

USGBC MEMBER BENEFITS



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Employees of USGBC member organizations are part of a vibrant and diverse community of more than 18,000 organizations from every sector of the building industry and a network of more than 75 chapters in every region of the country. USGBC can connect individuals with the people, information and ideas they need to be a part of the rapidly growing green building industry.

USGBC MEMBER FORUM

The USGBC Member Forum is a free, annual event exclusively for employees of member organizations. Held the day prior to Greenbuild, the Member Forum offers inspiring messages, networking opportunities and updates on important USGBC initiatives.

This invaluable experience enables employees of member organizations to connect with their board representatives, USGBC staff and other contributors to the green building community, including influential speakers who provide context and perspective for discussions throughout the day. Attendees get first-hand information about upcoming programs and services, as well as new initiatives and events. They also have the opportunity to connect with peers and share professional experiences. The culmination of this event is the grand opening of the Greenbuild Expo Hall, which offers a first look at all of the new and exciting innovations in green building. Members can register for this event through the Greenbuild website, www.greenbuildexpo.org.





“You’re part of this effort to rebuild our society in a way that pays attention to [green building and environmental care] so that the buildings that we put up, so that the food we eat, so that the way we move ourselves around does not contribute to the calamity of the planet, but the other way around.”

Steve Curwood
Executive Producer and Host,
Living On Earth
Member Forum 2008

Member Community

“ Our USGBC membership is an excellent way to challenge our company to respond to the needs of the market. ”

— John Gardner
Business Manager,
Commercial Markets
Andersen Windows

MEMBER CIRCLE EVENTS

Member Circle events are held throughout the year as a networking opportunity for specific industry professions. These sessions address the needs and interests of green building professionals from a variety of disciplines and are a great opportunity to connect with peers, stay current with changing industry trends and discover new methods for transforming the built environment. Contact membercircles@usgbc.org for more information.

MEMBER TO MEMBER EXCHANGE (M2M)

Individuals can connect with colleagues and industry experts in USGBC's Member to Member Exchange (M2M), a group of online discussion forums for employees of member organizations. Take advantage of this opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned, solve professional issues and make invaluable contacts. Past discussion topics include:

- Estimating project administrator labor hours.
- LEED AP exam preparation.
- Product performance and recommendations.

Visit www.usgbc.org/membership and select 'Member Resources' to access this member benefit.

MEMBER eNEWSLETTER

Employees of member organizations are eligible to receive a monthly Member eNewsletter covering the latest USGBC developments. To receive this newsletter, members must ensure that they have not selected to opt out of receiving member announcements through the 'Personal Information' section of 'Your Account' at www.usgbc.org/youraccount.

Tools & Resources

Employees of USGBC member organizations also receive access to a variety of industry-related resources that will help them educate their employees about the many benefits of green building.

CREDIT INTERPRETATION RULINGS

When a project team encounters difficulties applying a LEED prerequisite or credit, they may contact USGBC for clarification. To ensure that rulings on such inquiries are consistent and available to other projects, USGBC has established a review process called credit interpretation rulings (CIRs). The results of these rulings can be found in an online directory that is available to employees of USGBC member organizations. They are a valuable resource when studying for the LEED AP exam, researching product relevance and evaluating the likelihood of achieving LEED credits.

