

## About USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a 501 c3 non-profit organization committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings..

With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, more than 20,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 100,000 LEED Accredited Professionals, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to soar to \$60 billion by 2010. The USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students.



Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

## USGBC's Mission

To transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.

## USGBC's Vision

Buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation.

### USGBC's Guiding Principles

USGBC's Board of Directors has articulated "guiding principles" that will help us all with the decisions we make every day about USGBC and its programs. In an industry predicated on innovation, the principles provide us with clarity and continuity, while also giving us the flexibility to grow and respond to a rapidly changing market. Learn more about USGBC's Guiding Principles.

## USGBC's Headquarters

USGBC's headquarters are located in downtown Washington, DC.

## USGBC Programs

The annual U.S. market in green building products and services was more than \$7 billion in 2005, \$12 billion in 2007 and projected to increase to \$60 billion by 2010. USGBC supports this effort with the following programs:

### LEED® Green Building Rating System™

The LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system is the preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. 35,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED system, comprising over 4.5 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 91 countries.

By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

### Chapter Programs

There are 78 regional USGBC chapters nationwide providing green building resources, education, and networking opportunities in their communities.

## **Education**

USGBC provides top quality educational programs on green design, construction, and operations for professionals from all sectors of the building industry. Thousands of designers, builders, suppliers, and managers have attended USGBC educational programs to gain practical knowledge, explore new business opportunities, and learn how to create healthier, more productive and more efficient places to live and work. USGBC also hosts Greenbuild, the largest international conference and expo focused on green building.

## **Emerging Green Builders**

USGBC's Emerging Green Builders program provides educational opportunities and resources to students and young professionals with the goal of integrating these future leaders into the green building movement.