
Illinois is the Nation's Top Green Building State

U.S. Green Building Council Ranks Illinois #1 in the Sustainable Building Design Movement



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The U.S. Green Building Council has ranked Illinois number one among all 50 states in the sustainable building design movement. Illinois has more than 29 million square feet of certified green buildings, or 2.29 square feet for every resident.

“Both the public and private sectors in Illinois recognize that long-term investments in 21st century infrastructure should be done in ways that reduce energy consumption and protect the environment,” Governor Quinn said. “Illinois is proud to be the nation’s green buildings leader, and we are proof that a smaller environmental footprint can help us step toward energy independence.”

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) ranking of the Top 10 States for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) highlights the regions around the country that are at the forefront of the movement for sustainable building design, construction and operation. Utilizing less energy and water, LEED-certified spaces save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce carbon emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment.

A few notable projects that certified in Illinois in 2013 include:

- The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, LEED Gold
- Choices Mental Health Facility in Ottawa, LEED Platinum
- 300 North LaSalle, a 57-story, 1.3 million-square-foot tower in Chicago developed and managed by USGBC Platinum Member Hines, LEED Platinum
- The Caterpillar Visitors Center in Peoria, LEED Gold
- Engine Company 16 in Chicago, LEED Platinum
- Lincoln Hall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, LEED Platinum
- Powell Elementary School in Chicago, LEED Gold

- Lincoln Land Community College Workforce Development Center in Springfield, LEED Silver

Learn more at www.usgbc.org/LEED