



# SCALE 2030: Scaling Clean Buildings in Washington



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Why SCALE 2030
- A systemic framework
- Next steps
- Discussion



# Clean Energy Transition Institute (CETI)

- **What We Are:** Independent, nonpartisan Northwest research and analysis nonprofit organization
- **Our Mission:** Accelerate an equitable clean energy transition in the Northwest
- **Our Role:**
  - Provide unbiased research and analytics
  - Offer an information clearinghouse for policymakers
  - Convene diverse stakeholders





# 2050 Institute

- **What We Are:** Clean buildings research and policy consulting
- **Our Vision:** Clean buildings sector by 2050
- **Our Role:**
  - Provide research and analysis
  - Develop strategies, frameworks, policies, and programs
  - Partner with utilities, policymakers, and market actors to deliver building decarbonization at scale in the Northwest and beyond





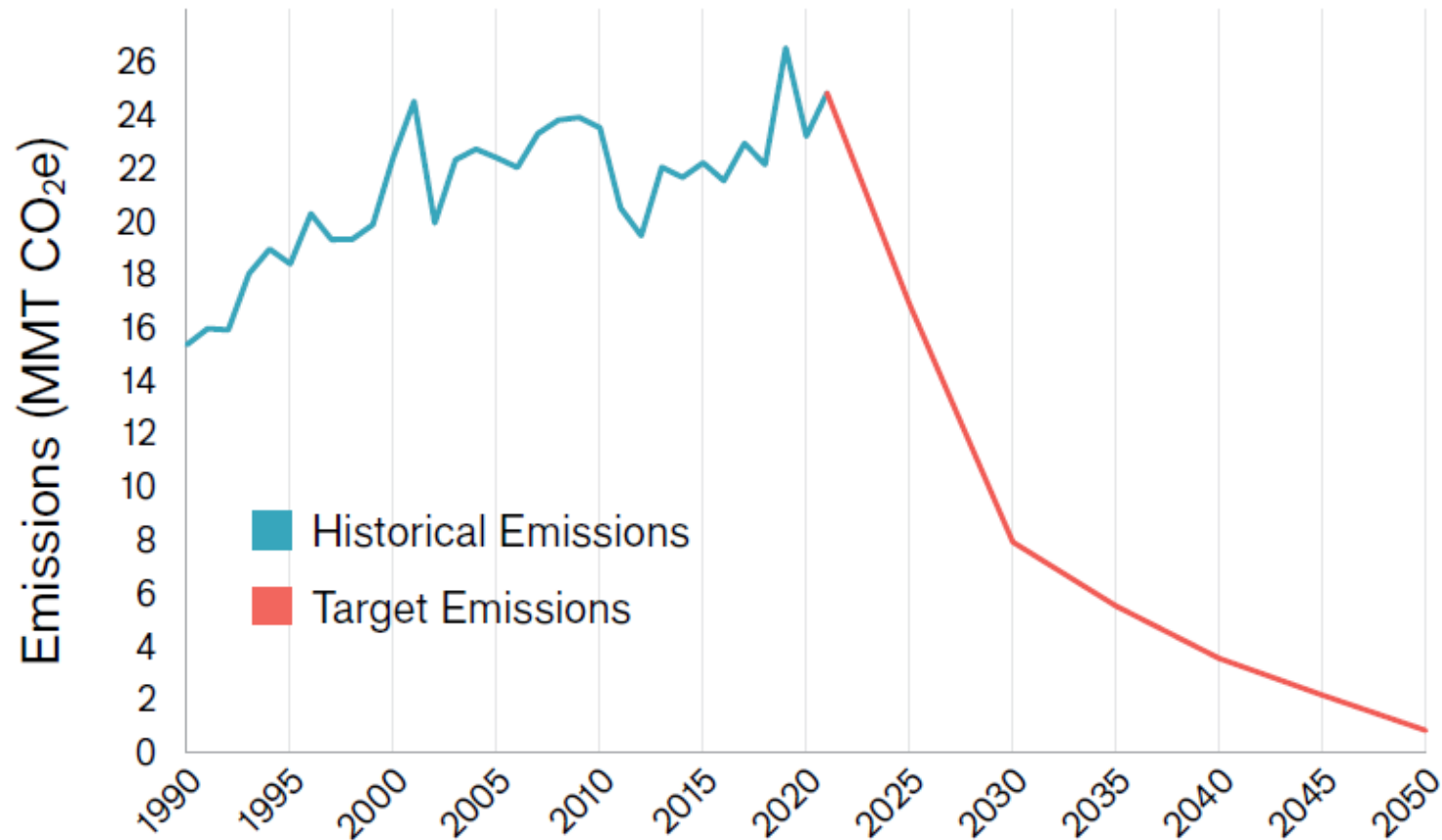


# Why SCALE 2030?



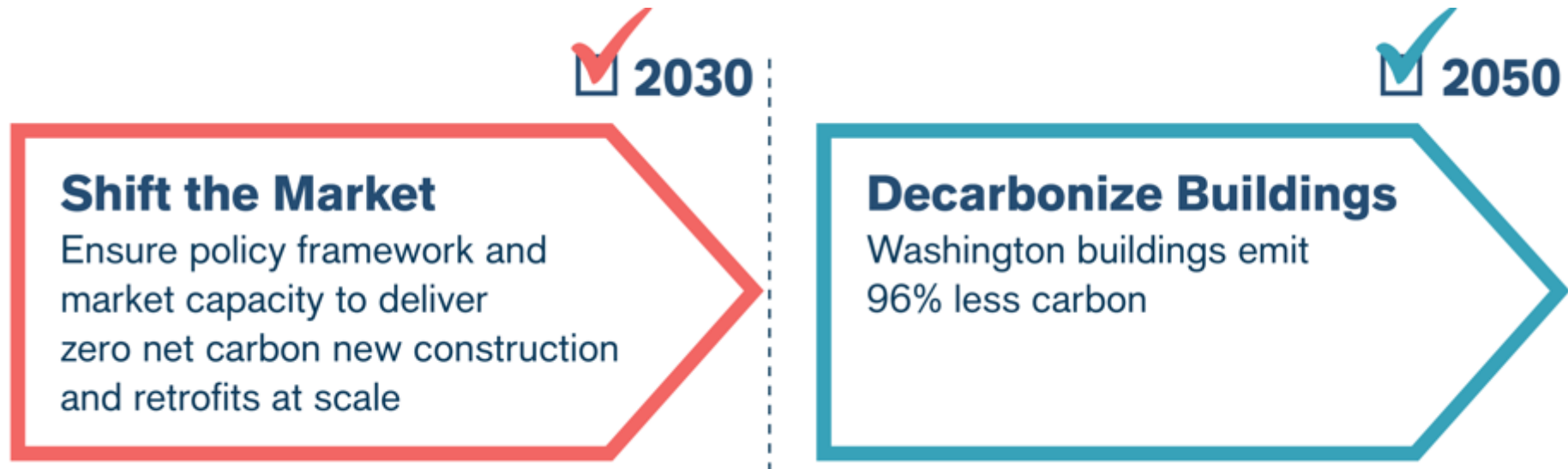
# Building Emissions Must Rapidly Decline

Washington State Residential and Commercial Buildings Emissions Over Time



# 2030 is Pivotal

- To reach 2050 emissions goals at the lowest cost, all equipment replacements in buildings must be zero-emissions **by 2030**



# We Need a Systemic Approach

- Shift from incremental energy efficiency and emissions reductions to a systemic framework that will enable the rapid market transformation needed to decarbonize buildings

**S**implicity

**C**ost reductions

**A**lignment

**L**everage

**E**quity





# SCALE 2030 Initiatives

## Completed:

- Clean Buildings Ecosystem Assessment for Washington
- Clean Buildings Transition Framework for Washington

