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- **Section 3: State and Local Government Coordination: Benchmarking and Building Performance Standards**. Describes the varied roles that state and local decisions makers have in establishing existing building policies and opportunities to coordinate across jurisdictions.
- **Section 4: Data Access: A Fundamental Element for Benchmarking and Building Energy Performance Policies**. Describes the critical role that utilities play in providing whole-building energy consumption data to enable compliance with benchmarking and transparency and BPS polices.
  - **Data Access: Sample Policy Language**. Factsheet that offers sample policy language to support utility data access.
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