



515 North State Street Among First in the City of Chicago to pursue LEED EB Certification

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings (LEED EB) certification is an award granted by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for buildings that are managed and operated in line with the best environmental practices. Additionally, it is the most internationally recognized award for green buildings. Chicago currently has only 12 LEED EB buildings.

Recognizing that commercial real estate has a significant impact on our environment, U.S. Equities and building ownership are committed to obtaining LEED EB for 515 North State Street. This certification reflects our corporate commitment to environmental stewardship and quality working environments for our tenants.

We will be in touch with your company on a regular basis during this process regarding details and updates as well as providing information on various initiatives you and your company can implement to help achieve the LEED EB certification.

We are excited to embark on these sustainable initiatives and the LEED EB process for the building and welcome your input as we align our building management and operations with best environmental practices.

LEED EB Projects at 515 North State

The building has already implemented the following green initiatives:

- Expanded recycling program including electronics waste recycling
- Waste and Energy Audits
- Green pest control
- Energy savings measures for lobby and exterior lighting

The following projects are planned in the near future:

- Improved efficiency of motors on building pumps
- Retrofitting lighting (common areas, emergency circuits, exit signs, restrooms and the loading dock)
- Installation of low flow plumbing fixtures in all common area restrooms
- Increased efficiency of stairwell lighting

There are also several areas where tenant input and participation is critical. Those items include:

- Transportation Survey (November 2009)
- Occupant Comfort Survey (Spring 2010)
- Opportunities for cost-saving lighting upgrades within your suite
- Opportunities for greener office supply procurement
- Opportunities for improved recycling

Stay tuned for more information and how you can make a difference.

Computers are ranked as the nation's fastest growing category of solid waste by the Environmental Protection Agency. And, one of the most dangerous. Outdated computers contain lead, cadmium, mercury and other harsh components that are damaging to the environment.

Thank you to all of those who participated in last month's Business Electronics Recycling drive! We will now be collecting electronic recyclables every quarter.

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What's Happening in Chicago



Chicago provides a large selection of events to attend and places to visit throughout the season.

November Events:

- 6th – 9th Annual International Sculpture Objects & Functional Arts (SOFA) exposition at Navy Pier
- 18th Millennium Park Ice Rink opens for the season
- 18th – 30th Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus The Greatest Show on Earth rolls into the United Center for their Annual Thanksgiving Extravaganza
- 20th Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light exhibit opens at the Museum of Science and Industry
- 21st Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Procession 5:30-7pm on Michigan Ave. from Oak St. to Wacker Dr. Fireworks at 6:55pm over the river
- 26th McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade marches down State Street from 8 – 11am.
- 28th Winter flower show opens at Garfield Park Conservatory

Please visit www.gochicago.about.com for more November activities.

Upcoming events at 515 North State

- Holiday Decorations – 11/25**
- Holiday Breakfast – 12/17**
- Holiday Carolers – 12/17**
- Holiday Music – 12/4, 12/11, 12/18**



Toys for Tots donation boxes will be located in the lobby and AMA cafeteria where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toy from November 14th to December 16th. Toys for Tots distributes these toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. The primary goal of Toys for Tots, is to deliver a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters, through a new toy at Christmas.

505 NORTH STATE STREET UPDATE

The Palomar Hotel (run by Kimpton Hotels) will be opening early in 2010. The hotel will feature a new, upscale restaurant called Sable that includes a martini lounge/bar. The top half of the building will consist of Bridgestreet Corporate Apartments, complete with state of the art amenities, spacious apartments with gourmet kitchens and 24 hour front desk service. For more information visit their website at www.bridgestreet.com.



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