



As our society's environmental awareness increases, the impacts of human activity are now better understood and can be more accurately quantified. Particularly in the construction industry, it is important to consider the effects that new buildings, roadways, and other improvement projects have on their surrounding habitats and natural environments.

The Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, LEED® Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Buildings that meet or exceed the standards outlined in the LEED Rating System can pursue LEED certification ranging from "Certified" through "Platinum" depending on the amount of energy and environmental credits achieved.

The team at Harris Architects is experienced in the LEED process and our in-house LEED Accredited Professional (AP) staff can provide customized LEED services for your project. Whether you're looking to investigate environmentally responsible building design ideas or desire full LEED AP services for registration and certification of a facility, the team at Harris Architects will work with you to implement the program of LEED criteria to achieve your facility's energy and environmental goals.

There are many benefits to pursuing LEED certification for a project:

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| Environmental Impact: | Reduce adverse impact to the project site and surrounding habitats both during construction and throughout the life of the building. |
| Indoor Air Quality: | Create a safer, healthier, and more productive environment for employees, clients, and visitors. |
| Life Cycle Costs: | Dramatically reduce energy usage and, therefore, energy costs over the lifespan of the facility. |
| Industry Leadership: | Lead your industry by setting an example for environmentally responsible facility design and construction. |
| Marketing/Advertising: | Send the right message to potential clients, tenants, employees, and peer companies, through your facility's status as a LEED certified building. |
| Grants & Reimbursements: | Earn provisions for grants, tax incentives, etc. from many state and local governments for implementing green design initiatives. |

