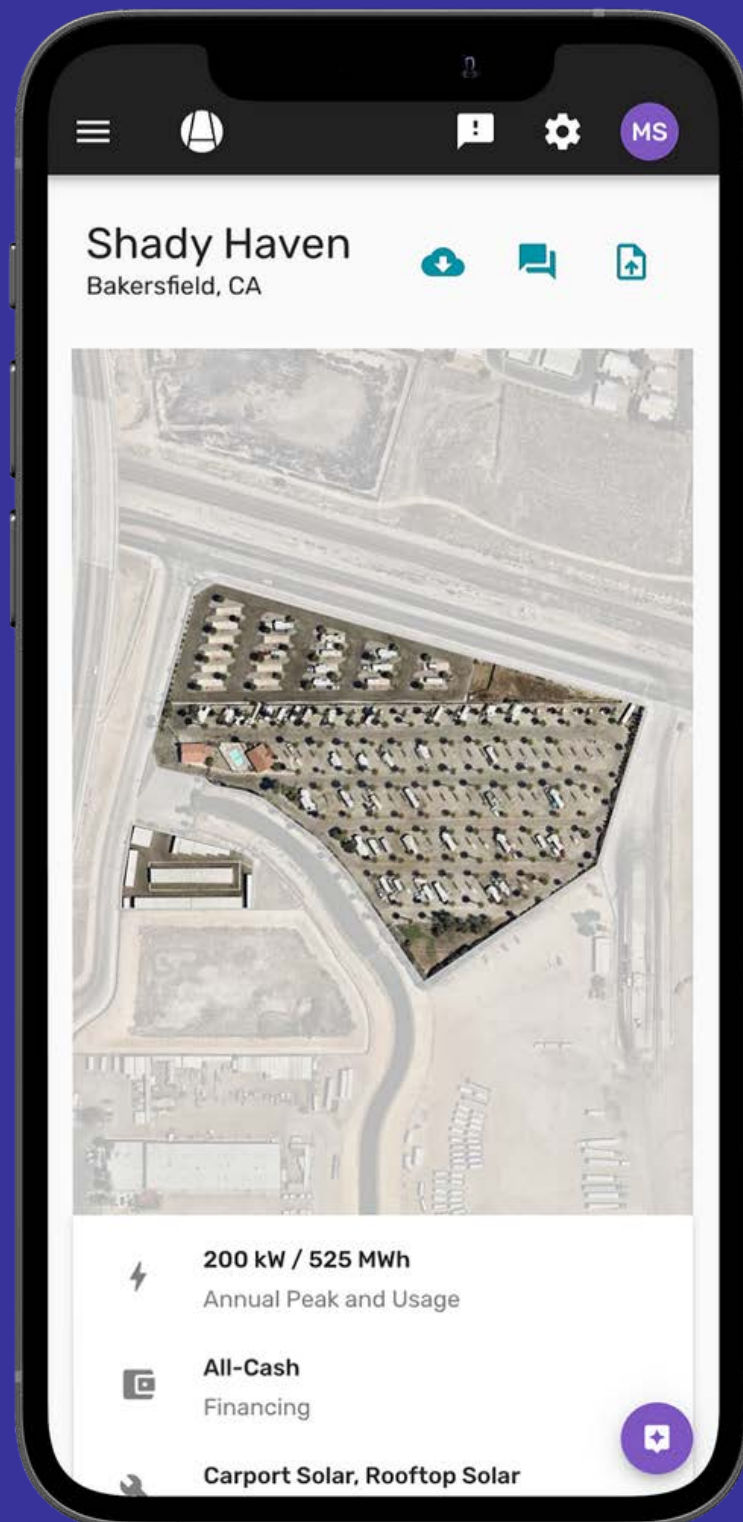
lesson 2

**standardization is the only
path to scalability**

**Adopt standard schemas,
verify accounts,
connect users.**

We're building upon the user network we've been growing over 5 years, verifying accounts, learning from historical user activity, standardizing roles and proposals, and getting to **100%** close rates on projects listed on our marketplace.





