

NMSU'S LEED RATING FOR BUILDING PROJECTS

Background /History:

- On January 16, 2006, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, signed Executive Order #2006-001 requiring all Executive Branch state agencies, including the Higher Education Department, adopt the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating System. See <http://legis.state.nm.us>
- New Mexico State University has committed to neutralizing all of the University's global warming emissions and accelerating research and education that will help stabilize the earth's climate. On April 17, 2007, NMSU President Michael Martin signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, Joining the leaders of other institutions around the country in the effort. See www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org

Policy Statement:

- In addition to complying with the Executive Order, New Mexico State University will design and construct all new building and renovation project to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) guidelines for a minimum of LEED "Silver" certification.
- New projects that are unable to achieve a minimum LEED "Silver" certification and do not involve enough changes to the buildings will still be designed and constructed using the U.S. Green Building Council's guidelines for LEED criteria as a framework for making decisions related to sustainable design. Every new construction project will be commissioned by a third party commissioning agent to ensure that the building is built as designed and operates according to the design parameters.

NMSU LEED Projects:

- NMSU LEED certified project: Alamogordo Health Sciences Center/Reidlinger Building Addition – LEED Gold
- Current NMSU projects that will seek a rating:
 - Alamogordo Southern New Mexico Advanced Technology Education Center
 - Arts Complex Phase I
 - Bookstore
 - Carlsbad Allied Health & University Transfer Center
 - Chamisa Village Phase 2

Dona Ana Community College East Mesa Center Phase 5
Dona Ana Community College East Mesa Center Phase 6 & 7
Dona Ana Community College Gadsden Center Phase 2
Dona Ana Community College Hatch Center
Football Coaches' Office Building
Gardiner Hall Renovation and Addition
Health & Social Services Building Addition
Institute for Public Policy
Native American Cultural Center

Links to Related Information:

- LEED standards and certification and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC):
www.usgbc.org
- Learn more about how NMSU is green:
<http://sustainability.nmsu.edu/about-us.html>
- For further information please visit: <http://www.nmsu.edu>