

USGBC membership says YES to LEED v4

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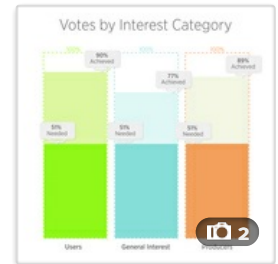


We're excited that LEED v4 has passed ballot! Are you?

The newest version of the LEED green building rating system closes ballot and moves toward an official market launch at Greenbuild.

I am pleased to announce that the final results of the LEED v4 ballot are in. To pass, the rating systems needed 66.7% of the vote to be in favor of the new system. With a final tally of 86%, [we met our goal](#) and more! This includes:

- 90% approval from those in the user category
- 77% approval from those in the general interest category
- 89% approval from those in the producer category



USGBC sets a very high bar for a rating system to be approved. The rating system must earn a very high percentage of the overall vote as well as a majority approval from each of the various LEED stakeholder groups. This ensures rating system approval represents the full diversity of USGBCs membership. There are 46 countries and territories around the world and all 50 U.S. states (and the District of Columbia) represented in the voting pool for LEED v4, which includes an extraordinarily diverse group of industry professionals, manufacturers, educators and other green building leaders.

Whats next on the horizon? The LEED Steering Committee has reviewed all comments received during the ballot and we are ready to move forward with a full-scale launch at this years Greenbuild Conference & Expo in Philadelphia, PA. There, USGBC will host sessions geared towards making sure stakeholders have the information they need to begin using the new system, including an introduction to the new, streamlined forms. The new reference guide suite will also be available.

Currently, there are more 100 projects pursuing certification through the LEED v4 Beta program. With projects currently in the review phase, some will certify as early as this summer.

Enrollment for the Beta program is still open. View the [LEED v4 User Guide](#) for enrollment details.

There is still work to be done as we prepare for a successful launch, and USGBC staff and volunteers are committed to working with our stakeholders to make sure this happens.

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