

# Comparison of Sustainability Rating Systems

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## ABSTRACT

There are many reasons to pursue certification under the various sustainability rating systems now available to projects worldwide. Achieving certification should result in a “better” building in terms of energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, wellness of occupants, or reduced environmental impact. Building owners and project teams recognize these tangible benefits, but may also see advantages in property valuations, recruiting and staff retention, and branding.

This seminar will provide an overview of several sustainability rating systems including LEED, Green Globes, Enterprise Green Communities, ASHRAE BEQ, WELL Buildings, Energy Star, BOMA 360, BREEM, and others. Information will be provided regarding rating system criteria, applicability to project types, timeframe, renewal requirements and costs. An example of a certification compliance path for a sample project under multiple rating systems will be presented.

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