

DEB NOTICE 01232006 – LEED

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(Minor wording change in second paragraph of this existing CPSM section)

901.5 LEADERSHIP in ENERGY & ENVIROMENTAL DESIGN (LEED)

The U. S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a group of persons and other entities in the building industry promoting buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work, has developed the LEED Green Building Rating System for evaluating sustainable concepts incorporated in the building and site developments.

The Department of General Services, Division of Engineering and Buildings encourages State Agencies and their A/E Designers to recognize and incorporate the Energy, Environmental, and Sustainability concepts listed in the LEED Green Building Rating System that are reasonable and feasible into the development and procurement of their projects.

The Department of General Services, Division of Engineering and Buildings, encourages that LEED sustainable development concepts and principles be considered in the planning, programming, design, construction, operation and maintenance, sustainment, restoration, and modernization of all Capital Projects to the extent such concepts are feasible, reasonable and consistent with its mission, program, functionality, project budget, the Uniform Statewide Building Code, the DEB Building Standards in the CPSM, the Governor's Executive Orders and policies, and the intent of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§2,2-4300 et seq, Code of Virginia, as revised).

The USGBC LEED Green Building Rating System (<http://www.leadbuilding.org>) may be useful as a tool in identifying sustainable development principles and evaluating sustainability achieved thru the planning, design and construction process.

LEED Certification is an expense over and above the normal first cost of the project development. Agencies and Designers are encouraged to incorporate LEED energy, environmental and sustainability concepts into its projects. Pursuing the actual LEED Certification of the project and all associated expenses are left to the discretion of the Agency.