University of West Florida Building Performance

In 2002, the Facilities Development and Operations (FDO) organization created the initial “Building Design and Construction Standards.” In 2006, FDO became a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, which administers a Leadership with Energy and Environmental Design (L.E.E.D) building certification rating system. The UWF Standards, updated annually with the current version dated June 30, 2016, have required new building construction and renovations to meet a minimum of L.E.E.D. “silver” certification rating. The new rating will be a “silver” limit.

This externally evaluated rating system measures green building sustainable performance solutions of universally understood and accepted performance criteria that assesses how well a building performs with various metrics that matter most and includes the following: site orientation angle, natural sunlight, improved indoor environmental quality, decreased energy consumption, HVAC design performance verification, and best value life-cycle materials selections. There are four (4) ratings recognized across the globe as the premier mark of best practice sustainable design with the level achieved by earning points for various capital items as follows:

1. Platinum 80 + points
2. Gold 60-79 points
3. Silver 50-59 points (UWF’s “Building Design and Construction Standard”) 
4. Certified 40-49 points

The UWF buildings achieving L.E.E.D. certifications and the year received are listed below:

1. Center for Child Development (99) Certified 2008
2. Science and Engineering (4) Gold 2009
4. Heritage Hall (921) Gold 2010
5. Student Wellness Center (960) Gold 2011
6. College of Business Education Center (76A) Gold 2012
7. Presidents Hall (922) Gold 2012
8. College of Business Pat Dodson Renovation (76) Silver 2014