

**APPROVAL OF POLICY ON LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
DESIGN (LEED) CERTIFICATION FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND MAJOR
RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS the University has demonstrated leadership in certain environmental areas including energy and water conservation, storm water management, recycling, and public transportation;

WHEREAS it is time to move our commitment to sustainability forward to incorporate the design of new buildings and major renovations;

RESOLVED that all major new and renovation building projects that come before the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors after January 1, 2007, shall be designed and constructed consistent with the performance standards of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system and shall achieve, unless extraordinary circumstances apply, a minimum of a LEED Certified rating upon completion.

NOTE: The LEED requirement is applicable to projects that receive Schematic Design Approval after January 1, 2007.

NOTE: As noted on the benchmark cost matrix a LEEDS budget add of 1.5% above the total project cost is to be used in setting the initial capital project budget.