We unlock scale by standardizing roles and proposals across solutions

>2k

Providers onboarded

Number of provider users with accounts who joined the Station A platform over the past 5 years

5

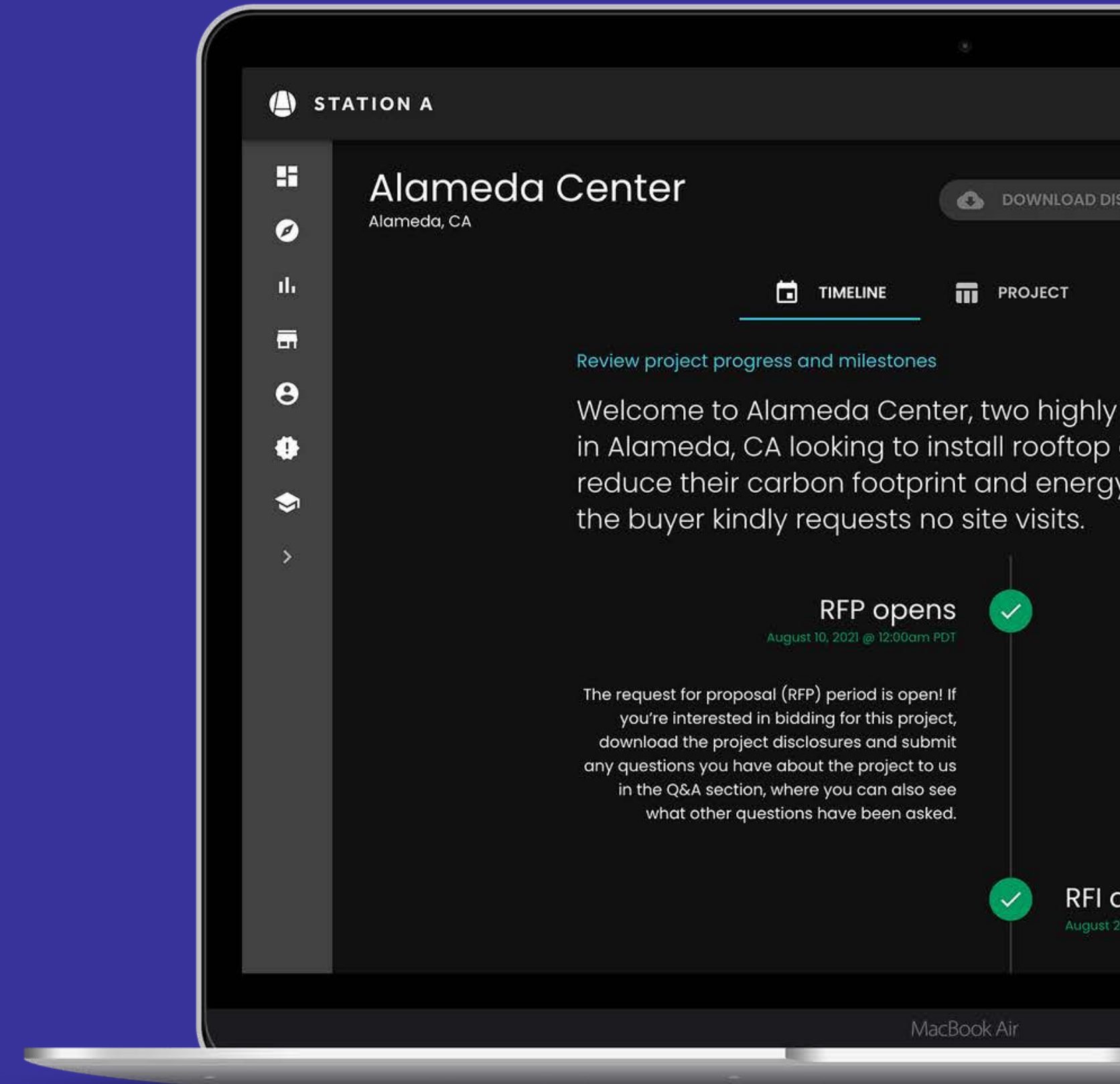
Solutions supported

We offer 5 decarbonization solutions via our marketplace, including onsite solar, EV charging, and offsite PPAs

11th

Largest seller of onsite solar

If we were a seller, we would be 11th in the nation (MWs installed) within a year of our marketplaces's launch

