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Indoor Location Test Plan

Summary

Upon request from CSRIC WG3 a document entitled “Test Plan Input for a Location Technology Test Bed” was submitted by ESIF to WG3, which provided ESIF’s recommendations for indoor test scenarios that could be used in Stage 1 of the indoor Test Bed in the San Francisco Bay Area. The technical approach and methodology recommended by ESIF were accepted by CSRIC WG3. However, bearing in mind the strict time and budgetary constraints faced by this CSRIC, WG3 created a scaled back version of the set of test cases cited in the referenced ESIF document. The goal has been to arrive at a smaller sample of test cases that still provided a good representation of the range of indoor operational environments across all the morphologies, ranging from dense urban, to urban, to suburban, and rural. Those test cases were documented in an addendum to the ESIF test plan.

CSRIC WG3’s Indoor Location Test Plan consists of the combination of the ESIF Test Plan and the Addendum prepared by WG3, both of these components are provided here in this document.

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Introduction

The Emergency Services Interconnection Forum (ESIF), in support of The Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) has identified the need for industry accepted methodologies for testing the accuracy performance of Wireless E9-1-1 Phase 2 location systems in “Indoor” environments. Basic requirements for accuracy testing methodologies were addressed in ATIS Standard ATIS-0500001, released in May of 2004 (updated November 2011), and end-to-end functional testing requirements were addressed in ATIS Standard ATIS-0500009, released in June 2006. Furthermore, ATIS-0500013 described in detail approaches and methodologies to wireless E-911 indoor location performance testing.

The present document is intended to leverage these earlier standards and accepted methodologies, in particular ATIS-0500013, to provide a broad, baseline test plan document for use in comparative indoor location accuracy testing, such as that being considered within CSRIC III, Working Group 3.

This document neither recommends nor imposes a specific test methodology, but rather provides a common frame of reference that individual stakeholders can use to model their tests on so as to guarantee compliance with industry accepted methodology and proper scientific rigor. Every possible effort has been made to ensure that these requirements remain technology neutral.

Per current ESIF Operating Guidelines, due process has been followed in the creation of this document, and development has been open for participation within the bounds of ESIF.

Recommendations on Establishing test scenarios & locations

Section 5 of ATIS-500013 describes a framework and process for designing a field test that characterizes indoor performance in the various environments prevailing in a target area, such as the area of the test bed being proposed by CSRIC III WG3. The approach in this framework is via testing in representative scenarios and test cases in each distinct environment.

ATIS-0500011 provides a description of what is typically meant by wireless use environments (or morphologies). These are classifications that aim to categorize the somewhat distinct characteristics that a location system, and its underlying wireless network, would have to contend with in attempting to locate an E911 caller. Certain factors are important in determining the environment in the context of indoor performance testing: sky visibility, building height, building construction type and material, density of neighboring buildings, as well as cell site densities and their relative geometries. Still, four broad environment/morphology classifications could be identified as a start in the target test area, and those are the familiar dense urban, urban, suburban and rural.

Not all areas across the US will have the same or even similar indoor environments, and often times, cities in the western US will have different predominant morphologies than others in the Eastern US or in the Midwest. The same could be said of relatively newer cities or suburban sprawls versus older denser settlements. However, what matters is that the morphologies prevailing in the test bed area be adequately present in the representative test scenarios selected.

One convenient approach to determining the prevailing environments and scenarios in a given area is to use commercial satellite/aerial imagery tools now widely available in desktop setting. One example is Google Earth, another is Microsoft Bing. It is recommended that the overall test bed area be examined first through one of these tools to determine candidate boundaries or polygons where certain distinct morphologies exist.

The indoor testing framework described in ATIS-0500013 is illustrated in Figure 5-1. A given environment or morphology (e.g., suburban environment) within the test bed area will have a number of representative scenarios (e.g., 2-3 story multi-family apartments as a scenario), and each scenario will have a few key test cases (e.g., first floor, outside room), then each test case will have a number of representative test points. These points could be across a number of similar buildings. Finally, at each test point a number of test calls will be placed. This logical flow down is shown in Figure 5-1. It is recommended that this consensus approach be adopted as a framework for the test bed being proposed by CSRIC WG3.