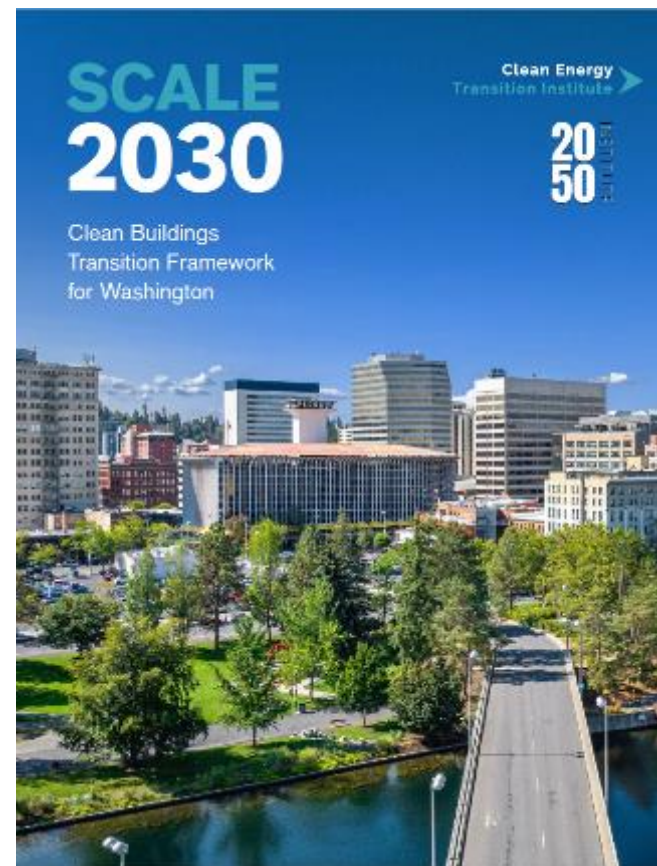
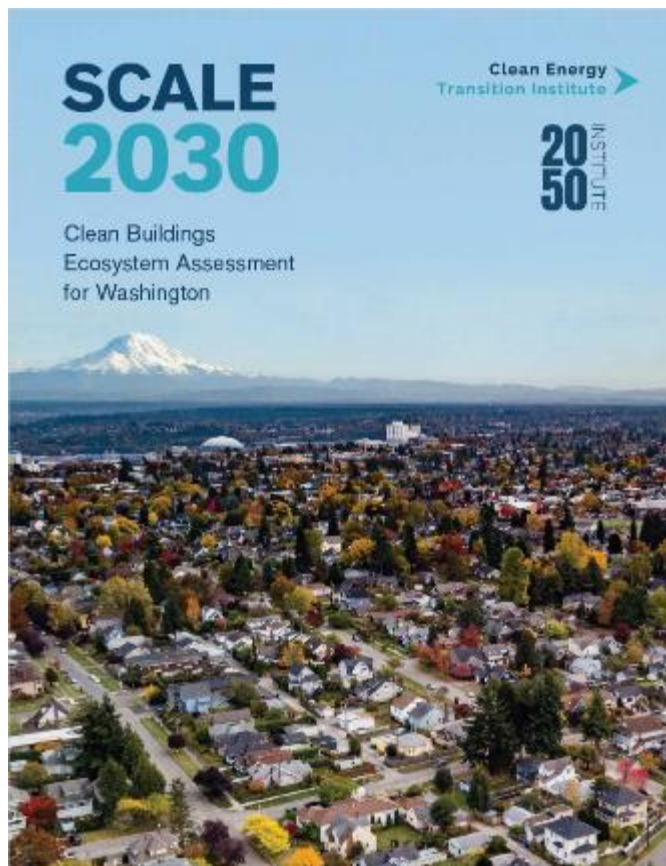
## Up next:

- Clean Buildings Transition Roadmap
- Clean Buildings Scorecard
- Clean Buildings Cost Reduction Initiative and Blueprint



