

August 22, 2007

The Chapter Steering Committee
U.S. Green Building Council
1015 18th Street NW, Suite 805
Washington, DC 20036

To the Chapter Steering Committee,

We are pleased to submit this letter of intent to form a Central Ohio Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. We have received and read the Chapter Guidelines and are prepared to abide by them.

As home to the State capitol, the central Ohio region has a strong University, Government, Research, Healthcare and Insurance presence. Hence, this formation effort involves members from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio School Facilities Commission, central Ohio's educational systems, C-Tec (Licking County vocational school), City of Columbus and the Columbus Green Building Forum. The goal is to create a basis for a robust chapter locally by having prominent leaders in the community who have a keen interest in adopting LEED into their projects.

The State of Ohio is considering use of the LEED rating system as the framework for evaluating energy performance for all buildings owned and constructed by the State. The Ohio School Facilities Commission is considering adopting LEED Gold criteria for school facilities embarking on new construction.

The role of the Columbus Green Building Forum, a local nonprofit promoting sustainable practices in the region, is to send a strong market signal in the building community to support a local presence for USGBC. Since 2003, CGBF has built a ground swell of interest in LEED related development.

To promote diversity within the local Chapter, our Organizing Group has already established relationships with companies and organizations in all USGBC membership categories and will involve them in the chapter development process. Our goal is to foster a statewide policy on green development by mobilizing governmental agencies located in central Ohio towards environmental responsibility.

The following USGBC members are part of the leadership team:

Lane Beougher, State Architect's Office, Ohio Department of Administrative Services - State Agency Category

Rick Orr, Director of facilities at C-Tec - Building Owner & Facilities Category

Aparna Dial, Director, Ohio State University's office of sustainable development - University category

Franklin Brown, Planning Director, Ohio School Facilities Commission - State agency category

Meera Parthasarathy, Columbus Green Building Forum - Environmental non-profit category

Kate Harkin, Director, Central Ohio P-16 Initiative - Education category

Gregory Faulkner, Construction and Facilities Management, City of Columbus

Lisa Frasure, Innerspace Interiors - Professional firm category

Bret Mears, Manager, Shaw Contract Group - Product manufacturer category

(Added 9/27/07) per USGBC's suggestion to expand to 13:

Marcia Conrad, Moody Nolan - Professional firm category

Jack Rosati, Bricker & Eckler – Law firm

Vinnie Tremante, Williams Creek Consulting - Professional firm category

Sophia Corna, Corna & Kokosing – Contractors & Builders)

We look forward to your acceptance of our Letter of Intent.

Sincerely,
Meera Parthasarathy
Chapter Leader

Columbus Green Building Forum