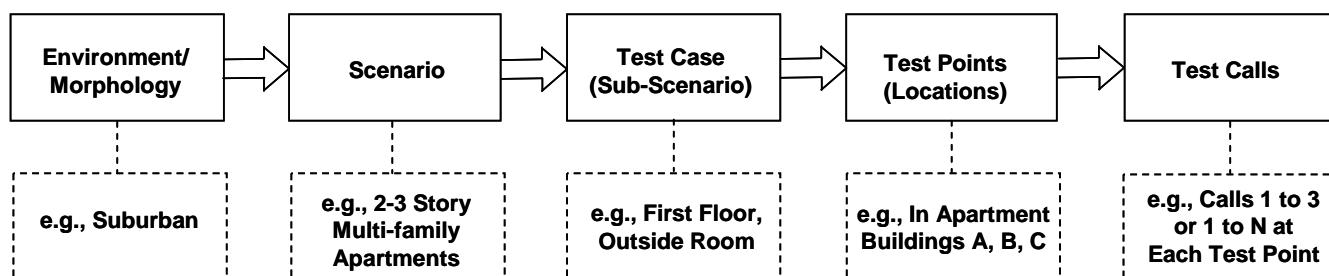


Figure 5-1: Scenario and Test Point Definition Flow-down

ATIS-0500013 provides as examples recommended test scenarios across the environments observed in two distinct major cities, namely, Los Angeles and Chicago. Additionally specific pictorial examples of those scenarios are provided in Annex B of that document. For the purposes of the test bed being proposed by CSRIC WG3 the following test scenarios are recommended:

Test scenarios in suburban environments:

- A. Residential locations:
 - a. 1-Story (single family – wood with Stucco; brick where available)
 - b. 1-3 story (multi-family)
 - c. Multi-Story
- B. Commercial locations:
 - a. 1-2 story (retail, business, warehouse, entertainment – wood framing or steel framing with wood)
 - b. Multi-story (professional buildings, medical centers, major malls)

Test scenarios in urban and/or dense urban environments:

- A. Residential locations
 - a. 1-Story (single family – wood; brick or brick façade where available)
 - b. 1-3 story (multi-family – wood; brick or brick façade where available—in dense setting)
 - c. Multi-Story (brick or brick façade with steel framing)
- B. Commercial locations:
 - a. 1-2 story (commercial – masonry/brick)
 - b. Multi-story (masonry with steel framing)
 - c. Many story (commercial sky scraper – steel framing with glass and other materials)
 - d. Convention hall or center
 - e. Arena (e.g., for sports)
 - f. Airport terminal (if logistically possible)

Test scenarios in rural or sparse environments:

- A. Residential locations:
 - a. 1-Story (single family – wood with Stucco; brick where available)
- B. Commercial locations:
 - a. 1-2 story (retail, warehouse, barn – wood framing or steel framing with wood)

Each test scenario selected should receive adequate statistical representation in the overall sample of scenarios. Since buildings of the same type will vary in their specific design, interior space, specific construction and surroundings, sky visibility, as well as their distance and relative position to surrounding cell sites, multiple buildings should be selected for each building type in the test area. It is recommended that a minimum of three buildings be included in each scenario to allow for the capture of the natural variation in any given scenario type, e.g., 2-3 story apartment buildings, across the area under test. Different cell site densities or geometries within a given environment (e.g., suburban) should be reflected in the building selection whenever possible. In each selected building a number of test cases should be identified as applicable.

Since for indoor testing a fair amount of effort would typically go into identifying a candidate building during pre-planning and in verifying, in the field, that it is indeed accessible and useable, more than one indoor test case or test point should be planned per building. This would leverage the pre-planning and ground truth determination effort around that structure and enhance the efficiency of resource utilization.