# SCALE 2030 Materials

- Two SCALE 2030 reports are available on CETI's website



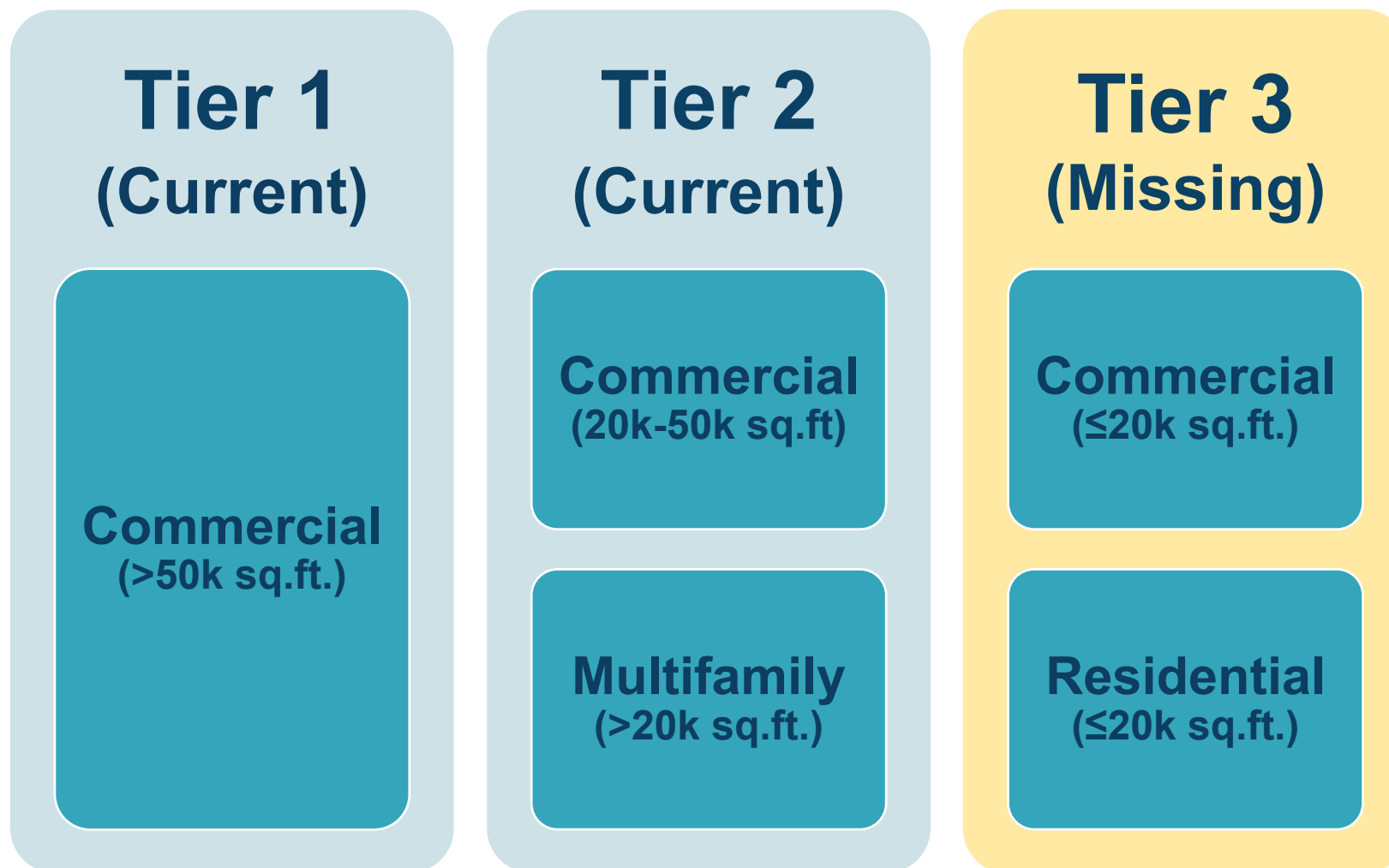


# Systemic Barriers to Scaling Clean Buildings in Washington

- No sector level targets or tracking
- Lack of emissions data
- Policy gaps
- Siloed utility programs
- Limited incentives
- High incremental costs
- Market transformation gaps
- No standardized performance labeling
- No large-scale funding sources
- Lack of coordinated planning



