

Purpose: Promote a new feature of WD Partners' Architecture & Engineering capability, enabling clients to easily obtain LEED certification for their new or existing buildings.

Audience: Multi-unit retailers & restaurateurs

Let WD Partners help you with bulk LEED certification

As the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently unveiled its new, streamlined certification program for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), WD Partners stands ready to help you navigate the process and take full advantage of this opportunity to make sustainability a part of your building model.

The new program, called the LEED Volume program, offers a simpler path to LEED certification than the existing standard of certification for individual structures. With LEED Volume, a company can simply create a prototype that fleshes out exactly how the structure will obtain LEED credits. The structure then goes through the certification process as any other project would.

After receiving approval under LEED Volume, the prototype can be used as a template for any other structures the company builds for the same general purpose — such as a retail chain's stores. As the other buildings based on that prototype get rolled out, only a sampling of them need undergo certification. This removes the onerous requirement of getting every building approved individually — a costly and time-consuming prospect that has discouraged many companies in the past from even trying to obtain LEED certification.



The WD Build team's experts have a deep knowledge base and formidable experience in energy-efficient building design and sustainability issues. Once a client's prototype is approved, we act as LEED advocate, validating the submittal. Whether you are going for actual LEED certification or simply seeking a greater level of energy efficiency, we will help you determine what level of energy efficiency is best for your company and stakeholders.

We are currently working with Fresh & Easy, a chain of neighborhood markets with a particularly strong commitment to the environment and sustainability, helping them develop a LEED Volume certified prototype. Just submitted recently, the prototype is expected to only take a month or two for approval.

Fast Facts

- LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system.
- Using the LEED Volume program, multi-location companies can reduce their time investment for LEED certification by 50%.
- Under LEED Volume, only a prototype needs to be submitted for review rather than the standard store-by-store process.
- With LEED Volume, cost savings are realized with less required documentation, less design time and less USGBC review time.