

# USGBC's LEED Certification and Green Power Tomorrow - 2012



The U.S. Green Building Council administers a voluntary national certification program for buildings called the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System. Existing buildings as well as new buildings can be certified LEED. Green power purchases can earn credits toward certification for either building type.

## LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance

Through LEED EA Credit 4, On-Site and Off-Site Renewable Energy, up to 6 points can be earned by purchasing green power.

LEED-EB Points	Green Power Purchase (% of electricity use)
1	25%
2	37.5%
3	50%
4	62.5%
5	75%
6	100%

## LEED for New Construction and Major Renovations

Through LEED EA Credit 6: Green Power, two points can be earned by purchasing at least 35% of the facility's electricity needs for at least two years.

At the customer's request, MGE will provide a letter documenting our intent to provide, for the duration requested, the desired amount of green power that meets LEED's guidelines for qualifying renewable energy products.

For more information, call 252-7007 and ask for an MGE business account manager.