

US Bank Handbook

Sustainability Initiatives

The Building owners and tenants have committed to operate the US Bank Plaza as effectively and efficiently as possible, and to make it an example of sustainable operations. The Building has obtained a LEED GOLD Rating with the USGBC and an Energy Star rating with the U.S. EPA. For the best results in both certifications, tenant cooperation and involvement are critical. The following is a brief outline of sustainable initiatives and tenant involvement categories.

ENERGY STAR

The building currently has an Energy Rating of 91, on a scale of 0 – 100. The score is determined by a standard bell curve of performance data collected from thousands of commercial buildings of various type, size, climate, and use. To receive an energy star certification, a building must attain a 75. Prior to the building renovation in 2008-2009, the building's score was 42. We more than doubled our score in an 18 month period. Your continued support of energy saving operations will help continue this progress.

ULI provides additional rebate for energy star appliances. For each major kitchen appliance purchased with an energy star rating, ULI will provide a rebate of \$75. Major appliances include refrigerators and dishwashers. For each minor energy star rated appliance, ULI will provide a \$35 rebate. Please keep the receipt and forward to ULI for rebate.

Energy Management - Reducing energy and water use is an ongoing process. It requires regular evaluation and cooperation. ULI encourages everyone to bring forth any suggestions for reducing energy use. We would be happy to work with you on ways to reduce energy usage, and share best practices.

LEED

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is redefining the way we think about the places where we live, work and learn. As an internationally recognized mark of excellence, LEED provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

With nearly 9 billion square feet of building space participating in the suite of rating systems and 1.6 million feet certifying per day around the world, LEED is transforming the way built environments are designed, constructed, and operated --- from individual buildings and homes, to entire neighborhoods and communities. Comprehensive and flexible, LEED works throughout a building's life cycle.

LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Developed by the [U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\)](#) in 2000, the LEED rating systems are developed through an open, consensus-based process led by [LEED committees](#).