



Policy Title: Interim University of Arizona Sustainable Building Policy

Approved By: President Shelton

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Policy Statement

The University of Arizona Sustainable Building Policy specifies that all new facilities over 5,000 gross square feet and major capital renovations costing more than 50% of building replacement value are expected to incorporate measures that would allow them to be certified at the LEED Silver level. Pursuit of formal certification is at the discretion of The University. Adaptive reuse and renovation projects for temporary facilities, those we anticipate having less than ten years of use, under 10,000 square feet are exempt from this policy however sustainable elements and practices will be incorporated as may be practicable.

Background

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a standardized, nationally-accepted system for certifying the sustainability of design, construction, and operations of buildings. The LEED rating system assesses these components and awards points based on the level of sustainability:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy & Atmosphere
- Materials & Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Innovation & Design Process

LEED has a four-level, certified rating system based on buildings' sustainability scores: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Certified.