# Pathways for All Building Sector Segments





# Policy Gap Analysis

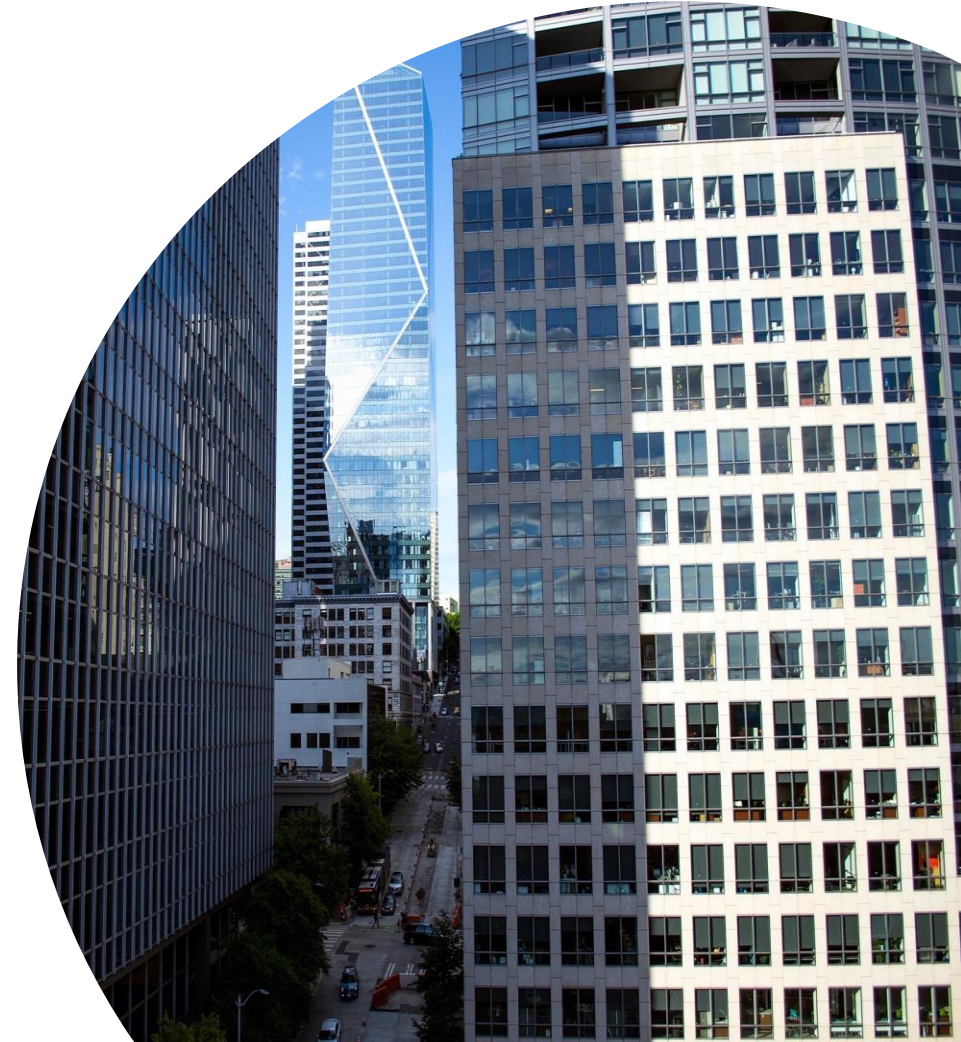
- No building segments have a complete regulatory pathway to net-zero by 2050
- Gaps indicate need for additional strategies to achieve rapid, large-scale change

	Building Sector Tiers & Segments				
Critical Policy Levers	Tier 1: Commercial (>50k sq.ft.)	Tier 2: Commercial (>20k ≤50k sq.ft.)	Tier 2: Multifamily (>20k sq.ft.)	Tier 3 (Future): Commercial (≤20k sq.ft.)	Tier 3 (Future): Residential (≤20k sq.ft.)
State Clean Buildings Transition Target (New Construction)	—	—	—	—	—
State Clean Buildings Transition Target (Existing Buildings)	—	—	—	—	—
Transition Rate and Milestones	—	—	—	—	—
Annual Building Sector GHG Inventory and Progress Reporting	—	—	—	—	—
Zero-Emission Appliance Standard	—	—	—	—	—
Energy Code	■	■	■	■	■
Performance Benchmarking (for real estate transactions)	■	■	■	—	—
Performance Benchmarking (publicly disclosed)	—	—	—	—	—
Standardized Mandatory Performance Labeling	—	—	—	—	—
CBPS Targets by Building Type, 2025 BPS Cycle	■	—	—	—	—
CBPS Targets by Building Type, 2030 BPS Cycle	—	—	—	—	—
CBPS Targets by Building Type, 2035 BPS Cycle	—	—	—	—	—
CBPS Targets by Building Type, 2040 BPS Cycle	—	—	—	—	—
CBPS Targets by Building Type, 2045 BPS Cycle	—	—	—	—	—

