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New USGBC Report Shows Up to 150,000 Green Housing Units Now Certified Under LEED

LEED in Motion: Residential demonstrates broad growth in sustainable home demand

Washington, D.C. — (June 19, 2014) —The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) now estimates that there are as many as 150,000 LEED-certified green housing units worldwide. This growth more than doubled between 2011 and 2012 and continues to increase steadily.

These figures are revealed in a new report, [*LEED in Motion: Residential*](#), released today by USGBC. *LEED in Motion: Residential* is the latest in USGBC's popular series of *LEED in Motion* reports, designed to equip readers with the insight and knowledge to understand LEED, the world's most widely used and recognized green building rating system, and to make the case for sustainable building practices worldwide.

The report comes out in time for summer, when many individuals and families are bracing for higher energy bills. LEED-certified homes provide 20 to 30 percent savings in energy and water use, as compared to code-built homes, maximize fresh air indoors and minimize exposure to airborne toxins and pollutants.

The report also details the top 10 countries and top 10 states in the U.S. with the most LEED-certified residential units. California is ranked first followed by Texas and New York for numbers two and three, respectively.

"Our homes are more than just spaces that provide shelter," said Rick Fedrizzi, president, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. "As the built spaces that touch practically every aspect of our lives, homes are a critical element of our overall sense of safety, identity and community. Lessons are learned at home, and enhancing our homes' efficiency, health and resilience offers an extraordinary opportunity to foment a revolution in sustainable building and living practices that will ripple outward. As demonstrated in *LEED in Motion: Residential*, this movement is already well under way."

LEED in Motion: Residential includes a number of features demonstrating the widespread momentum in green residential building, including interviews with green building thought leaders and green home project profiles that highlight successful strategies and outcomes. Steve Saunders, CEO of TexEnergy Solutions, a LEED for Homes Provider organization, outlines key aspects of the green residential movement in a Q&A within the report.

"The continuation and expansion of green homebuilding as part of the sustainability movement is an inevitable mega trend," stated Saunders. "The movement is picking up speed and momentum every day."

LEED in Motion: Residential is currently available as a [free download](#) on the USGBC website.

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