

# Technical Tip

# LEED and The National Green Building Program<sup>™</sup>

Green building programs are helping to increase the efficiency with which buildings use resources in regards to energy, water, and materials. The following two programs are the most widely used and highly recognized in the industry.

#### The LEED Program

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED is a voluntary initiative to actively promote the transformation of the mainstream building industry towards more sustainable practices. LEED uses a rating system will become part of the comprehensive suite of LEED assessment tools offered by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

## The National Green Building Program

The National Green Home Building Program pays particular attention to energy efficiency, water and resource conservation, the use of sustainable or recycled products, and takes measures to protect indoor air quality. This program is offered by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and is based upon a credit score of the components used in building a structure.

## How do these programs apply to Huber Engineered Wood Products?

- 1. Huber Engineered Woods flooring and sheathing products do not use any added urea formaldehyde as part of the manufacturing process (qualifies for credit under LEED only).
- Huber Engineered Woods flooring and sheathing products are made at 5 different manufacturing sites (may qualify for a credit under LEED and The National Green Building Program based on proximity):
  - a. Commerce, Georgia
  - b. Spring City, Tennessee
  - c. Crystal Hill, Virginia
  - d. Easton, Maine
  - e. Broken Bow, Oklahoma
- 3. Huber Engineered Woods flooring and sheathing products are part of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) which utilizes small fast-growing trees (approximately 15 years in age) and use the process waste to help fuel our facilities (qualifies for a credit under The National Green Building Program).
- 4. Huber Engineered Woods flooring and sheathing products do not use any recycled content in the manufacturing process for the product composition (qualifies for no credits).

For additional information on The National Green Building Program, visit <u>www.nahbgreen.org</u> For additional information on the LEED Program, visit <u>www.usgbc.org</u> The National Green Building Program is a registered trademark of the NAHB.