

S. Richard Fedrizzi

Rick Fedrizzi, founding chair of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in 1993, was appointed President & CEO of the rapidly growing organization in April 2004. Under his leadership, USGBC has undertaken a far-reaching agenda that has tripled its membership, broadened its influence, and cemented its role as a leadership voice in the global sustainability movement.

A cornerstone of that agenda has been USGBC's internationally recognized LEED green building certification program. The growth of LEED has led to more than 151,000 individuals earning either the LEED AP or LEED Green Associate professional credential.

Under Rick's leadership, collaborative initiatives that have come to fruition include work with the Clinton Climate Initiative on the C40 Cities Program and the Climate Positive Development Program, the International Codes Council, AIA, ASHRAE, ASID, ASLA, BOMA and IFMA. In September 2010 the Center for Green Schools at USGBC launched. Also in 2010, Rick became an Advisory Board Member with the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School. Rick frequently engages the U.S. Conference of Mayors, White House and Hill staff, and others in promoting green building through public policy at the local, state and federal levels. A widely sought-after speaker, Rick gives more than 100 speeches and presentations a year.

Before his appointment, Rick was founder and president of Green-Think, an environmentally focused marketing and communications consulting firm. Rick founded Green-Think after a distinguished 25-year career at United Technologies Corporation (UTC), where he served as an in-house environmental marketing consultant. He serves on numerous boards and advisory forums, including the board of the Green Building Certification Institute. He has won several awards, including most recently the Charles H. Percy Award for Public Service from the Alliance to Save Energy.