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level® Certified Products Qualify for LEED Points

CHICAGO, Illinois – The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has developed and issued a new Pilot Credit for Certified Products (including level certified products). The LEED "Pilot Credit 43: MR - Certified Products" was posted to the LEED Pilot Credit Library on June 15 according to Sarah Buffaloe of USGBC, speaking at the Annual Meeting of the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) International during the NeoCon® World's Trade Fair.

The credit outlines the future of certified products in LEED and, for the first time recognizes the level® Certification Program for furniture sustainability. The Pilot Credit contains an initial list of certifications that would contribute to various Label/EPD claims. The credit was developed with input from several experts including the EQ subgroup, MR TAG, USGBC staff, and others. It is available for use now and can be viewed in its entirety at the following link:

<http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=9541>

BIFMA congratulates the USGBC on this forward thinking move and looks forward to working with product manufacturers and project teams to help make it a truly significant advancement.

About BIFMA International: The mission of the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) International is to lead, advocate, inform and develop standards for the North American office and institutional furniture industry. The association serves businesses that are primarily engaged in design, development, marketing and fulfillment of office and institutional furniture products. BIFMA develops voluntary product and industry standards that support safe, healthy and sustainable environments; publishes key industry statistics; advocates for legislation and government regulation that has a direct impact on the health of the industry; and facilitates meaningful dialog and education to support the core services of the industry.

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