

# Recertification



## Enhanced operational efficiency

When you make an investment to achieve LEED® certification, you want to ensure the improvements deliver the promised benefits. To maximize the full value and benefit of a Green building, continuous monitoring and reporting are necessary. This requires on-going data collection, analysis and management of the improvements. Many voluntary standards like LEED, Green Globes and ENERGY STAR® continue to evolve and some require periodic recertification to retain the use of the designation.

### OUR SOLUTIONS

Each building's Green strategy is unique. Transwestern delivers customized, robust recertification services that reflect each client and building's needs. The results are independent and credible. Uninterrupted data collection and reporting allows stakeholders to make informed judgments about a building's performance as it compares to expectations and specifications.

To retain the occupant experience, the energy efficiency and the reduced environmental impact of your building, Transwestern delivers the following:

- Easy to use tools that help capture data and documentation.
- Accurate analysis of the information captured.
- Identification of gaps between information captured and information required by rating standards.
- Assessment of the overall information completeness, quality, clarity, timeliness and consistency.
- Analysis and summary reporting of data and documentation.
- Identification of additional improvement opportunities or performance discrepancies.
- Recommendations for building management or ownership.
- Archival of reporting for rating submission.

### WHY TRANSWESTERN?

Transwestern remains an undisputed leader in sustainability. We are a dedicated group that helps clients achieve Green certification. Through our partnership with the USGBC and ENERGY STAR, we have the tools and the team to make sustainability goals a reality. Achieving and surpassing client goals is the core of our business.

### CASE STUDY

#### CAPITAL GATEWAY Bethesda, MD



Capital Gateway located Bethesda, Maryland received silver LEED certification under the new LEED for Existing Buildings: Operating & Maintenance program.

- Low cost operational adjustments made to the project included:
  - Green cleaning and building recycling programs, Green pest control, Green landscaping procedures, as well as improvements to exceed indoor air quality standards and improve water efficiency.
  - Reduced equipment run time - **\$120,000 annual savings**. Cost: \$0, Payback: Immediate
- Variable frequency drive project - **\$17,500 annual savings**. Cost: \$50,000, Payback: 2.86 years
- Lighting and lighting control - **\$40,000 annual savings**. Cost: \$15,000, Payback: 4.5 months
- Air balancing - **\$11,700 annual savings**. Cost: \$6,000 Payback: 6.1 months
- Faucet aerators - **\$4,000 annual savings**. Cost: \$215 Payback: 14.2 days