The recommended number of indoor test cases or test points per structure will typically be in the 2-6 range, depending on the type and size of structure, and the desire to sample distinct test cases within a given scenario. This number could vary with the difficulty in determining ground truth for each test case or test point.

The following test cases are recommended for consideration within the test bed being proposed by CSRIC WG3.

Residential scenario test cases:

- ◆ Single family
 - Outside room with windows (> 3m from window)
 - Lower floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
- ◆ Multi-family, 2-3 stories
 - Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)
 - Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)
 - Building lobby if available
 - Interior room not on top floor (where obtaining ground truth is not impractical and cellular signal is useable)
- ◆ Multi-family; multi-story
 - Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)
 - Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)
 - Building lobby
 - Entry level hallway
 - Upper level hallway (same position above entry level hallway)

Commercial scenarios test cases:

- ◆ 1-2 story commercial building
 - Outside room with windows (> 3m from window)
 - Interior office or space lower floor
 - Interior office or space upper floor
- ◆ Multi-story commercial building
 - Building lobby
 - Attached parking garage if available (one floor below garage roof)
 - Outside office with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)
 - Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)
 - Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)
 - Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)

The above scenarios across the test environments (morphologies) when combined with the various test cases per scenario provide the basis for a fairly comprehensive characterization of indoor performance in a given test area. Some of these scenarios may need to be expressed in terms of the specific purpose of the building under consideration, for example, for a shopping mall “store” may replace “office”, also more building-specific test cases may be added, e.g., by concession stand inside arena.

In the context of the indoor test bed being recommended by CSRIC WG3, particularly during the test bed’s initial stage, the combination of test scenarios across environments and test cases per scenario may result in a number of test points that is beyond the schedule or resource availability, especially

when considering that multiple location technologies will have to be evaluated, either simultaneously or sequentially. With that in mind, the task for the CSRIC working group is to select the highest priority test scenarios and corresponding test cases. Such prioritization should reflect the specific objectives of the stage of testing being planned. It is beyond the scope of the current recommendations from ESIF.

One issue that can arise in the test planning process is access to certain types of buildings, in particular, some residential properties. Indoor residential scenarios, although potentially more cumbersome to test, are critical to capture and represent as there is an increasing trend for exclusive reliance on wireless communications in residential settings.

A simple approach that could be taken during test planning to assist with indoor testing is to take advantage of the buildings of opportunity that present themselves to the organizations executing the testing. For examples, some houses or apartments where engineers, technicians or administrative staff members of these organizations live could be included when those individuals are amenable to utilizing their properties. Care should be taken to avoid using structures of potential convenience to some technicians that would tend to bias the results, either for better or worse, because they are part of the wireless network itself, e.g., switch buildings, cell site buildings, etc. RF coverage and location performance in these setting are non-typical of the wireless environment at large.

A fall back approach to ensure adequate scenario representation when it is otherwise not possible due to access constraints, is to include what could be considered “physically equivalent” buildings. These would be buildings with similar size, construction, density and general sky visibility as those inaccessible. For example, a hotel could be used in certain cases to simulate an apartment building, a motel to simulate a 1-3 story apartment building, a free standing single story business to simulate a house. Due to the added uncertainties in such simulation, it should only be attempted as a last resort.

In test point selection within each test case and scenario, such as in the test cases identified above, the initial selection of the test points should avoid situations where it is likely that the wireless signal be very unreliable or the wireless service only sporadically available. At times, these are situations where there is access to wireline telephony as the prevalent mode of communication, e.g., in an underground floor of a business building. Such a situation would not be representative of typical or common wireless usage anyway.

In each test scenario, and possibly in each test point as needed, the test planner should identify the appropriate combination of ground truth determination methods to use among those described in ATIS-0500013 Section 7 and Annex A. These will likely vary with the scenario, but could well be common among various test points and scenarios.

