



Military Facilities Reap Huge Benefits From Using LEED, Says Independent Study

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LEED Platinum Community Emergency Services Station. Photo credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District

New research confirms LEED helps the government save taxpayers money and meet environmental objectives

Washington, D.C. - (Feb. 15, 2013) - Today the Department of Defense released the findings of an independent report on energy efficiency and sustainability standards used by the Pentagon for military construction. The report strongly affirmed the value of LEED-certified high performing buildings to America's military and U.S. taxpayers.

The following statement can be attributed to Roger Platt, Senior Vice President of Global Policy and Law, U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC.)

"LEED has played a significant role in reducing energy and water bills in public sector buildings across the country, saving taxpayers money and contributing to the nation's security. This important new independent study from the National Research Council concludes that the LEED green building certification program should continue to be used in Defense Department buildings to advance energy efficiency in construction and reduce operational costs.

Using LEED at Pentagon installations is a win-win proposition for the country and for the military personnel these buildings serve. While the study focused mostly on energy efficiency, LEED is a proven tool for also saving water, reducing waste and improving indoor environmental quality benefitting the health and well being of building occupants, and certainly our military personnel deserve no less.

By using LEED, the Department of Defense is able to cut costs responsibly without endangering our nation's military readiness. LEED is a critical tool for the Defense Department's past, current and future energy savings."

The report can be found [here](#).

For more information on LEED-certified buildings in the public sector, see our [website](#).

The U.S. Green Building Council

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 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 program system is the foremost program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of green buildings. More than 51,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising 9.6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 135 countries. In addition, more than 32,000 residential units have been certified under the LEED for Homes rating system, with more than 95,000 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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This great news. But will DOD actually do it? They've already effectively banned pursuit of Gold/Platinum when we all know that pursuing those levels only serves to increase the benefits outlined in the press release and (assuming) the report.

The usgbc and others still have work to do in ensuring not just DOD, but ALL Federal projects maintain the mandate to pursue LEED. The FAA certainly doesn't want to have anything to with LEED still.

There is that silly language 'or equivalent' when we all know there is no equivalent. Green Globes certainly is not.

I am thrilled that the National Academies has bolstered the credibility of the rating systems. Now we just need congress to actually follow their recommendation.

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