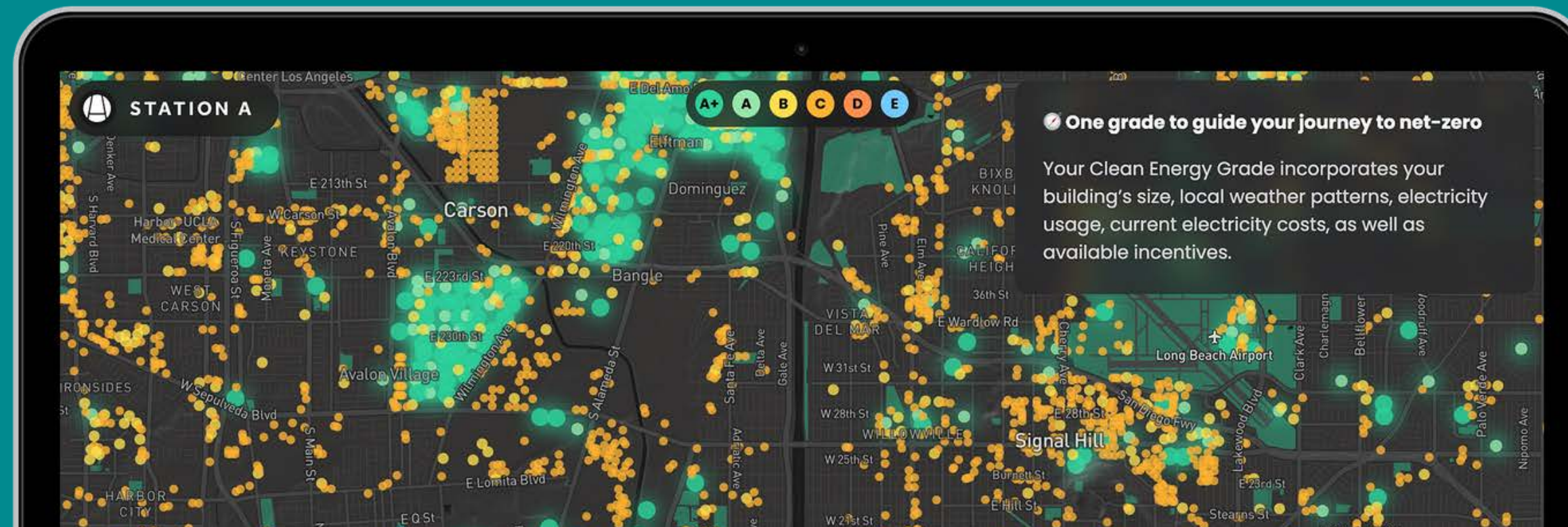


lesson 3

**data openness levels the playing field,
encourages competition, expands reach**

Burn paywalls, simplify onramps, integrate everywhere.

Contrary to what most users are accustomed to, we don't require a credit card and a lengthy sign-up flow to get started. Making our data accessible without an account has led to 171k engagements within the first month.



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YOUR CLEAN ENERGY OPTIONS

ROOFTOP SOLAR

ALL-CASH

You pay
\$155K
upfront

You save
\$537K
over 20 years

You reduce
118 t
of CO₂/year

At a payback period of 6 years, a rooftop solar system paid all-cash is a great investment for your building if you can afford it.

DETAILS

NPV \$122K
Payback Period 6 years
Savings \$26K/year
New Bill \$13K/year

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EV CHARGING (LEVEL 2)

MULTIPLE FINANCING OPTIONS

Given your building's estimated energy usage and grid capacity, your building can support 2 Level 2 EV charging stations without requiring upgrades to your electrical service.

