

LEED & GREENGUARD ENVIRONMENTAL FACT SHEET

AN INTRODUCTION TO...



Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED™)

- The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.
- A leading-edge system for designing, constructing, operating and certifying the world's greenest buildings.
- Created by the US Green Building Council and adapted for Canada by the Canada Green Building Council.



Why Was LEED™ Created?

- Facilitate positive results for the environment, occupant health and financial return.
- Define “green” by providing a standard for measurement.
- Prevent “green-washing” (false or exaggerated claims).
- Promote whole-building, integrated design processes.
- Improve occupant performance.
- Estimated \$29 -168 billion in national productivity losses per year.
- Reduce absenteeism and turnover.
- Providing a healthy workplace improves employee satisfaction.
- Increase retail sales with daylighting.
- Studies have shown 40% improvement.

What is “Green” Design?

- Design and construction practices that significantly reduce or eliminate the negative impact of buildings on the environment and occupants.
- Improves public health and quality of life through low-emitting products.

Benefits of “Green” Design

- **Environmental benefits:** Reduce impact on the environment
- **Economic benefits:** Improve the bottom line & Reduce Operating Costs
- **Health and safety benefits:** Enhance occupant comfort, decreased vacancy & improve retention

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LEED for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI)

- Systems furniture and seating falls under the section of indoor environmental quality, subsection low-emitting materials credit 4.5 (IEQc4.5).
- There is 1 point granted for systems furniture and seating.
- IEQc4.5 outlines the intent and requirements and submittals needed to obtain this 1 point.

Global Contract can assist you with achieving LEED Certification through the requirement in the LEED-CI standard which falls under low-emitting materials credit 4.5 (IEQc4.5).



The GREENGUARD mark means that a product has been tested using stringent environmental chamber methods and found to meet GREENGUARD's Indoor Air Quality Standards.

- GREENGUARD Certified Products are low emitting and contribute minimal levels of pollutants to indoor environment.
- Global Contract Inc., continues to maintain conformance to the following products:
 - Boulevard Panel Systems
 - Evolve Panel Systems
 - Licence Casegoods
 - All Global Group Seating

What customers will look for in Certified Products:

- VOC Emissions vs. VOC content
- Has the product been tested in the last 12 months?
- Has the product been proven to emit acceptable levels of VOC's and formaldehyde?
- Is the product readily available?
- Is the product competitively priced?
- Has the product received independent third-party certification?

- *Buildings are LEED certified*
- *Products are GREENGUARD certified*

Protecting the environment for future generations...