



GUIDING PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DEVELOPED WITH AND FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES

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

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.

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, offers guidance, and provides a report verifying final compliance

Built-in process for tracking compliance with core and non-core criteria

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

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 who will respond by email or phone within 24 hours
- Choice of Third-party Onsite Assessment or Post-Construction Document Review to verify compliance
- Detailed report outlining compliance status and issued to client
- 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 pre-design through to construction



The Six Guiding Principles federal buildings must comply with:

1 Employ Integrated Design Principles	4 Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality
2 Optimize Energy Performance	5 Reduce Environmental Impacts of Materials
3 Protect and Conserve Water	6 Assess and Consider Climate Change Risks

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.

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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