DETAILS

Number of EV Charging Stations **2 stations**

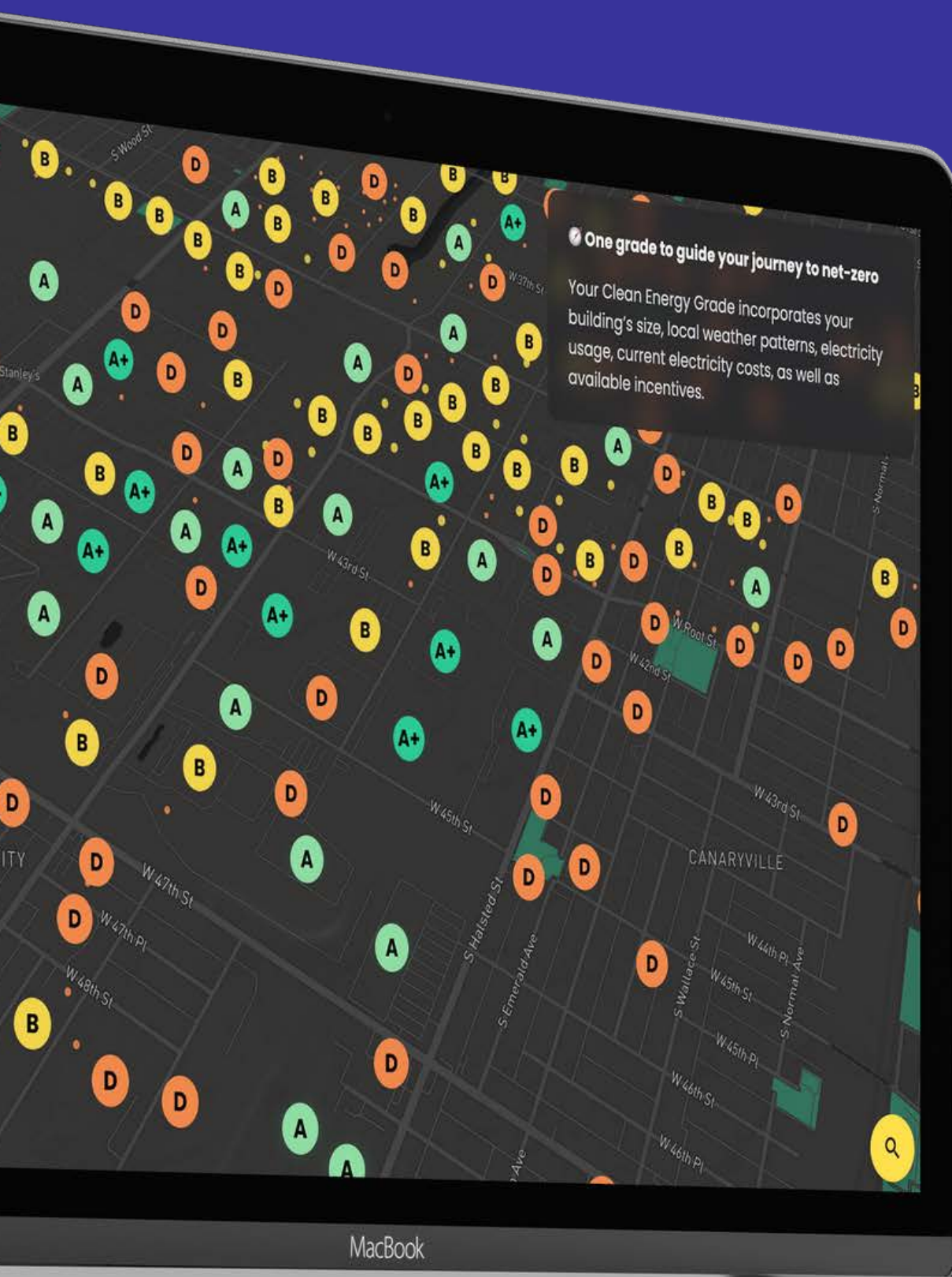
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Provide equal access to data and insight for anyone with an internet connection

140M

Buildings mapped

Number of buildings identified and in the process of being evaluated by our algorithms for decarb opportunities

750k

Buildings with positive first-year returns

Number of high-potential buildings identified to-date, with a combined project cap-ex of \$200B

171k

Buildings viewed in a month

Number of buildings clicked on in the first month of our map product being free



Searchable Data

Portfolio Reviews

Building Grades

A+ **A** **B** **C** **D** **E**

for every C&I building in the U.S.

5 Solutions in marketplace

3 Major App Releases over 5 years

Best-in-class mapping tech

Digital RFPs

>2k providers

140M Buildings Evaluated

14 Team Members



The Future



Patented data pipelining and processing tech



Scaled engaged user network



Ran first all-online project transaction



Expand to more decarb solutions



Digitize and streamline more of the transaction UX



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