



RI CHAPTER

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RI Green Building Council Member Benefits

Chapter membership provides a full range of benefits locally and through its association with the US Green Building Council.

Member Meetings and Networking Opportunities

Attend the chapter's regular get-togethers that provide golden opportunities to discuss common problems and solutions for the industry *and* shape the future of green building in the state. A featured guest speaker or informative program is often planned to ensure an educational, interesting, and entertaining event. Build your business through referrals while cultivating relationships in person or as part of the chapter's online community.

Education and Certification

Take advantage of a wide variety of green building seminars, including USGBC LEED workshops and professional certification programs. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – it is the moniker for the USGBC's suite of comprehensive green building standards and rating systems, embraced by industry leaders worldwide. To many professional practitioners, tradespersons and service providers, a "Green Associate" or LEED "AP" (Accredited Professional) designation is a valuable credential.

The chapter also maintains a strong commitment to less formal, affordable training opportunities to build a skilled and qualified work force. Seminars and training opportunities offered in various forums provide for further education and exchange of ideas.

Virtual Green Resources Center

The chapter continually works to educate the consumer about the benefits of using green building products and practices *and* hiring experienced design and construction professionals as part of an "integrated design" process. Through our website, access green product databases and lists of local service providers in green industries to facilitate project planning.

Quarterly E-Newsletter

Keep current on what's happening in the green industry, both on a local level and nationally. Chapter members will receive an e-newsletter four times per year as well as important alerts and updates.

Special Discounts

Receive discounts off the price of educational seminars, LEED exam prep study sessions, special events *and* 25% off BuildingGreen.com's suite of green building publications and product databases available both in print media and online.

Awards Program

Be formally recognized for excellence in leadership *and/or* green building projects at the annual, year-end members' meeting.

Advocacy & Government Relations

Have your voice heard by chapter members who work collaboratively with other organizations to keep state and federal legislators informed on the merits of green building and to advance green building practices in the state. Take advantage of relationships the chapter maintains with local charitable organizations as well as the federal delegation to keep you abreast of potential funding streams for green building projects.

Marketing Opportunities

Enhance your public relations image by noting your membership in the chapter in marketing collateral. Taking part in committees, outreach efforts or volunteering on the speakers' bureau provides even greater exposure for you and your company. Your affiliation with the chapter is an asset, as the US Green Building Council is an established, recognizable and reputable "brand".

Notes:

Please be advised that Chapter member benefits are distinguishable from USGBC member benefits. USGBC Membership is available only to companies and their employees which includes discounts on LEED workshops, LEED reference guides, the Greenbuild Conference and more. At some point, the chapter may be able to offer promotional discounts on LEED workshops to chapter members.

Membership is structured on a rolling basis and will soon be administered wholly through the chapter.