— No current policy   ■ Policy in place

# Opportunities to Spur Systemic Change

- Recognize buildings as essential infrastructure and central to the clean energy transition
  - Value buildings as a resource to communities and to the grid and invest accordingly
- Reduce over reliance on programs and incentives
- Fortify policy mandates and market transformation to create a transition path for all buildings
- Ensure low-cost solution sets for priority building segments
- Establish bold new funding sources to transition at scale



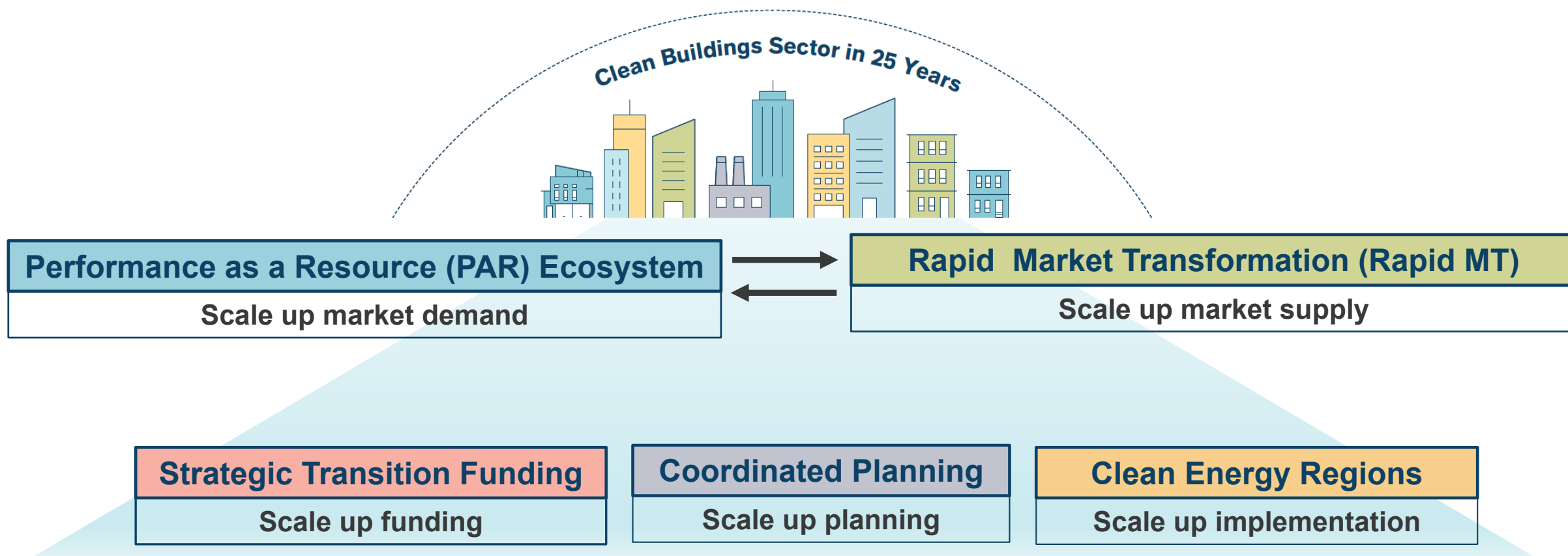


An aerial photograph of a city street, showing a grid of buildings, streets, and trees. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid across the center of the image, containing white text. The text asks, "What does a framework to scale clean buildings look like?".

