

C&D R's GUIDE TO LEED Companies

With an increasing number of building projects seeking the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, companies in all facets of the construction, demolition and C&D recycling sectors are looking for more information to help them navigate the challenges and opportunities green building presents.

To help identify some of the players in the sustainable construction industry, *Construction & Demolition Recycling* has compiled the following list of select USGBC member companies. The companies included represent a selection of demolition contractors, general contractors and recyclers of C&D material who are USGBC members and are familiar with the LEED program.

Allied Recycling Inc.

Atlanta

www.AlliedRecyclingInc.com

Company offers waste hauling, metal recycling and demolition hauling services.

Allied Waste Industries Inc.

Phoenix

www.alliedwaste.com

Allied Waste Industries Inc. provides collection, recycling and disposal services to residential, commercial and industrial customers in the United States.

Clark Construction Group LLC

Bethesda, Md.

www.clarkconstruction.com

Clark offers a complete range of sustainable and green construction services, including: concept planning, feasibility studies, preconstruction services, first cost evaluation for life cycle analysis, cost/benefit LEED credit strategies, construction management and consulting, materials and equipment procurement and construction and/or design-build delivery.

Concrete Recycling Inc.

Spartanburg, S.C.

concreterecyclingsc.com

Recycling services include construction debris including concrete (with rebar), asphalt, block, brick and masonry debris.

CST Environmental LP

Brea, Calif.

www.cstenv.com

Industrial commercial demolition, as well as lead and asbestos abatement and environmental remediation.

D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co. Inc.

Greensboro, N.C.

www.dhgriffin.com

Services include demolition, hazardous material removal, recycling, brownfield site development and new construction.

DPR Construction Inc.

www.dprinc.com

Redwood City, Calif.

Construction services include green construction, pre-construction and safety. (See Q&A sidebar on Page 46.)

Dykes Paving & Construction Co. Inc.

www.dykespaving.com

Norcross, Ga.

Recycles asphalt pavement, concrete and roofing shingles into a variety of recycled aggregate products, including hot mix asphalt and crushed concrete base.

Evergreen Recycling LLC

Las Vegas

www.evergreenlv.com

Mixed C&D recycler offering waste auditing, construction waste management and roll-off container services. (See Q&A sidebar on Page 44.)

Frank Road Recycling Solutions

Grove City, Ohio

www.recycle-solution.com

Offers C&D recycling services to central Ohio.

Interior Removal Specialist Inc.

South Gate, Calif.

www.irsdemo.com

Services include interior demolition and cleanouts. (See Q&A online sidebar at www.CDRrecycler.com.)

MCM Management Group

State Collage, Pa.

www.mcmmanagement.com

Demolition, recycling and transfer services (Waterloo Recycling), fleet management and environmental and rigging services.

New England Recycling Co. Inc.

Taunton, Mass.

www.nerecycling.com

Services include mixed construction & demolition (C&D) debris removal and disposal, concrete/brick and asphalt removal and disposal, stump and brush removal and disposal, metal and steel and roofing material.

ReNu Division of Nuprecon LP

Snoqualmie, Wash.

www.nuprecon.com/recycling

Offers a variety of services that include the collection of both source separated and commingled (single-stream) C&D materials, managing and mitigating site waste and costs and providing recycling and diversion reporting.

Shaw Construction

Denver

www.shawconstruction.net

Provides a range of construction services, including general contracting, construction management and design/build.

Skanska USA Building Inc.

Alexandria, Va.

www.skanskausa.com

Construction services include construction management, design/build, pre-construction.

Superior Demolition

Centennial, Colo.

www.superiordemo.com

Full service demolition company specializing in both residential and commercial projects.

Veit

Rogers, Minn.

www.VeitUSA.com

Provides specialty contracting and waste management services. (See cover profile "Enhanced Vision" on Page 22.)

Vogel Bros. Building Co.

Madison, Wis.

www.vogelbldg.com

Provides a full range of construction and green building services.

Inside Game

Read a LEED Q&A with Richard Ludd of Interior Removal Specialist Inc. in an online sidebar at www.CDRecycler.com

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LEED Q&A with Rob Dorinson, president, Evergreen Recycling

Company: Mixed C&D recycler in Las Vegas.

C&DR: Why did your company pursue involvement with the LEED program and green building?

RD: Before LEED and the start of the local USGBC chapter, we were already recycling construction waste, so involvement with that group was natural. Sustainable practices were something we were already doing and recycling is at the very core of sustainability.

C&DR: What aspect of green building do you specialize in?

RD: Construction waste management planning, C&D waste management during construction and post-construction recycling.

C&DR: To what extent have green building and LEED become familiar terms throughout your company?

RD: It involves the entire company, from our sorting line operators to our senior management. Each of us takes our role very seriously. We are dedicated to not only diverting recyclables from the landfill but also to helping create new markets for recyclables worldwide.

C&DR: What trends have you noticed as green building has become more mainstream?

RD: The depth and breadth of where green building has gone is just phenomenal. When it first hit Las Vegas, it was limited. You saw it mostly in hotels and public agencies. Now, we're really seeing it in all kinds of industries—from heavy industrial to office buildings to casinos.

C&DR: What are some of the challenges associated with getting involved in green building?

RD: The biggest challenge is identifying what core competency you have that is synergistic with green building, asking, "How is what we do necessary to the green building process?" The second biggest challenge is committing the time and resources, whether it's to the local chapter or educating project managers in LEED training.

C&DR: Some cities have mandated LEED requirements for city-funded projects. Do you think this is a positive trend?

RD: Absolutely, it is a positive trend. For green building to really take off, cities have to set the example and say "We're going to require this because it is a good investment in our future." That's going to spill over into the private sector.



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LEED Q&A with Nils Blomquist, DPR Construction Inc.

Company: General contractor headquartered in Redwood City, Calif.

C&DR: Why did your company pursue involvement with the LEED program and green building?

NB: We got involved because we believe it's the right thing to do. We're trying to be innovative, and we have clients that are very dollars-and-cents-oriented. There's payback here in designing a system this way. That's what we don't want to get lost in the shuffle: You don't have to build a green building just because it's the right thing to do—the dollars and cents have to add up, too.

C&DR: Do customers typically mention LEED first, or is it something you mention to them?

NB: Clients are getting more and more educated. We have a wide variety of clients—some we've done green projects with before, some have heard about it on the news and want to learn more. In California especially, there isn't a large premium to do a LEED project because so many of our codes are so stringent, so we'll mention it if the owner hasn't mentioned it.

C&DR: To what extent have green building and LEED become familiar terms throughout your company, or to what extent is it

the concern of only one or two people?

NB: Each office has what we call "green gurus," and more than 27 percent of our professionals are LEED-accredited. It's very pervasive. All the projects we do, whether it's a LEED project or not, we'll do our own charet and examine the feasibility of pursuing LEED certification if the owner is interested. It's a part of our day-to-day business.

C&DR: What are the challenges associated with getting involved in green building?

NB: The biggest challenge we see is the perceived cost. That's the biggest bottleneck we have to break through, and we have to spend time educating our clients. Another thing for a client that's unfamiliar with green building is that they have a misconception that the building will look "strange" or unusual or use odd materials. That's one of the reasons we pursued LEED certification for our own Sacramento office—we wanted to live in a building and have our clients and people from the community see that it's nothing weird or unusual. LEED buildings are normal buildings—they're just built smarter.

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