

Saint Paul RiverCentre – Xcel Energy Center

SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATIONS



LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green building certification program administered through the US Green Building Council. First launched in 1998, it is currently seen as the predominant environmental certification in the United States. LEED certification recognizes best-in-class building strategies and operational practices. Less than 1% of all commercial building in the US achieves LEED certification, and only 15% of those buildings are certified as existing buildings. To achieve LEED certification, a building project must first satisfy several prerequisites to qualify and then earn points to achieve one of 4 possible levels of certification.

Credit Categories: Sustainable Sites; Water Efficiency; Energy & Atmosphere; Materials & Resources; Indoor Environmental Quality; Innovation in Operations

Level Awarded: LEED Certified as an Existing Building for Operations & Maintenance



Green Globes is a green building rating and certification tool used primarily in the USA. The tool itself was developed in 2000 by Energy and Environment Canada, and a version of it is administered in Canada by BOMA (Building Operators and Managers Association). In 2004, the Green Building Initiative launched an independent version of Green Globes for the United States, achieving accreditation through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Green Globes assesses the sustainability of facility operations across six topics, using a combination of online tools and on-site auditing. The result is a score on a thousand-point scale, which determines a final rating between 1 and 4 "Globes."

Credit Categories: Energy; Water; Resources; Emissions, Effluents & Pollution Controls; Indoor Environment; Environmental Management Systems

Level Awarded: Three Globes for Continuous Improvement of Existing Buildings (CIEB)



APEX/ASTM is an environmental certification specifically designed for the unique issues of the events and meetings industry. The standards, which span a range of nine event services categories, were developed in partnership with the Green Meetings Industry Council, the APEX (Accepted Practices Exchange) and ASTM International. Using a third party to verify whether a venue meets all required criteria, this certification is evaluated as compliant or non-compliant; pass or fail.

Credit Categories: Staff Management; Communications; Waste Management; Energy; Air Quality; Water; Procurement; Community Partners

Level Award: Certified Level 2 as Venues for Environmentally Sustainable Events