Council On The Environment
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

LEED™ Certification Resolution
Approved
September 15, 2003

Resolved:

That Ball State University adopt a policy requiring that:

- All future new building construction be required to meet LEED ™ Certification.
- These buildings achieve the highest possible LEED ™ ratings.
- All consulting professionals, including architects, engineers, interior designers, and other allied practitioners meet the qualifications needed to help the university achieve the highest feasible LEED ™ ratings.

Costs:

LEED ™ certification will not necessarily add to upfront costs of the professional design or construction fees and typically results in cost/savings trade-offs which can be tracked and accounted for during the "whole building" integrated design process.

Benefits:

LEED ™ certified buildings, as a rule:

- Cost less to operate
- Cause less environmental damage during construction.
- Cause less environmental damage during their lifetime of use.
- Reduce the demand for energy use in operation.
- Provide healthier user environments.
- Yield benefit through reduced absenteeism.
- Affect very productive user behavior.
- Yield highly effective cost-benefit paybacks ranging from a few months to multiple years depending on the design initiatives selected.