

The Sustainable Design Guidelines are the product of the ASU Office of the University Architect with the support and participation of the Sustainable Design Advisory Committee.

ASU Sustainable Design Policy

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Arizona State University (ASU) is committed to leadership in sustainability education, research, operations, and outreach. With a growing recognition of the value and importance of sustainable buildings, communities, and campuses, and participation in the *American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment*,¹ ASU is seeking to implement sustainable practices in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of all university facilities.

To assist in meeting this goal, a set of Sustainable Design Guidelines² has been developed for new construction and major renovation³ projects on all ASU campuses. Design Professionals, Contractors, and third party Developers of ASU projects shall be required to incorporate the guidelines into their projects. The Sustainable Design Advisory Committee⁴ (SDAC) will review all projects for compliance with the guidelines, work with the project team to maximize sustainability opportunities, and provide a summary report to the CFO. Where applicable, a Return on Investment (ROI) analysis will be included in the review, to include environmental, economic and social costs and benefits.

The guidelines provide direction in working toward the university's goals of carbon neutrality, zero waste, active engagement and principled practice in the planning, design, construction, remodeling, operations and maintenance of ASU facilities. The guidelines address the following areas:

- Programming & Design
- Site Planning & Development
- Energy Use & Conservation
- Water & Wastewater
- Construction & Finish Materials
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Operations & Maintenance
- Building Education

The ability to achieve ASU's sustainability goals as delineated in the guidelines shall be a significant factor in the selection of Design Professionals, Contractors and Developers for ASU work.

¹ ASU President, Dr. Michael Crow, is co-chair of the *American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment* (ACUPCC) Steering Committee. ASU is in the process of developing its Climate Action Plan (to be submitted by Fall 2009).

² The ASU Sustainable Design Guidelines were developed and will be periodically updated by the ASU Office of the University Architect (OUA) and the Sustainable Design Advisory Committee (SDAC).

³ Major renovation is defined by The Arizona Board of Regents as projects over \$5,000,000.

⁴ The Sustainable Design Advisory Committee consists of professionals, academics, and students from across the university in disciplines related to sustainable design and construction (architecture, construction, facilities management, business, and sustainability).