

## MEDIA GUIDE: LEED for Cities

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The [LEED for Cities](#) and [LEED for Communities](#) is a pilot program developed by USGBC that is revolutionizing city planning, development and operations, while also improving life for citizens around the world. Using the Arc platform, cities and communities can pursue LEED certification based on performance across 14 key metrics, including energy, water, waste, transportation, education, health & safety and equitability. Certified cities and communities range from big cities, like Washington, D.C. and Chicago to smaller communities, including Songdo, South Korea, Savona, Italy and Franklin, Tenn.

### **[LD10](#) - LEED for Cities**

Tuesday 11/13 1:00PM 179

- Understand the LEED for Cities rating system and certification process for existing and new cities and communities.
- Presenters: [Yatsal Bhatt](#), Director, Cities and Communities at the U.S. Green Building Council, [Hilari Varnadore](#), Director of LEED for Cities & Communities at the U.S. Green Building Council, [Michael Leonard](#), Managing Principal at greenSTUDIO, [Sarah Nugent](#), Sustainability Director at Steven Winter Associates, Inc.

### **[IS07](#) - LEED for Cities and Communities**

Tuesday 11/13 2:00PM 178A

- Learn how LEED for Cities is revolutionizing city and community planning, development and operations, while also improving life for people around the world.
- Presenters: [Yatsal Bhatt](#), Director, Cities and Communities at the U.S. Green Building Council, [Boming Luo](#), Chairman at Beijing New Aerotropolis Holdings Co.,LTD, [Sandra Henry](#), Chief Sustainability Officer at City of Chicago

### **[B05](#) - Building the First LEED Platinum City**

Wednesday 11/14 3:00PM 196C

- Discover how policies, laws, plans and programs combined to help Washington, DC to become the first city to achieve LEED Platinum certification.
- Presenters: [Greer Gillis](#), Director at DC Department of General Services, [Tommy Wells](#), Director at DC Department of Energy and Environment, [Kevin Bush](#), Chief Resilience Officer at Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

### **[C09](#) - Neighborhood Transformation and Smart Cities: a Community Plans for Increased Sustainability and Resiliency**

Wednesday 11/14 4:30PM 178A

- Understand predicted carbon reduction and environmental impact on the Chicago community, the city and what other projects are in the pipeline to continue this trend.
- Presenters: [Chris Wheat](#), Chief Sustainability Officer at City of Chicago, [Bill Abolt](#), Vice President, Energy at AECOM, [Michelle Blaise](#), Senior Vice President at ComEd, [Brenna Berman](#), Executive Director at City Tech Collaborative

### **[D11](#) - Frameworks for Enhancing Sustainability in Communities**

Thursday 11/15 8AM 186

- Upon completion, participant will be able to begin developing the capacities of eco-system collective leadership of the green building industry for sustainability.
- Presenters: [Kristine Argue-Mason](#), Director, Instructional Resource and Professional Development at Illinois Education Association-NEA, [Barbara Wilson](#), Director, Collaboration & Community Partnerships at Presbytery of Chicago

### **[H10](#) - Creating Partnerships Among Cities, Utilities, and Higher Ed**

Friday 11/16 9:30AM 185D

- Identify opportunities for collaboration around energy/carbon reduction goals among municipalities, utility programs and higher education institutions.
- Presenters: [Joel Freehling](#), Senior Project Manager at APTIM, [Cynthia Klein-Banai](#), Associate Chancellor for Sustainability at University of Illinois at Chicago, [Chad Bulman](#), Director of DSM Strategy at APTIM, [Camille Pollan](#), Energy Efficiency Program Manager at City of New Orleans, Office of Resilience and Sustainability