

2017 LEED Committee Call for Volunteers: The Basics

What LEED Committees are open to applications?

- LEED Advisory Committee (LAC)
- LEED Technical Committee
- Energy and Atmosphere Technical Advisory Group (EA TAG)
- Indoor Environmental Quality Technical Advisory Group (EQ TAG)
- Location and Planning Technical Advisory Group (LP TAG)
- Materials and Resources Technical Advisory Group (MR TAG)
- Sustainable Sites Technical Advisory Group (SS TAG)
- Water Efficiency Technical Advisory Group (WE TAG)

Each group seeks new members with specific areas of expertise; see the [USGBC Volunteer Opportunities page](#) for more information.

When is the 2017 LEED Committees Call for Volunteers taking place?

USGBC will accept self-nominations from qualified applicants from June 1 until August 31 at 5pm PST. Submit your self-nomination on the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) on usgbc.org.

Who are LEED Committee volunteers?

LEED committee volunteers collaborate with USGBC and GBCI staff in the development, implementation, and maintenance of the LEED rating system as a leadership tool. Volunteers provide technical knowledge and expertise to improve the rating system and support its application in the green building market.

LEED Committee volunteers are smart, dedicated individuals who work in the public and private sectors, and in myriad industries – including some industries that are not always closely linked with the built environment. Volunteers serving on these committees might come from the fields of architecture, engineering, public health and medicine, academia, consulting, real estate, finance, general contracting, urban planning, manufacturing, environmental science, or government, among others. At present, there are LEED Committee volunteers located in 14 countries around the world.

Can anyone apply to serve on LEED Committees?

All volunteers must be employed by a [USGBC member organization](#) to receive appointment to a LEED committee, and be able to commit to the following: attend 1-2 committee calls per month; review offline materials and conduct technical work of approximately 2-3 hours per call; and participate in additional calls as necessary.

Why volunteer for LEED Committees?

Benefits of serving on LEED Committees include:

- Contribute to the technical development of the LEED rating system
- Expand professional network
- Learn from other committee members
- Maintain professional credentials (volunteers may report up to 50% of hours served on LEED Committees to GBCI)
- Name listed on the [LEED Committees webpage](#) on usgbc.org
- Potential access to LEED rating system supporting tools and resources
- Potential opportunity to serve in a committee officer position (chair or vice-chair)

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How does the Call for Volunteers work?

USGBC opens a LEED Committees Call for Volunteers annually. Each Call for Volunteers is posted on the [Volunteer Opportunities page](#) on usgbc.org and is open for at least 30 days to qualified applicants employed by USGBC member organizations.

The goal for each Call for Volunteers is to ensure that committee membership encompasses diverse areas of expertise and represents a variety of perspectives from the industries that can inform LEED. Thus, when USGBC opens a Call for Volunteers, each committee accepting applications seeks applicants with specific areas of expertise to supplement the current members' knowledge and experience.

When the Call for Volunteers closes, LEED committee volunteers and USGBC staff work together to review all applications, identify qualified candidates, and build consensus in the selection of new members. Candidates whose applications garner the most support among committee members and staff are passed to the LEED Steering Committee for review and recommendation, and then to the USGBC Board of Directors for review and appointment.

