



USGBC Announces Changes to LEED 2012

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Changes address revised delivery and ballot schedule

In response to concerns raised by members, core LEED users and stakeholders, and in an effort to provide the marketplace a view of the full LEED program experience prior to ballot, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced today that it will delay ballot on LEED 2012 until June 1, 2013 (or potentially earlier in 2013 if USGBC members and the market indicate readiness for ballot). Because of this date change, LEED 2012 is being renamed **LEED v4**.

"LEED pushes the envelope to bring transformation to the market - that's what we do," said Scot Horst, Senior Vice President, LEED. "We remain committed to that, and to making sure that what we deliver is complete and can be successfully implemented."

In addition to the ballot date change, other actions include:

- Keeping LEED 2009 open for registration for three years
- Continuing to ask for the market's assistance in "test driving" LEED v4 to gain important insight during a time when improvements in usability infrastructure can be made
- Committing to a fifth public comment that will open on Oct. 2, 2012, and run through Dec. 10, 2012 to take advantage of Greenbuild where USGBC will hold public forums and educational sessions on site in San Francisco. This will help stakeholders better understand requirements as well as any final changes that may appear in the new draft. Greenbuild will also serve as a platform to debut new forms, submittal documents and LEED Online enhancements that will help improve and enhance the user experience

Said USGBC President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, "This is 100% in response to our members' desire that we give them a bit more time to absorb the changes in this next version of the rating system. We want to do everything we can to ensure that the market can fully embrace LEED v4 because it represents significant progress on carbon reduction and human health. Greenbuild will provide us the perfect venue to experience the look and feel of the new system as an integrated package. Then we can take the first part of 2013 to make sure the consensus body has everything it needs for a successful ballot."

For more information please visit usgbc.org/LEEDv4.

U.S. Green Building Council (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 certification program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

LEED

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of green buildings. Nearly 47,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising 9.5 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 120 countries. In addition, more than 20,000 residential units have been certified under the LEED for Homes rating system, with nearly 80,000 more homes registered. By using less energy, LEED-certified spaces save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce carbon emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. Learn more at usgbc.org.



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2 years 9 weeks ago

I took a sustainable design class and was given permission to take the LEED GA

exam due to a letter of attestation that my instructor sent in. This was almost 2 years ago, and I have not taken the test yet due to course load from other classes (full time student) however this is something that I wish to fulfill soon. My question: Is it too late? And if not, is there a time limit to do this? Please advise, this is something I have wanted to do for awhile now.

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