

# Communication to the City Council



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On July 8, 2005, Mayor Anderson signed an Executive Order requiring that City-owned new buildings and major renovation projects be built using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) rating system prepared by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

The purpose of our presentation to the City Council is to provide background for the Mayor's initiative and to familiarize Councilmembers with the key terminology and issues involved. We will discuss the following topics:

- What it means to be "green"
- What LEED® is
- Why LEED® was created
- Who the USGBC is
- What the LEED® rating system is
- LEED® certification
- Economic benefits of building to LEED® certification
- Environmental benefits of building to LEED® certification
- Social benefits of building to LEED® certification
- The natural fit of LEED® certification with the City's Master Plans, policies, and programs
- LEED-NC® in the USA
- Key challenges to implementation

- Key opportunities on implementation
- Additional costs of building green
- Salt Lake City's High Performance Building Initiative
- LEED® certified projects in Utah