First Look: LEED v4 online learning component

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This article is part of a series that USGBC is using to give the LEED community a first look at the tools and resources we've developed to support those using LEED.

Continuous improvement is a concept that goes beyond the technical requirements. We also apply it to the program as a whole. In the case of the LEED Online forms that teams use to document compliance with LEED credits, this meant streamlining, simplifying and clarifying. Our work paid off, and resulted in fewer forms overall and a design that was geared not only toward collecting information, but doing it in a way that saves time for project teams.

Web-based tools

The LEED credit library, launched last June, is a centralized hub for all LEED credit information, including language and applicable resources. Later this year, when we release the LEED v4 reference guides, there will be some very noticeable upgrades. In addition to the traditional hard copy and digital versions, a web-based version of the LEED v4 reference guides that is built into the credit library will be avialable for purchase. This new format combines all of the information that's available in the traditional versions of the guides with all of the benefits of the fully searchable credit library. It will also give project teams access to a new set of modules developed specifically to supplement the reference guide content, including interactive videos, tutorials, presentations and documents.

The video attached is an example from the web-based version of the LEED Reference Guide for Green Building Design and Construction.

Over time, we'll continue to add content to the web-based reference guides, creating a continually growing body of knowledge in one convenient location.

Stay tuned for more previews related to LEED v4. Next week, in our final article, we'll look at the printed and digital versions of the LEED v4 reference guides. Have questions? Learn more about LEED v4 or email us.

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The web-based reference system is a plus for centralizing the information source, as long as it is accessible and affordable...

Megan Perzichilli Conrad 2 years 23 weeks ago

The online tutorials will be extremely helpful!

Loren Aiton 2 years 25 weeks ago

Associate, Architect, LEED AP BD+C, TETER, LLP

The web based version of the reference guide sounds very useful. One question comes up is usability from mobile devices, smart phones, tablets, etc. In the past USGBC content has not played well on many mobile devices, especially Apple devices, iPhone, iPad due to their not supporting Adobe Flash. Will this new online suite work on tablets, etc.?

Melanie Share 1 year 38 weeks ago

Project Manager, Education Platforms, U.S. Green Building Council

HI Loren - My apologies for the delayed response. All the files within the web-based reference guide will be compatible with apple devices (no more flash files). Thanks for your interest!

Danny Peng 2 years 25 weeks ago

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Thanks for the information!

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