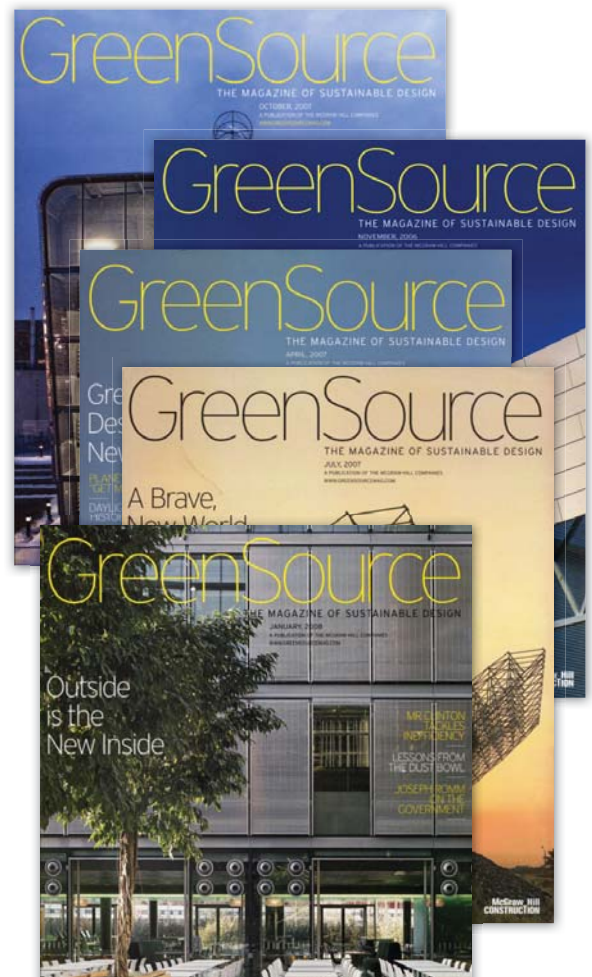
Visit www.usgbc.org/LEED and select 'Product Certification' followed by 'Credit Interpretation Rulings' to access this database.

USGBC RESEARCH & DOCUMENTS

Employees of member organizations receive access to a number of online resources and a host of green building data, including past Member Forum presentations, members-only webcasts and other informational documents and research. These documents are available through the 'Members-Only Documents' section of 'Member Resources' at www.usgbc.org/membership.

GREENSOURCE SUBSCRIPTION

Each member organization will receive a free subscription to GreenSource, the magazine of sustainable design, published quarterly by McGraw-Hill Companies. The magazine will be sent directly to the primary contact at each member organization.



Marketing & Promotions

MEMBER DIRECTORY

Each member organization will be displayed online in the publicly accessible USGBC Member Directory. The directory promotes each organization's involvement in USGBC and can be accessed through the 'Directories' section of www.usgbc.org.

MEMBER LOGO

USGBC membership is a great way to demonstrate a commitment to green building and market transformation to customers and clients. Member organizations have the unique opportunity to use the USGBC member logo in their publications, in their marketing collateral and on their Web sites to promote their involvement with USGBC.

Members may download digital versions of the logo, as well as logo guidelines, from the "Member Resources" section of www.usgbc.org/membership. Questions or special requests regarding use of the logo should be referred to the USGBC Marketing Department at marketing@usgbc.org.



“ Membership in the Council exposes us to a broad spectrum of concepts in environmentally-responsible design in the U.S. and assists us in understanding ways we might effectively integrate those ideas into our products and business model. ”

— Kenneth W. Hubbard
Executive Vice President
Hines

Financial Benefits

The following fees are subject to change. Please check www.usgbc.org/store/ for current pricing.

	NON-MEMBERS	MEMBERS	SAVINGS
EDUCATION			
Full-day registration*	\$445	\$345	\$100 per person
Full-day late registration*	\$495	\$375	\$120 per person
Half-day registration	\$225	\$175	\$50 per person
Half-day late registration	\$275	\$205	\$70 per person

Webinars and Online Courses - Discounts vary. Visit www.usgbc.org/webinars for details.

Group discounts are available for 10 or more employees from the same company attending the same instructor-led workshop. Groups of 10-14 employees receive a 10% discount and groups of 15 or more receive a 15% discount.