Ground truth error should be no more than 10% of overall location error; however, given today’s location systems’ performance, a five meter ground truth error is an acceptable lower bound with 30 meters as the upper bound. A target ground truth error is 10 meters or less. Measurements from multiple methods may need to be combined to produce a better result that is consistent with these requirements.

Due to the potentially large variation in performance of a wireless device at a certain indoor point, even with the same location technology, a fairly large sample of independent test calls should be used at each test point. Based on experience with indoor location systems, a sample of 100 independent test calls should be used at each test point. In some benign indoor test cases this sample size of 100 calls may appear to be excessive, but in other cases, which are hard to predict, that sample size will be absolutely necessary to reliably establish statistical performance of location determination at that test point.

Although statistical aggregation can in principle be performed using a combination of multiple independent test calls placed at one test point and independent test calls at another similar test point, i.e., belonging to the same test case (e.g., 2-3 story apartment building, first floor, outside room), this should be approached with caution to ensure behavioral similarity, especially across buildings. It is not advisable that a smaller number of independent test calls be placed at each such test point then relying on aggregation across test points to create the adequately large statistical sample.

Care must be exercised during testing to ensure that initial conditions are properly reset between the test calls. ATIS-0500001 provides the guidelines for these requirements. For example, for AGPS based location systems, it is required that a hot start not be used. A warm start (with previous location information deleted and ephemeris data obtained during the current test call) is the recommended test configuration.

It is also recommended that with any location system under test for indoor operation, the test calls not make use of location related information derived while initially outdoors.

Scope of Representative Indoor Testing Per Morphology

This section provides a specific application of the methodology described in the previous sections to proffer a guiding illustration of the scope of representative indoor testing in an area that contains the full set of environments (or morphologies) ranging from dense urban to rural or sparse.

The division of test cases follows the flow down logic for test point definition shown above in Figure xx-1. The template for this logical division is shown below.

Morphology																			
	Setting/Use type																		
		Building Category																	
			Building type																
				Test case															
					Test point (if applicable) in some cases more than one test point per test case may be appropriate as on different sides of a big building														

The primary division into morphologies, i.e., by dense urban, urban, suburban, and rural/sparse, mirrors the variation of the environment by structural density, which clearly impacts indoor wireless location performance. At the same time, it mirrors and implicitly reflects the variation with wireless infrastructure cell site density. It is therefore anticipated that variation of wireless location performance

be observed as the testing is performed across these morphologies. The extent and nature of performance variation will, naturally, depend on the specific positioning methods used in the technologies or solutions tested.

Two factors were taken into account in building the “matrix” below, to ensure adequate statistical representation of the variable world of indoor wireless use. First, for each building type, in each morphology (i.e., in a given density), a minimum of three buildings are specified. This is to capture the natural variation in architecture/build and materials used. Second, for each building a number of test cases is provided that reflect anticipated range of performance variation, and which take advantage of the initial effort of identifying a suitable building, accessing it, and expending the resources to go about determining the ground truths inside and about that building.

In some test cases, it may be appropriate to define more than one test point that pertain to a certain test case, for example, an outside room on the lower level of a big building, but with one test point on each of two sides of the building. This could be to reflect different prevailing sky or cell site visibility conditions. Such level of granularity is not included here and is left to whoever is selecting the specific test points to decide on. In general, the majority of test cases in a building will contain only one test point, and that’s the level used in the “matrix” below.

