

## Georgia World Congress Center Recertified with Prestigious LEED Green Building Certification

(ATLANTA, October 25, 2022) – Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA) today announced it received LEED Gold recertification for Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Developed by USGBC, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and an international symbol of excellence. Through design, construction, and operations practices that improve environmental and human health, LEED-certified buildings are helping to make the world more sustainable. GWCC was originally certified as LEED Silver in 2014, making it the largest LEED certified convention center in the world. This is GWCC’s second recertification to LEED Gold status; the first being in November 2017.

“Achieving recertification is a testament to our commitment to not only sustainable events and facilities on our championship campus, but to serving as a benchmark for transforming the industry,” said Frank Poe, executive director of Georgia World Congress Center Authority. “GWCC anchors the greenest convention, sports, and entertainment destination in the world with Mercedes-Benz Stadium, State Farm Arena, College Football Hall of Fame, and several attractions within the hospitality corridor who are committed to creating a compelling guest experience on all fronts.”

GWCC achieved LEED recertification for its commitment to implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions in areas including sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. Green buildings allow companies to operate more sustainably and give the people inside them a healthier, more comfortable space to work.

“Achieving LEED certification is more than just implementing sustainable practices. It represents a commitment to making the world a better place and influencing others to do better,” said Peter Templeton, president and CEO, USGBC. “Given the extraordinary importance of climate protection and the central role buildings play in that effort, Georgia World Congress Center is creating a path forward through their LEED certification.”

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**About Georgia World Congress Center Authority**

Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA), a key driver for Georgia's economy, is the largest combined convention, sports, and entertainment campus in North America. Established in 1971, the GWCCA campus includes Georgia World Congress Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and opening in late 2023, Signia by Hilton Atlanta. To learn more about the No. 1 convention, sports, and entertainment destination in the world, visit [www.gwcca.org](http://www.gwcca.org).

**About the U.S. Green Building Council**

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a healthy, resilient, and equitable future for all through the development of green buildings, cities and communities. For more than 20 years, USGBC has been advancing green building practices through the development of LEED, the world's most widely used green building program. With the support of thousands of members, volunteers and partners, USGBC provides robust green building education courses, a rigorous professional credentialing program, and advocates for effective public policies. It convenes an international network of green building and sustainability leaders through the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, and forward-thinking programs, including the Center for Green Schools. For more information, visit [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org) and connect on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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