



# CONVENTION CENTER EARNS LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION

The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded LEED Gold Certification to the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, making it **Louisiana's largest LEED-certified project** and the 5th largest LEED-certified convention center in the United States.

## What is LEED?

- LEED = Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.
- A building rating system that provides a framework for healthy, highly efficient, green buildings.
- A globally recognized symbol of sustainability, achievement and leadership.

## LEED-certified buildings...

- Improve efficiency and save money.
- Lower carbon emissions and create healthier places for people.
- Play an important role in addressing climate change, enhancing resilience and supporting more equitable communities.



## What does LEED certification mean for the Convention Center and the community?

- It shows that the Convention Center is not only a major economic driver for the region, but also an environmental leader in the community.
- It highlights our commitment to reducing environmental impacts and improving the health and human experience for staff, visitors and the community.





## How does a building get LEED certified?

- The review process conducted by the Green Business Certification Inc. includes multiple audits and analysis of 12+ months of data for water and energy use.
- Projects are awarded points that correspond to a level of LEED certification: Certified (40-49 points), Silver (50-59 points), Gold (60-79 points), and Platinum (80+ points).

The Convention Center achieved LEED Gold Certification by earning 67 points in these areas:

