

LEED Fact Sheet

What is LEED?

Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is a nationally recognized standard for design, construction, and performance of green buildings. LEED is used primarily as a design guideline and certification tool by architects and designers interested in developing high performance, sustainable buildings.

What is LEED certification?

LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality.

Architects, building planners, owners or other project team members apply for this certification. A building project must meet a set of prerequisites to be registered, and it must achieve the minimum number of points to earn a basic "Certified" level of LEED certification. The number of points the project earns determines the level of LEED certification (from a Certified level through Silver and Gold to the Platinum level).

LEED certification is a third-party validation of a building's green performance, and it demonstrates that building green need not cost more money to reap benefits. According to the U.S. Green Build Council (USGBC), LEED certified buildings cost less to operate and maintain, are healthier places to live and work in, and conserve our natural resources.

Can Nabco Entrances Inc. be certified under LEED?

USGBC does not certify, endorse or promote products, services or companies, nor do they track, list or report data related to products and their environmental qualities. However, individual manufacturers' products can contribute to credits under the LEED rating system

LEED is a certification system that deals with the environmental performance of buildings based on overall characteristics of the project. USGBC do not award credits based on the use of particular products but rather upon meeting the performance standards set forth in their rating systems. It is up to project teams to determine which products are most appropriate for credit achievement and program requirements.

Where can I obtain more information about LEED?

Please visit www.usgbc.org for more information.

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