For each test point, it is assumed that a sufficient number of independent test calls are placed from one or more nearly co-located devices per technology. For the purposes of the CSRIC Test the following are considered the minimum test cases that need to be conducted (a more complete list is attached in Appendix A)

Suburban	
Residential	
	Single family (stand alone structure)
	1-story wood w/ stucco
	1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window)
	1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
	2 story brick or brick veneer
	1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window)
	1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
	Multi-family
	3-story wood w/plaster or stucco
	Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)
	Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)
	Interior room not on top floor (where obtaining ground truth is not impractical)
	Building lobby (>3m from entry door)
Commercial	
	Smaller retail, business (office), warehouse, entertainment
	2 story single structure- wood or steel framing, plaster or wood
	Outside room with windows (> 3m from window)
	Interior office or space lower floor
	Interior office or space upper floor or level
	Larger professional office/major commercial center/mall
	2-3 story major mall
	Inside major entrance (>5 m from doors)
	In main hall near middle of mall lower level (away from atrium if applicable)
	Inside interior retail space lower floor
	Inside interior retail space upper floor
	4-6 story professional building
	Building lobby
	Attached parking garage if available (one floor below garage roof)
	Outside office with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)
	Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)
	Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)
	Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)

Once the specific buildings are determined following the above guideline, the estimation of effort follows a multiplication process for two major tasks that could be done sequentially in two separate steps, or at the same time. These tasks are: (1) identification of each specific test point and determining its ground truth, and (2) setting up the test equipment and placing the test calls from the devices under test at each of these test points. Performing the two steps at the same time could be more efficient depending on the resources used.

Estimating the time for ground truth determination is more subject to engineering judgment, the specifics of each building, and the desired level of assuredness by selecting among the options of ground truth determination described in Section 7 of ATIS-0500013. Estimating the scope of effort for the task of performing the test calls at the test points is more straight-forward.

For the purposes of this test it can be assumed that 3 “test handsets” are available for placing test calls simultaneously at each test point. It is also assumed that a minimum of 100 independent test calls are required at each test point from each technology under test. This means that the assumed set of essentially co-located 3 “tests handsets” will place at least 100 valid test calls in aggregate. To allow for a few failed calls, for whatever reason, it can be assumed that 40 test calls are required per device. It is also reasonable to assume that each test call would last 40-45 seconds and the remainder of a one minute be used as a test call pause. Maintaining a 1 minute minimum separation between test calls from each device simplifies the analysis of the test call data. If there are issues that pertain to location caching that make a longer pause between individual test calls necessary, this extra delay needs to be taken into account. It is not included in this illustration.

Accordingly, approximately 40 minutes are allocated to placement of test calls at a test point and roughly 20 minutes allocated to getting to the test point inside the building, verifying its correctness by the test crew, documenting it including photography, and setting-up and taking down the test equipment.

Hence, a simple building, like a single family residence with two test points would consume two hours. A complex building like a high rise with six test points would consume approximately 6 hours. In either case adequate additional time needs to be allocated to transportation to the building being tested and parking in its vicinity, and to allow for normal crew breaks. Finally, an allowance needs to be made for contingencies and delays, often outside the control of the test crew, which arise in any field testing.

Ground Truth Determination

ATIS Standard 0500013, Section 7 contains a detailed description of determining ground truth for indoor test points and sets a standard for the accuracy required on ground truth measurements. Section 7.2 states that ground truth error should be no more than 10% of overall location error, but should remain within a lower bound of 5 meter ground truth error and an upper bound of 30 meters, with a target

ground truth error of ten meters or less. Section 7.2 also points out that measurements from multiple ground truth methods may need to be combined to produce a ground truth error for an indoor test point within the acceptable bounds.

Section 7.1 describes multiple approaches for determining ground truth of a given indoor test point. These methods include:

