AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO

## GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATIONS

Work with Evolution Sustainability Group to evaluate building certifications for your organization based on sustainability goals, cost, and timeline. We help you through the process of evaluating whether your project meets the building standard, provide guidance on pathways to compliance, and in many cases, can assess and submit on your behalf.

Certification	Group	Focus Areas							Cost*	Description
		Energy	Water	Materials/ Resources	Carbon Emissions	Indoor Environment	Health	Others		
BOMA 360	BOMA	х	х	Х				Operations & Management	\$\$	Well known in the commercial real estate space to demonstrate best practices in major areas across a range of functions.
BREEAM	BRE Group	х	х					Pollution, Transport, Waste, Management Processes	\$\$\$	Demonstrates both strong building performance and organizational processes. Well- known in Europe and gaining traction in the US.
EnergyStar	US EPA	x	х		х			Waste	\$	Lowest cost. Great for organizations new to ESG. One of the most recognizable certifications.
Fitwel	Center for Active Design					Х	х	Shared Spaces, Community, Employee Health, Outdoor Spaces	\$\$	Great for organizations new to ESG, demonstrates additional commitment to the "S" for social in ESG.
Green Globes	GBI	x	x	х	х	х		Project Management	\$\$	More customized approach, tends to be more flexible. Great for organizations new to ESG, or to demonstrate commitment for organizations without formal ESG programs.
LEED	USGBC	x	x	х	х	х		Operations & Maintenance	\$\$\$	Most popular green building certification in the world. Verified measurements required. More rigid standard, best for organizations with established purchasing, materials, waste, energy, and water protocols.
WELL	GBCI		х			х	x	Lighting, Fitness, Comfort	\$\$\$	Newer, trending green building certification, also developed the Viral Response Module to demonstrate safe workplaces in response to COVID-19. Demonstrates additional commitment to the "S" for social in ESG. Verified measurements required.

\*Cost is evaluated assuming typical consulting and certification fees only, and does not include construction/renovations that may be required to meet the building standard.

