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## **Green Building Services' Building Insights O+M Track™ Works Directly With LEED Online to Help Streamline LEED Green Building Documentation and Certification**

Portland, Ore. (November 17, 2010) — [Green Building Services Inc.](#) (GBS) and [BOMA Portland](#) (Portland Metropolitan Building Owners and Managers Association) announced that their new web-based technical solution – Building Insights O+M Track™ – works with LEED Online to support ongoing operational improvements and maintenance processes critical to high-performance green buildings. Capable of managing the dynamic flow of information in today's existing facilities, the tool will contribute towards helping owners reduce building energy costs and improve performance. O+M Track interfaces with the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED Online program, an online tool for green building project teams to facilitate the LEED documentation and certification process.

"O+M Track offers building owners a centralized solution to document and streamline their submission to LEED Online," said Mahesh Ramanjuman, Senior Vice President of Business Technology Transformation, USGBC. "As we strive to move the building industry to a greener future, it is programs like these that are crucial to our collective success."

Historically, building owners seeking to monitor performance and obtain LEED certification had to hire new staff, reallocate resources and obtain organizational buy-in to establish and track their sustainable O+M programs. By leveraging O+M Track, building owners reduce staffing requirements and quickly integrate their teams into a streamlined tracking program. LEED documentation and submission are two expenses of certification. O+M Track helps organize the information with a comprehensive view of operations and maintenance activities and aligns with LEED EBOM reporting requirements, encouraging compliance under [LEED for Existing Buildings](#). O+M track greatly reduces the financial impact of pursuing certification and facilitates the submission process by pushing all necessary data directly to LEED Online.

According to [Elaine Aye](#), IIDA, USGBC Faculty, Principal at GBS, this O+M tracking solutions offers a framework for plans, programs, logs, surveys and furnishes the LEED calculations in categories such as green cleaning and purchasing. “O+M Track provides genuine value to owners and managers with infrastructure to help identify cost-of-ownership savings and streamline the reporting process into one efficient tool. By working directly with the USGBC and the Green Building Certification Institute to ensure the best possible customer experience, this represents an innovative shift in the way LEED for Existing Buildings' projects are managed.” The USGBC selected Building Insights O+M Track as the first program to work with LEED Online in part because of the breadth and depth of the experience of the development team led by Green Building Services. As one of the original LEED reviewing bodies, members of the LEED 2009 reference guide teams and the 30<sup>th</sup> member of the USGBC, GBS is one of the few organizations who had both the technical capabilities and the foresight to identify this critical need for building owners and then deliver a program of value to their clients.

More information on O+M Track can be found at <https://www.buildinginsights.com/> or by contacting Elaine Aye at 866.743.4277.

### **About [Green Building Services, Inc.](#)**

One of the nation’s most comprehensive sustainable development consulting firms, Green Building Services Inc. helps clients across the United States successfully adopt green building and facility management practices. To date, the company has managed the certification of more than 250 LEED projects. Visit [www.greenbuildingservices.com](http://www.greenbuildingservices.com) or contact 866.743.4277.

### **About [BOMA Portland](#)**

BOMA Portland represents over 30 million square feet of commercial real estate in Oregon. With our strong membership base, professional development, networking opportunities, and outstanding customer service, BOMA Portland is the most influential advocate and preeminent resource for all issues related to commercial real estate in Oregon.

### **About [USGBC](#)**

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, more than 20,000 member companies and organizations,

and more than 131,000 LEED Accredited Professionals, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013.

Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.