

USGBC President, CEO and Founding Chair Rick Fedrizzi Commends President Obama for Launching the Better Buildings Challenge

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I want to commend and congratulate President Obama today for launching the [Better Buildings Challenge](#), a White House driven program that will ramp up significant commitments to green building. Once again, the President is taking action and inspiring action in the building industry so we can seize the tremendous opportunity in green buildings.

We know we could be saving \$130 billion a year if we had greener, more efficient buildings and create nearly 1 million jobs in the process. Through this dynamic new program announced at President Clinton's CGI American event, we can begin to scale and accelerate the green retrofit industry, and ultimately stimulate our economy by saving energy, saving people money, and putting America back to work.

And we are absolutely committed to engaging our 16,000 members, our more than 170,000 LEED Professional Credential holders and our 79 chapters across the country to advance the Challenge and encourage the use of our LEED Green Building Rating System as a pathway to ensuring the immediate, measureable and proven results this Challenge is meant to create.

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