

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 and Green Business Certification Inc. First launched in 1998, LEED is currently seen as the predominant environmental certification in the United States. LEED recognizes best-in-class building strategies and operational practices. To achieve LEED certification, a building project must meet several prerequisites and then earn points to achieve one of 4 possible levels of certification, the highest level being LEED Platinum. In late 2016, GBCI introduced the ARC platform, an online tool to benchmark and monitor sustainability across the main performance categories of LEED. ARC can now be used to re-certify buildings that have been previously LEED-certified, by generating a performance score on a scale of 1-100 that corresponds to the 4 levels of LEED.

Credit Categories in ARC: Energy, Water, Waste, Transportation, Human Experience

Level Awarded: LEED Platinum 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 for compliance on a scale of Level 1 through Level 4.

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