



What is the USGBC portfolio program?

The USGBC Portfolio Program is a pilot program that enables owners to integrate the LEED green building rating system into new and existing buildings in their company's portfolio, and do so in a cost effective way without sacrificing the technical rigor and integrity of LEED. The Portfolio Program recognizes market leaders who have committed to and achieved high levels of LEED certification within their portfolio.

Who is participating?

Participants in the pilot program represent a cross section of market sectors, including institutional investors, financial institutions, hoteliers, retailers, higher education, governments and corporations.

What are the goals of the Portfolio Program?

- Recognize leaders who are creating market transformation through their commitments and achievements in green building
- Provide cost-effective streamlined certification processes, reducing the documentation requirements wherever possible
- Offer a volume certification path to enable owners to integrate LEED across the board as a standard feature of their design, construction and operations.
- Provide company-wide education that takes LEED into an organization and helps the organization build on their own best practices
- Provide a dashboard of environmental performance indicators so that owners can better track the aggregated environmental impact of their real estate portfolios.
- Foster a network of investors, developers, owners, and managers committed to systemically greening their building portfolios, both new and existing.

How will volume LEED certification work?

USGBC is working with pilot participants to develop volume certification submittal documentation, quality control and education plans, policy language, and other resources that will help integrate the adoption of LEED into the design, construction and operations practices of participating organizations. Volume certification will streamline the documentation and certification process by recognizing standardized and consistently delivered performance throughout a portfolio of new or existing buildings.

Is the Portfolio Program just for companies pursuing volume certification?

No, the Portfolio Program is meant to recognize all market leaders striving to integrate LEED into their standard practices. However, since volume certification is a key element of making this possible, during the pilot phase most of the participants and the USGBC are focusing on testing the volume certification processes.

What are the benefits for pilot participants?

Leadership, competitive advantages, cost savings and risk reductions. Pilot participants are the market leaders in this new USGBC initiative. The pilots will also play an active role in the ongoing development and refinement of this program.

Can my company sign up to be a pilot company in the Portfolio Program?

The pilot is currently closed. The official program is expected to launch in 2010 and companies will be invited to participate at that time. To express interest in the program prior to launch, please contact USGBC at portfolioprogam@usgbc.org with a short description of your portfolio.