

## **Sustainable Practices at the Oregon Convention Center**

In 2008, the US Green Building Council recertified the Oregon Convention Center LEED® for Existing Buildings at the Silver rating level. The process of becoming LEED® certified includes rigorous tracking and documentation of the facility's sustainable policies and operations. The following information identifies the criteria for which the LEED® certification is based and other sustainable practices at OCC. It can be used to help event planners complete documentation such as green meeting checklists.

### Sustainable Site

- ✓ Situated in a high density area – close to mass transit, pedestrian/bicycle routes, business and urban residential districts
- ✓ Alternative transportation options readily available for visitors and staff – OCC has monitored bicycle parking and is within 1 block of 16 transit routes
- ✓ OCC participates in the TriMet Passport Program providing annual transit passes for staff to encourage transit use
- ✓ Rain garden – innovative design recognized for responsible stormwater management and habitat protection
- ✓ Salmon Safe certification for practices that help preserve salmon habitat and keep the Willamette River clean
- ✓ Integrated pest management practices
- ✓ Heat island reduction achieved with reflective roof on expansion and exterior landscaping design
- ✓ Active Green Team with members representing each department at OCC
- ✓ Sustainability Coordinator on staff
- ✓ Ongoing training for staff and educational outreach for visitors
- ✓ Staff and leadership committed to sustainable business practices
- ✓ Measurable impacts of sustainability efforts

### Water Efficiency

- ✓ Efficient fixtures in restrooms, including dual flush valves and sensor faucets
- ✓ Submetering for domestic and irrigation water uses
- ✓ Identified leaks are fixed promptly
- ✓ Use of native plants to reduce irrigation requirements
- ✓ Efficient landscape irrigation practices

### Energy & Atmosphere

- ✓ Energy use is 25% better than the average for similar facilities in our region
- ✓ Energy efficient lighting and operation practices – minimal levels during set-up/tear down and non-event hours, utilize daylighting in lobbies
- ✓ Energy efficient HVAC management with building automation system
- ✓ Employ preventative maintenance program
- ✓ No use of CFC-based refrigerants in HVAC building systems
- ✓ Renewable energy – green power purchases through energy utilities
- ✓ Use Energy Star® equipment where possible (kitchen and office applications)
- ✓ Office energy policy in place

### Materials & Resources

- ✓ Sustainable purchasing policy
- ✓ Purchase of 100% recycled paper towels and bath tissue from local manufacturer
- ✓ Purchase of recycled office paper
- ✓ Extensive solid waste management and recycling program, including office and newspaper, plastic, cans, glass, organic material (food/yard debris), cardboard, wood, metals, vinyl tablecloths, plastic shrink wrap, and magazines.
- ✓ Diversion rate of 43.6% in 2007-2008
- ✓ Annual waste audits conducted
- ✓ Food waste composting system in place for kitchen and post-consumer waste
- ✓ Food donation program with local community organization

### Indoor Environmental Quality

- ✓ Purchase and use of green cleaning supplies (Green Seal)
- ✓ No smoking policy inside facility and 25 feet from building entrances, operable windows, and air intakes
- ✓ Fuel engines not allowed to idle in loading dock
- ✓ Maintain standard ASHRAE ventilation requirements

### Food & Beverage

- ✓ Use of durable service items – silverware, linens, plates, glassware
- ✓ Use of bulk condiments in concessions
- ✓ Purchase of local, seasonal products when possible
- ✓ Water coolers and pitchers/glassware available for event use as an alternative to bottled water
- ✓ Special dietary options available (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc)
- ✓ Organic, free-range, fair trade options available
- ✓ Box lunch packaging is compostable
- ✓ Sustainability Stations are available for events to maximize recycling and composting

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