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USGBC Launches the Green Building Information Gateway Pilot for Illinois

New app features a map-centric website that allows users to explore and compare hundreds of LEED projects across the Chicago region

(Chicago, IL) November 17, 2010 – At its Greenbuild Annual Conference & Expo today, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced the launch of the Green Building Information Gateway (GBIG) Pilot for Illinois. The new gateway offers Greenbuild conference attendees three new resources for use during the show:

The GBIG Pilot portal: a map-centric website that allows users to explore and compare hundreds of LEED projects across the Chicago region. It provides unprecedented tools to view LEED scorecards and compare LEED projects based on credit category-level achievement made possible by LEED Automation. The GBIG Pilot also provides information about Energy Star, Enterprise Green Community, COTE award winners, and ACUPCC projects that have committed to green building. Check it out at www.gbig.org The GBIG Pilot was developed in collaboration with the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).

The GBIG Analyst app for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch: a mobile tool for exploring green buildings and making quantitative comparisons with respect to achievement in different credit categories and the new LEED Carbon Index (a tool that realizes the vision of a "LEED carbon overlay"). This is a must-have for your personal green building walking tour of Chicago.

The GBIG Explorer app for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch: a mobile tool to discover case studies and stories about green buildings throughout the region. This app provides narrative information on some of the most exciting projects in the city with content from USGBC Chapter case studies and the Department of Energy High Performance Buildings Database.

At Greenbuild 2011, USGBC plans to release a national GBIG portal.

Search for “GBIG” in the Apple App Store. USGBC will be presenting demonstrations of these tools on Wednesday (11 AM – 12 PM and 4 – 5:30 PM) and Thursday (12:30-1:30 PM) and throughout Greenbuild in the LEED Lounge display, which is located outside of the exhibit hall on the first floor of McCormick Place.

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U.S. Green Building Council
The USGBC community is transforming the way we build, design and operate our buildings for healthier places that save precious resources for people to live, work, learn and play in. UGSBC is helping create buildings and communities that regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Council is the driving force of the green building industry, which is projected to contribute $554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product by 2013. USGBC leads a diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials, concerned citizens, teachers and students. The USGBC community comprises 80 local chapters, 17,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 155,000 individuals who have earned LEED Professional Credentials. Visit www.usgbc.org for more information.

LEED
The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system has transformed commercial and residential building practices by providing the leading tool to create buildings that are environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous. Over 36,000 commercial projects are currently participating in LEED rating systems for the design, construction and operation of green buildings, comprising over 7.1 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries. In addition, some 8,000 homes have been certified under the LEED for Homes rating system, with nearly 30,000 more homes registered. 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.

USGBC was co-founded by current President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, who spent 25 years as a Fortune 500 executive. Under his 16-year leadership, the organization has become the preeminent green building, membership, policy, standards, education and research organization in the nation.

About Greenbuild
The U.S. Green Building Council's Annual Greenbuild Conference & Expo provides an unrivaled opportunity to learn about the latest innovations, explore new products and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the world's largest green building conference and represents all sectors of the green building movement. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events provide unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest technological innovations, explore new products, and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the three time recipient of IMEX Green Meetings Award and four time winner of *Tradeshow Week's* Fastest 50 growing tradeshows in the U.S. The 2010 show will be held on Nov. 17-19, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois with 40,000 expected attendees and nearly 2000 exhibit booths. Visit www.greenbuildexpo.org for more information.