



# LEED Automation Program: Changing the LEED Certification Landscape

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*Master Series session at Greenbuild to highlight how program has helped accelerate LEED in the marketplace*

(TORONTO) Oct. 4, 2011 – The U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED Automation program will be featured in a Master Series session as part of its annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, taking place this week in Toronto. The LEED Automation program is streamlining and creating increased capacity for the LEED green building certification process through a close collaboration with leading technology companies that offer supporting functionality, making the LEED project management, documentation and certification process faster and easier.

The session will highlight some of the program's own success stories told by some of its leading technology partners, and show how customers' business agility is being increased through improved data, information and content integration. New features of the program, which launched in 2010, will also be announced during the session.

"LEED Automation enables automated access to data and capabilities of USGBC's systems such as LEED Online--the certification platform for LEED projects," said Scot Horst, SVP, LEED, USGBC. "Following the launch of LEED Automation last year, more than 50 technology companies have expressed interest in the program and this year's session will showcase some of the leading partners to date."

The partners will share their experiences on completing integration of their applications and provide an enhanced experience for their customers, including USGBC's own Green Building Information Gateway (GBIG) program. The session speakers include:

- Mahesh Ramanujam, USGBC
- Chris Pyke, USGBC
- Alan Z. White, SCInergy
- Jim Duffy, Vorpalware
- Dimitri Contoyannis, Architectural Energy Corporation and COMNET Management Team
- David Pratt, LoraxPro
- Mike Stuart, Greengrade
- Adam Berholz, GreenWzard
- Emma Stewart, Autodesk (Session Moderator)

The LEED Automation Session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 AM – 12 PM and is part of the Master Series sessions, all of which focus on key updates and developments in LEED this year. All LEED Master Series sessions qualify for GBCI LEED-specific credit for LEED AP and LEED Green Associate credential maintenance.

Following the session, USGBC will host a press conference featuring USGBC's Ramanujam and Pyke, and representatives from some of the leading LEED Automation Program partner companies. The press conference will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 710, South Building.

## **About U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)**

The U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 79 local affiliates, nearly 16,000 member organizations, and more than 168,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. GDP from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. For more information, visit [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org) and connect on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

## **About Greenbuild**

The U.S. Green Building Council's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo

convenes the industry's largest gathering of representatives from 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 the 2011 show will be held on Oct. 4-7, 2011, in Toronto, Canada. This past year's conference in Chicago, Ill. drew more than 28,000 attendees and featured more than 1,800 exhibit booths. Visit [www.greenbuildexpo.org](http://www.greenbuildexpo.org) for more information.

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