



About KCG Green Energy

KCG Green Energy Consultants, LLC is a Certified Minority owned company, that provides technically advanced energy auditing and inspection services. Our Energy Auditing and Inspection Services including ASHRAE Level I & II audits and also provide LEED Certification and Energy Star Label certification.

Among business professionals, LEED certification is becoming the new standard by which corporate headquarters are judged. Building a LEED-certified company headquarters demonstrates a commitment to good environmental practices. But buildings meeting LEED's strict have been shown to have numerous benefits to employees, public image and a company's bottom line.

Happier Employees

LEED-certified buildings have large windows, open spaces, and are generally built with employee or occupant comfort in mind as much as energy savings. Besides offering increased sunlight, LEED buildings also have significantly higher air quality and more comfortable work space for employees. By making work a place where employees feel comfortable and happy, productivity will also increase.

Community Benefits

Having a green building that is recognized by LEED certification is a dramatic and public way of demonstrating a strong commitment to green practices and improving the environment. LEED-certified construction projects also stimulate the local economy, since one of LEED's best practices is utilizing local materials and labor wherever possible.

Lower Operating Costs

This is perhaps the most obvious benefit of LEED-certification, and it ranks high on the list of any corporation considering new construction. LEED-certified projects do typically have a higher initial investment because of the need for stricter standards for construction, materials and labor, but this initial investment can be recovered in short order. Various studies have been done to measure increased efficiency among LEED buildings, but the largest of these studies was conducted by the New Building Institute in 2008 and found an average decrease in energy consumption of approximately 24 percent. This sort of savings can easily translate into millions of dollars per year.

Public Image

Green technology is a popular way of improving public image, and for good reason: people want to know that local businesses are committed to good environmental practices, and nothing demonstrates this commitment like LEED certification. Although many companies consider LEED certification purely for the environmental benefits, the improved publicity and public image are another reason to consider LEED-certified construction.



Why Choose LEED?

At the end of the day, LEED certification is the badge of a business that cares strongly about good environmental practices and is willing to spend significant resources pursuing them. Although the upfront costs are significant, LEED projects will save money for businesses in the long term and can significantly improve their public image. As the move to increase environmental awareness continues, more and more businesses will make the commitment.

How to Get LEED Certified

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The U.S Green Building Council (USGBC) administers this program. The certification is offered to general contractors, building owners, architects and engineers, who design, build and maintain structures in an environmentally conscious fashion.

The various levels of LEED certification are tallied on a 100-point scale. Point values are assigned according to the environmental impact of building features. The greater the impact, the higher the point value. Several steps are involved in getting LEED certified:

1. KCG will determine the type of LEED certification they want by reviewing the certification requirements provided by the USGBC. A construction project should meet all the requirements given in its category to qualify for the certification. Certificates are awarded for new and retrofit commercial and residential constructions.
2. KCG will ensure that building strategies meet the requirements of the desired level of LEED certification. All members in the construction project should follow the strategies. Areas to consider when formulating the strategies include:
 - Water system efficiency
 - Building materials
 - Use of resources with minimal environmental impact
 - Sustainably grown resources
 - Power systems
 - Environmental impact of site selection
3. KCG will ensure that all rules and guidelines set out in the selected category of LEED certification are followed and register the construction projects with the Green Building Certification Institute. By registering also grant access to use of additional resources and information materials that may assist in the building and certification process.
4. As part of the application process, KCG project managers are required to indicate which certification is sought and provide a list of the individuals responsible for implementing the necessary steps needed for certification. The application should also give specific details about the green aspects of the building or project seeking an LEED certification.
5. Complete the application and upload the needed documents to the LEED website. A certificate will be awarded if the project is approved. KCG Project managers have a right to appeal if certification is denied.



Though LEED certification is mostly awarded to buildings and construction projects, building professionals can be certified as LEED Green Associates. Exceptional projects that exceed the requirements of LEED certification can be awarded an additional certificate known as Innovation in Design.

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Business Overview:

Industry: Consulting

Products & Services: Energy Audits; LEED Certification; Waste stream management, Energy Star Label

Clients (Past & Present): Indiana Housing and Community Development Agency, Southeast Neighborhood development

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