



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES TO COMPLY WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 13834

**GBI's Guiding Principles Compliance Verification Program was the first third-party assessment system to verify compliance with the federal Guiding Principles.**

Beginning with Executive Order 13423 in 2007, updated by EOs 13514 (Oct. 8, 2009), 13693 (Mar. 19, 2015), and most recently 13834 (May 17, 2018), the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings are used to improve the high performance and sustainability of buildings owned, leased, or operated by federal agencies.

Guiding Principles Compliance for New Construction is a program to be used by construction projects - beginning with the IDP Team - to construct a GP-compliant building. For new construction and major renovations, the GPC program provides a streamlined process, including third-party assessors, to minimize the amount of time and effort required from agency personnel to determine compliance with the Guiding Principles.

### Features & Benefits

- GBI staff support to ensure a timely and seamless verification process
- Simple-to-use Excel-based survey used by project team and assessor
- Collaboration with a highly-trained assessor which will respond within 24 hours by email or phone
- Choice between Third-party Onsite Assessment or Post-Construction Document Review to verify compliance
- Detailed report outlining compliance status and recommendations for ongoing requirements
- Supplemental tools to enhance and clarify the Guiding Principles Compliance process, including dedicated technical reference manuals
- Option for additional design reviews to ensure compliance from predesign through to construction

### Why choose GBI's Guiding Principles Compliance for New Construction program?

Third-party assessor works with project team from design through construction completion, answers questions and offers guidance, and provides a report verifying final compliance

Built-in process for identifying requirements that are not applicable, or that may partially comply (due to LCCE)

Meets requirements with minimal disruption to each agency's core mission

Contributes to agencies' annual progress complying with the Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings



## The Six Guiding Principles federal buildings must comply with:

<b>1</b> Employ Integrated Design Principles	<b>4</b> Enhance the Indoor Environment
<b>2</b> Optimize Energy Performance	<b>5</b> Reduce Environmental Impacts of Materials
<b>3</b> Protect and Conserve Water	<b>6</b> Assess and Consider Building Resilience

To measure compliance with the Guiding Principles, federal agencies have a few options, including EPA's Federal High-Performance Sustainable Buildings Checklist, subjective paper evaluations by internal staff, or ad-hoc evaluations by external consultants.

The Green Building Initiative's Guiding Principles Compliance Verification Program sets the standard for accuracy, consistency, and credibility through a clear and simple yet robust evaluation process.

## Rating and Certification Process



## Steps to Guiding Principles Compliance Verification:

- 1.** Request a quote for your project.
- 2.** Purchase the quoted items and register your project.
- 3.** Complete your survey, compile your supporting documentation and work with GBI and your assessor to complete third-party assessments.
- 4.** Receive a final report containing your Guiding Principles Compliance status and recommendations for improvement.
- 5.** Order your Guiding Principles Compliance plaque.

To move forward with a GPC for NC assessment,  
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