- **Surveying Company** – Professional surveying is the most costly method, but is likely to produce the most reliable ground truth measurements.
- **Differential GPS service (DGPS)** – This method is most useful in areas where there is a clear view of the sky and minimal GPS signal blockage. This method is less costly than using a surveying company, expedient, and scalable. However, it may yield poor indoor results and requires trained personnel if used. For example, the accuracy of the reported position can have significant unreported errors due to the GPS signals having multipath and related signal noise. The minimum requirement for using a reported GPS position fix as ground truth is five satellites contributing to the calculation. The standard deviation in horizontal error of fixes collected over two minutes should be less than ten meters. In cases of less than the desired accuracy, DGPS can be augmented with other methods such as correlation with digital satellite maps.
- **Rolling Measuring Wheel** - This method may be used in locations where there is significant GPS signal blockage and/or contamination. A rolling measuring wheel can be used to measure the distance from open sky or known reference point to the test site. It results in a higher indoor yield of ground truth and the accuracy is comparable to DGPS ground truth. However, it can be error prone due to a lack of experience, and requires more training than DGPS.
- **DGPS with Inertial Measurement Units (IMU)** – This method requires less training than DGPS or the rolling measure wheel, and is less obtrusive than using a rolling measure wheel. However, it is not widely available on a commercial basis. An Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) is another method of calculating the offset from a known position outdoors to a position indoors. This technology combines a GPS receiver, magnetic compass, accelerometer and gyroscope in a portable format.
- **Differentially Corrected Digital Maps** – This method is easy to use and implement with training, but can be inconsistent and may have uncertain accuracy. It is dependent on the map reliability and age, the user experience and training, and the map datum and projection. One approach is to combine available overhead satellite images that have been georegistered with a public guide map, such as in a mall. The pitfall to this approach is that there is no stated accuracy on the publicly available mapping web sites. While many are quite good (often ten meters or better accuracy), there are specific areas that can have larger errors. Also, the services continually update their imagery and the georegistration can improve or degrade with each update.

The testing house will be required to select the most appropriate ‘Ground Truth’ determination technique that allows us to get a Ground Truth within an accuracy of 10m or better. (An appropriately chosen vertical ground truth will also need to be determined based on the CSRIC committee’s final recommendation).

Data Analysis

ATIS-0500001, Section 9 and ATIS-0500013, Section 9 each include valuable guidance on the Data Analysis phase of accuracy testing. In general, data analysis falls into three high-level steps: data validation, data processing, and data evaluation.

Data validation is an important step during which the data is inspected and erroneous data is corrected or removed from the bucket of valid data. During this process it's important that data should not be deleted, but set aside and retrievable for possible further analysis.

ATIS 0500013, Section 9 identifies several types of data analysis that can be performed on collected data sets to check validity. This analysis checks for common errors, including human errors, incorrect test execution, and equipment failure. Sections 9.1 through 9.3 outlines three levels of data checking:

1. First level is basic fact checking on quantity of position fixes and coarse alignment. Basic sanity checking may be performed at multiple times during the data collection process. When first setting up on the given test location, check the first result in real time to make sure the system is working. For example, the tester should ensure there is adequate wireless coverage indoors to allow a test call to go through. ATIS 0500001, Section 9 indicates that failed or dropped calls should not be included in the valid test date. In addition, a real time comparison of the test position result with the ground truth location will confirm coarse alignment of test location and that data has been entered correctly by the tester.
2. Second level is a review of the data against the original test objectives. The test planner should examine the data and verify that any variations in accuracy were not the result of test planning or execution. Observed anomalies should be listed and their likely causes identified. Unexplained anomalies should drive a further review of the test process. ATIS 05-00001, Section 9 states that any identified systematic errors shall be reported as part of the summary and not included in the accuracy data calculation. The processing of outliers (instances of particularly large errors) shall be handled with care due to the potentially large spread of location results in indoor settings.
3. Third level is a comparison against other test results in comparable environments. The test results can be compared to other testing performed in similar environments and any differences can be cause for a review of data collection procedures or external environment for previously unrecognized effects.

Summary test results across all the technologies will need to be determined. This includes:

- a. CDF of location results per location and location technology
- b. Determination of Yield per location and location technology
- c. Determination of TTFF per location and location technology

Final 'Data Analysis' will be specified by the CSRIC committee as part of the agreement between the testing house and location technology vendor

ATIS 0500001, Section 9.4 states that sufficient amounts of data shall be collected so that during data processing, the desired error thresholds are calculated with at least 90% confidence. In addition, all calls shall be documented and classified clearly .

