



A PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

ABOUT USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC®) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED® green building program, robust educational offerings, an international network of local community leaders, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that provides a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building strategies for all building types from commercial buildings to entire communities. Research finds that LEED-certified spaces use less energy, save money for families, businesses and taxpayers, reduce carbon emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

LEED has transformed how the building industry and the public consider sustainability in real estate. The most recent update to LEED, known as LEED v4, is the new standard for high-performance green buildings worldwide.

USGBC and LEED continue to expand as the green building industry continues to grow. According to the Dodge Data & Analytics *World Green Building Trends 2016 SmartMarket Report*, the global green building sector will double every three years, contributing millions of dollars to the state, national and global economy.

LEED-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS' IMPACT

To date, there are more than 38,600 LEED-certified commercial projects worldwide, comprising more than **6 billion square feet** of construction space across all 50 states and 165 countries and territories. In addition, there are more than 350,000 LEED-certified residential units.

Between 2015 and 2018, LEED-certified buildings in the United States are estimated to generate **\$1.2 billion in energy savings, \$149.5 million in water savings, \$715.2 million in maintenance savings and \$54.2 million in waste savings.**



“LEED is a powerful economic development tool for revitalizing and advancing sustainable communities. Buildings, homes, schools, warehouses, infrastructure development and even entire cities are realizing their potential through green building and LEED.”

—MAHESH RAMANUJAM
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