



Hanson Pipe & Precast

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**HANSON PIPE & PRECAST CREATES LEED® CALCULATOR FOR ITS PRODUCTS
RECOGNIZED BY UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

*Comprehensive Calculator Provides Project Owners with All Reporting Credentials
for LEED® Certification*

IRVING, TEXAS (November 3, 2009) – As a leader in the building and manufacturing industry, Hanson Pipe & Precast has developed a proprietary LEED® calculator for its customers. The company's one-of-a-kind tool quantifies its products' contribution to two LEED credit categories - recycled content and regional materials. Hanson's LEED® calculator differs from other similar concepts, in that Hanson calculates the complete report, leaving no further steps or costs for project owners.

"When we developed this calculator, we learned a lot of the building industry was unaware our products even contributed to LEED® certification goals," said Richard Manning, president of Hanson Building Products North America. "We decided to create a LEED® calculator, not only to provide a convenient option for our customers, but to show that our concrete products are inherently sustainable and an environmentally-friendly choice."

Hanson recognized the need for its customers to be able to receive precise LEED® information as opposed to approximate values without creating extra work for the customer. Hanson contacted Green Building Services (GBS) in Portland, Ore., a leading green building consultant, to develop a calculator that provided the customer with the applicable information required for LEED® credits and the exact output based on each individual customer's project requirements.

“Our LEED® report is very detailed, displaying the actual mileage and the exact LEED® approved recycled content percentages of products, both in weight and dollar amount,” added Clifford Hahne, senior vice president of Hanson Pipe & Precast West Region. “Because most of our products are engineered for a specific job, they require customized calculations.”

Once the owner or contractor requests the LEED® data and the necessary project information is provided, the calculation is typically completed within a few business days. Hanson encourages its customers to request the information prior to the project start date.

Since the development of Hanson’s LEED® calculator, the company has been able to successfully provide customers with LEED® data and a sustainable product in diverse projects including an international airport, federal prison, several universities and schools, medical centers, police and fire stations and various military projects.

Hanson Pipe & Precast will continue to be a leader in sustainability by offering products and customer solutions that contribute to the longevity of our future.

About Hanson Pipe & Precast

Hanson Pipe & Precast is the largest manufacturer of concrete pipe and precast products in North America. With approximately 3,500 employees, the company has a network of manufacturing facilities and delivery capabilities that span the continent. Hanson Pipe & Precast products are used in residential and commercial applications that support our infrastructure’s needs, including storm water drainage and water transportation. For more information, visit www.hansonpipeandprecast.com.

About Hanson Building Products North America

Hanson Building Products North America is comprised of Hanson Pipe & Precast, Hanson Pressure Pipe, Hanson Structural Precast, Hanson Brick, Hanson Hardscapes and Hanson Roof Tile. Based in Irving, Texas, Hanson Building Products North America employs approximately 4,500 people and operates 150 facilities with products available throughout the U.S. and Canada. To learn more about Hanson’s sustainability efforts and quality products, services and building technology, please visit www.hansonbuildingproducts.com.

Hanson Building Products North America and its divisions are part of the HeidelbergCement Group, the global leader in aggregates with leading positions in cement, concrete and heavy building. The company employs approximately 57,000 people across five continents.

About Green Building Services, Inc.

One of the nation's most comprehensive sustainable development consulting firms, Green Building Services Inc. helps clients successfully adopt green building and facility management practices. With offices in Portland, Sacramento, Orlando and Houston, GBS serves clients across the United States as well as in Canada, Latin America and the Far East. To date, the company has managed the certification of 140 LEED projects and has well over 300 other green building projects in process. To learn more visit www.greenbuildingservices.com or contact 866.743.4277.

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