



KENTUCKY CHAPTER

GETTING INVOLVED WITH LEED

What is LEED?

The [LEED® \(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design\) Green Building Rating System™](#) is a voluntary, consensus-based program for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Based on well-founded scientific standards, LEED emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

LEED provides a complete framework for assessing building performance and meeting sustainability goals. Based on a system of prerequisites and credits, LEED projects earn points during the certification process and then are awarded one of the four certification levels: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

How can I get involved?

Although USGBC does not certify, promote, or endorse products and services of individual companies, products and services do play a role and can help projects with credit achievement. (Note that products and services do not earn projects points.)

Learn how you and your company can help advance green building, while also achieving your own environmental and economic goals:

- **Familiarize Yourself with LEED**

Learn about the LEED Rating System to find out how your product or service can help projects. You can:

- [Download](#) our LEED Rating Systems (free downloads) and review the prerequisites and credits to see where your product or service fits, and/or
- Take a [LEED Training Workshop](#). USGBC offers in-depth workshops on a variety of green building topics.

- **Become a USGBC Member**

USGBC company membership sets you apart. [Join USGBC](#) to establish yourself as a leader in the green building industry, as well as enjoy:

- An online listing in our member directory;
- Access to the USGBC member logo for use on your Web site and collateral pieces;
- Discounts on workshops, publications, and Greenbuild registration and expo fees;
- Access to USGBC Member Circles, an on-line forum that allows you to connect with professionals with similar interests and issues, pose questions and get answers from fellow members, and share your best practices and lessons learned; and
- Much much more ... [learn more and join today.](#)

- **Exhibit at Greenbuild**

Reach thousands of green building professionals by exhibiting at USGBC's [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#), the industry's leading showcase of the newest and best products, ideas, and technologies in green building.

- **Explore Product Certification** by such organizations as [Green Seal](#), [Greenguard](#), and [Scientific Certification Systems](#).

- **Contact Us**

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