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U.S. Green Building Council Announces Nevada is Sixth State in the Nation for LEED Green Building in 2016

Washington, D.C. — (Jan 25, 2017) — Today, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) released its national ranking of the top states in the country for LEED green building and Nevada is the sixth state in the nation for 2016. The annual list highlights states throughout the country that made significant strides in sustainable building design, construction and transformation over the past year. With a total of 22 LEED certified projects representing 2.37 square feet of certified space per resident, Nevada is leading the charge in the green building movement in the United States.

"Nevada has been a phenomenal trailblazer in green building and LEED certifications and is leading the way toward a more sustainable future for generations to come," said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO of USGBC. "The success of LEED could not happen without support from states like Nevada that believe in being environmentally and socially responsible and have committed to transforming the built environment. With each new LEED certification, we are lowering carbon emissions, creating a healthier environment, driving economic growth and prioritizing sustainable practices that will positively impact the way residents, communities and cities live, work and play."

According to USGBC's 2015 Green Building Economic Impact Study, LEED construction is projected to support 434,000 total jobs in Nevada and have a total impact on the GDP of \$37.95 billion from 2015-2018.

"Nevada's inclusion in the top 10 states for LEED is a continuing indicator of our state's imperative to create healthier, high-performing buildings that are better for the environment and the people who use them every day," said Jeneane Harter, director of community, USGBC Nevada. "We're proud of the green building sector's contributions not only as a job creator, but its long-term investment in human and environmental health across our state, region and country."

Now in its seventh year, the ranking assesses the total square feet of LEED-certified space per resident based on U.S. Census data and includes commercial and institutional green building projects certified during 2016. The full ranking is as follows:

2016 Top 10 State for LEED				
Rank	State	Certified Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Per-capita Certified GSF	Total No. Projects
1	MA*	24,398,765	3.73	136
2	CO*	15,921,457	3.17	92
3	IL*	36,188,485	2.82	151
4	NY	48,405,204	2.5	211



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5	CA*	88,891,641	2.39	632
6	NV*	6,397,602	2.37	22
7	MD*	13,426,623	2.33	104
8	VA*	18,444,309	2.31	155
9	WA*	15,103,478	2.25	105
10	TX*	41,942,393	1.67	211
**	DC	17,476,447	29.04	120

**Included in 2015 Top 10 States for LEED list*

***Washington, D.C. is not ranked as it is a federal district, not a state*

A few notable projects that certified in Nevada in 2016 include:

- Sands Expo and Congress Center; LEED Gold
- Las Vegas Corporate Center Bldg 20 LVCC; LEED Gold
- Peavine Hall - University of Nevada Reno; LEED Gold

Collectively, 1,819 commercial and institutional projects achieved LEED certification within the Top 10 States for LEED in 2016, representing 309.12 gross square feet of real estate. Across the United States, 3,366 projects were certified in 2016, representing 470.39 million square feet.

The LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction, maintenance and operations of green buildings. More than 59,000 commercial, neighborhood and residential projects are currently LEED certified, comprising more than 6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 164 countries and territories globally.

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About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual [Greenbuild International Conference & Expo](#), the [Center for Green Schools](#) and [advocacy](#) in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).