Due to the nature of sample based testing, results during data evaluation should be reviewed to ensure the conclusions are representative of the nominal system performance. It should be understood that the indoor spread of data results is expected to be considerably larger than outdoor results. In addition, ATIS 0500013, Section 10.2 stresses the importance of reviewing pitfalls identified during the testing process prior to formalizing and disseminating the test results. These pitfalls include, but not limited to: data integrity, recognizing the technical limitations of the technology being tested, inconsistent application of test procedures, and ensuring that the analysis of test results account for the range of location technologies available to each device.

Appendix A
(Full Matrix of Test Cases)

Suburban	
Residential	
Single family (stand alone structure)	
1-story wood w/ stucco	1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window) 1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
2 story wood w/ stucco	1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window) 1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
2 story brick or brick veneer	1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window) 1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)
Multi-family	
2-story wood w/plaster or stucco	Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window) Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window) Interior room not on top floor
3-story wood w/plaster or stucco	Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window) Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window) Interior room not on top floor (where obtaining ground truth is not impractical) Building lobby (>3m from entry door)
3- story wood w/brick veneer	Outside room with windows lower floor (> 3m from window) Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window) Interior room not on top floor (where obtaining ground truth is not impractical) Building lobby (>3m from entry door)
Commercial	
Smaller retail, business (office), warehouse, entertainment	
1 story single structure (warehouse type)	Peripheral room or space with windows (> 3m from window) Interior space near middle of building
2 story single structure- wood or steel framing, plaster or wood	Outside room with windows (> 3m from window) Interior office or space lower floor Interior office or space upper floor or level
2 story single structure- masonry, brick or brick veneer	Outside room with windows (> 3m from window) Interior office or space lower floor Interior office or space upper floor or level
Larger professional office/major commercial center/mall	
2-3 story major mall	Inside major entrance (>5 m from doors) In main hall near middle of mall lower level (away from atrium if applicable) Inside interior retail space lower floor Inside interior retail space upper floor
3-4 story mixed use commercial center	Inside major entrance (>5 m from doors) In main hall near middle of building lower level (away from atrium if applicable) Inside interior retail or office space lower floor Inside interior retail or office space upper floor
4-6 story professional building	Building lobby Attached parking garage if available (one floor below garage roof) Outside office with windows lower floor (> 3m from window) Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor) Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window) Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)

Rural/Sparse									
	Residential								
		Single family (stand alone structure)							
		1-story wood (home, barn, work shed)							
						1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window)			
						1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)			
		2 story wood frame (home, barn, etc.)							
						1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window)			
						1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)			
		2 story brick or brick veneer							
						1st floor outside room with windows (> 3m from window)			
						1st floor inside away from windows (e.g., hallway)			
	Commercial								
		Agricultural/light industry structure, government building, warehouse, barn							
		1 story single structure (warehouse type)							
						Peripheral room or space with windows (> 3m from window)			
						Interior space near middle of building			
		2 story-high agricultural/light industry building w/metal roof							
						Peripheral space or room near outside door or windows (> 3m from opening)			
						Interior office or space lower floor			
						Interior office or space upper floor or level			
		2 story building- masonry, brick or brick veneer (county gov., courthouse, etc.)							
						Outside room with windows (> 3m from window)			
						Interior office or space lower floor			
						Interior office or space upper floor or level			

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Building lobby (>3m from entry door)	
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2 story single structure- wood or steel framing, plaster or wood	
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Interior office or space upper floor or level	
Larger professional office/major commercial center/mall	
2-3 story major mall	
Inside major entrance (>5 m from doors)	
In main hall near middle of mall lower level (away from atrium if applicable)	
Inside interior retail space lower floor	
Inside interior retail space upper floor	
4-6 story professional building	
Building lobby	
Attached parking garage if available (one floor below garage roof)	
Outside office with windows lower floor (> 3m from window)	
Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)	
Outside room with windows upper floor (> 3m from window)	
Interior office or space lower floor (visible from outside office on same floor)	

