

# Green Building Update

## The Latest on LEED

### LEED - Accreditation Changes

It was just announced that the current version of LEED for Existing Buildings is being replaced with a new version, LEED for Operations and Maintenance.

Therefore, if someone wants to be accredited as a LEED Accredited Professional under the existing LEED-EB, they have to take the exam by the end of 2008, and should have already been registered for the exam by, September 30, 2008.

For those that don't already know, in order to become an Accredited Professional you must pass one of the following three tracks:

- LEED for New Construction, version 2.2
- LEED for Commercial Interiors, version 2.0
- LEED for Existing Buildings, version 2.0 - NOW LEED for Operations and Maintenance

As of January 1, 2009 the requirements will change and go to a point system per project for accreditation. USGBC will announce LEED version 3.0, a major upgrade to all the LEED

systems. If you are accredited by December 31, 2008, as of now you will not be subject to these changes/upgrades. It has not been decided yet if there will be mandates to regulate prior accreditation's. We have partnered with several local NECA Chapters and the Alameda County Electrical Contractors Trust with the intent to inform our membership to hold informational workshops after January 1, 2009, to assist with this process change. Stay tuned for dates in your local area.

### LEED Exam Prep Class Discounts

You may use the following Corporate ID for discounted rates for the Exam Prep classes the National Office has to offer. It will also allow for discounted rates on education material.

The discount is at the NATIONAL level, and the information will change next year. We have partnered with several local NECA Chapters, and Trusts. Members must individually join the company by signing on and using the "create a site user account" feature. This can be done by visiting [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) and click "SIGN ON".  
*Nor Cal Chapter USGBC: [www.usgbc-ncc.org](http://www.usgbc-ncc.org)*

### Corporate Access ID

You must give the prospective members the Corporate Access ID and the members must individually join the company by logging on and using the "Join Company" feature in their "Company Membership" section.

**Company Name:** Electrical Contractors Trust of Alameda

**Corporate Access ID:** 2883426542134305