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Energy Center of Wisconsin contributes to Madison's GRE²EN Commitment

MADISON, WISCONSIN. – The Mayor's Energy Task Force has incorporated the Advanced Buildings™ Guidelines into its GRE²EN Commitment (Green building, Resource & Energy-efficiency and Environment). Advanced Buildings, jointly developed by the New Buildings Institute and the Energy Center of Wisconsin, is a suite of technical resources to improve the way buildings are designed, built and used. Using whole building patterns, design process tools, and education, it provides designers with the resources to incorporate integrated design strategies in their projects to reduce energy usage and improve indoor environmental quality. Advanced Buildings is compatible with both LEED™ and ENERGY STAR®.

Madison's GRE²EN Commitment is a set of recommendations and implementation plans to showcase energy efficiency, renewable energy and other green building practices in municipal building projects. It is one of several recommendations included in "Building a Green Capital City: A Blueprint for Madison's Sustainable Design and Energy Future."

Both Abby Vogen and Steve Brick of the Energy Center served on the Mayor's Energy Task Force. Abby contributed to the Energy Conservation and Green Building Committee and Steve served on the Utility Infrastructure Committee.

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