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Subject: Sustainable Design and Development (SDD) Registration and Certification

Applicability: Directive

1. The purpose of this ECB is to announce new requirements to register every Army project with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and provide guidance for certification by USGBC. The ECB has been coordinated with HQ MP PID, HQ counsel, and the OACSIM.

2. Registration:

a. Effective immediately all projects for FY09 and beyond that require achievement of Silver level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) shall be registered with USGBC. Registration of the project with USGBC allows use of 'LEED-Online' and 'LEED Letter Templates' to document and track project progress towards achieving Army SDD goals. It will also offer the additional advantage of USGBC support in credit interpretation and rulings.

b. To facilitate roll up of data by HQUSACE and others, USGBC project registrations for all Army projects shall indicate "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers" as the "Organization Name" in the "Project Owner Information" area of the registration form. The "Project Title" in the "General Project Information" area must be the same as it is shown in P2, e.g., the project number, name and year. The PDT LEED-AP (Accredited Professional) and the SDD POC from the associated Division shall be 'Project Team Members' with 'Project Team Manager' roles in LEED Online.

c. As a USGBC member, USACE registration fee is \$450.00 (at the time of this policy). USGBC membership number can be obtained by contacting any of the persons listed in this ECB. If USACE registers the project, prior to award of construction contract, appropriate Program Planning and Design (P&D) funds will be used. If the contractor registers the project after award of construction contract, the cost will be an allowable cost under the construction contract and the project funds will be used.

d. For further details on USGBC project registration see:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=65>. To register project go to:
<https://www.usgbc.org/Store/ProjectRegistration.aspx?CMSPageID=1506>

3. Management: Project will be managed using 'LEED letter templates' and 'LEED-Online'. PDT LEED-AP will monitor adequacy and compliance. Division SDD POC will perform QA and provide information to HQ as requested. For an introduction to LEED-Online, go to:
<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=277&>. Sample Templates are available

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at: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1447>. To access LEED Online go to:
<https://leedonline.usgbc.org/>

4. Certification: Recently passed Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) requires 5% of projects to be certified by an independent third party. Most Federal agencies have assumed that third party to be USGBC. HQUSACE is working with OACSIM to establish a process for meeting this requirement. In the meantime, all projects should be assumed to be good candidates for formal certification at any time during project execution or after completion should HQUSACE or DA decide to do so. For further information on certification see:

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1497>

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