# What does a framework to scale clean buildings look like?



# Five Strategies for Clean Buildings





# Performance as a Resource Ecosystem

- Scale up market demand
  - Performance targets and tracking
  - Low-cost solutions for priority segments
  - Performance-based policies/programs
  - Interconnectivity and interoperability



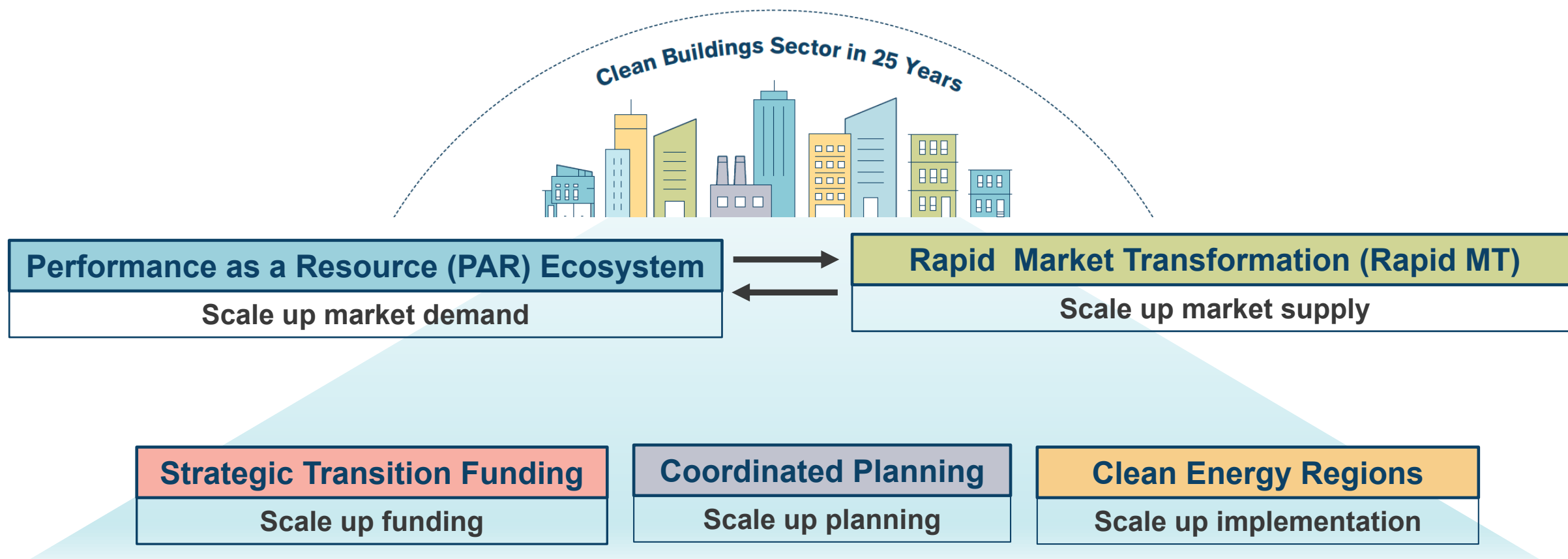
# Rapid Market Transformation

- Scale up market supply
  - Targeted compliance support for PAR policies and programs
  - Supply chain resilience at scale
  - Targeted and expanded cost reductions
  - Expanded and increased incentives and subsidies
  - Support for technical analysis, policy development, and compliance tools
  - Assess and promote new business models
  - Economic development and job growth





# Five Strategies for Clean Buildings



# Clean Energy Regions





# Up next

- A SCALE 2030 transition roadmap with priority action items and roles
  - Working group in the fall
- Identifying implementation action items and initiatives for SCALE 2030 team to lead, for example:
  - Scorecard
  - Cost reduction initiative



# Calls to action

- Shift to replacing equipment with zero emissions solutions by 2030
- Find out more about other strategies in our reports and/or share with others
- Stay tuned for a SCALE 2030 roadmap, scorecard, and targets in 2026
- Sign up for CETI mailing list for updates and ways to get engaged in SCALE 2030

*Please reach out with additional feedback or ideas*





# Q&A and Discussion

- Questions?
- In your view, what are the biggest barriers and opportunities for rapidly scaling building decarbonization by 2030?
- What strategies in the SCALE framework resonate as most essential for scaling building decarbonization?





An aerial photograph of a city at sunset. In the background, a large, snow-capped mountain (Mount Rainier) is visible against a warm, orange and pink sky. The city below is densely packed with buildings, including a prominent brick clock tower in the foreground. The water of a bay or river is visible on the left side of the image.

# Thank you very much

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