LEED REFERENCE GUIDES			
Hard Copy**	\$185	\$150	\$35
Electronic Copy	\$175	\$140	\$35

LEED PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALING EXAMS (GBCI)			
LEED Green Associate Exam	\$200	\$150	\$50 per person
LEED Professional Accreditation Exam	\$450	\$300	\$150 per person

LEED PROJECT CERTIFICATION

Visit www.usgbc.org/LEED/ and select "Project Certification" for details.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Most chapters offer discounted memberships to employees of member organizations. To find a chapter, visit www.usgbc.org/chapters/.

GREENBUILD			
Registration	\$800	\$600	\$200
Late registration	\$975	\$700	\$275
Exhibit space	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$500

*Except LEED for Homes Workshop.

**Except LEED for Homes Reference Guide.

GET INVOLVED

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Employees of member organizations are the core of everything USGBC does, and its committees provide a unique opportunity to participate in the leadership of the green building movement.

USGBC has two types of committees open to employees of member organizations: core committees and corresponding committees. Core committees are composed of individuals from a balanced mix of member categories and are responsible for developing policy, product and program recommendations and providing oversight for USGBC's Board of Directors. Each core committee has a corresponding committee whose members receive core committee meeting minutes, review product and policy drafts, and nominate and elect new members to vacant core committee seats.

For more information on USGBC committees, visit: www.usgbc.org/committees/.

VOTING RIGHTS

Employees of member organizations have the opportunity to participate in a variety of USGBC elections, including:

Board Elections:

Voice your opinion about who should represent you on the Board of Directors.

Committee Elections:

Determine who will sit on USGBC Core Committees.

The primary contact of a member organization has additional voting rights:

LEED Ballots:

Critical changes in LEED referenced standards, credits and applications.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Help guide USGBC's strategic direction by becoming a board member. All employees of member organizations are eligible to serve on the national board. Elections occur annually, with applications being accepted throughout the summer and early fall. Watch the USGBC Web site and the member newsletter for more information.

GREENBUILD SESSION REVIEWER

Greenbuild reviewers evaluate presentation proposals for educational sessions at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo. Peer reviewers help maintain the outstanding reputation of Greenbuild by identifying exceptional and timely presentations for the educational program. For more information, contact: info@greenbuildexpo.org.

LEED FACULTY

LEED faculty are experts in the green building industry who conduct USGBC workshops. They have proved their knowledge by becoming LEED Accredited Professionals. Teaching a LEED workshop in your area is a great addition to your professional resume and an excellent opportunity to spread your knowledge of green building practices. For more information, contact: workshop@usgbc.org.

EDUCATION PROVIDER PROGRAM

USGBC's Education Provider Program offers an opportunity for members to be recognized as leaders in green building education. Any USGBC member organization that develops and delivers educational courses on green building topics may apply to be an Education Provider. Visit: www.usgbc.org/epp/ to learn more.

PRIVATE LEED WORKSHOPS

Member organizations can host in-house LEED workshops for all full-time employees. Private workshops are an exclusive benefit for USGBC members and are available for groups of 20 or more. Member companies also receive a discount for hosting 10 or more workshops a year. Choose from any of USGBC's full-day or half-day sessions.

FOR ASSOCIATIONS

Association Workshops:

Professional or trade associations may host a LEED workshop at their national conferences and extend the invitation to their members as well as their full-time employees. Association workshops are an exclusive benefit for USGBC member associations and are available for groups of 20 or more. Choose from any of USGBC's full-day or half-day sessions.

Association Group Discounts:

Discounts are not only available for groups of 10 or more full-time employees attending the same instructor led workshop, but also for groups of 10 or more association members. Groups of 10-14 members receive a 10% discount and groups of 15 or more receive a 15% discount off of the registrants USGBC member or non-member rate.

FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

College/University Workshops:

Students as well as full-time faculty and staff are able to attend LEED workshops hosted by a USGBC member college or university. College or university workshops are available for groups of 20 or more students, plus invited faculty or staff. Choose from any of USGBC's full-day or half-day sessions.

For more information on any of these programs, e-mail workshop@usgbc.org.

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