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## **USGBC MA to sponsor education sessions at Med|Ed Boston**

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Boston, MA The USGBC MA sessions at MED|Ed Facilities will focus on Sustainable, High-Performance and Net Positive Solutions for the Built Environment.

The exhibit area will provide opportunities for product manufacturers to display healthy products to the design and construction professionals who attend the event. Visitors will also be interested in sessions produced by USGBC MA which include:

- LEED v4, Arc, and other USGBC rating and disclosure systems
- International Living Future Institute (ILFI) - Living Building Challenge
- Living Community Challenge, Living Product Challenge
- Net Zero Energy Building Certification, Declare, Just and Reveal
- Harvard's LIVING LAB Initiatives
- Northeastern University Energy Systems Society (NU-ESS)
- Sustainable Performance Institute
- WELL Building Standard; Resilient Design Institute
- and more

Complete descriptions and additional sessions are available at <http://www.mededboston.com>. Grey Lee, executive director, describes USGBC MA activities for better buildings and corresponding environmental and social benefits. "We know buildings are better when they are certified through the LEED system, the WELL system, and when they achieve the Living Building Challenge and associated petal challenges. Utilization of the EPA's Energy Star system and other similar tools combine to improve building operations and management. Using various components of the broad matrix of building assessment processes leads to reduced energy use and corresponding greenhouse gas reductions, reduced water consumption, reduced toxicity and improved indoor environments for occupants. These environmental and social benefits are shared by many of our peer organizations, professional associations, and municipal and state jurisdictions, leading to sustainability for our communities."

Richard Vendola, MED|Ed Facilities Boston principal said, "To support of our goal to deliver high-performance green and sustainable building solutions to every member of the New England design and construction team, we are thrilled to expand our educational and product offerings in mechanical systems and engineering. USGBC MA is a front runner in educating the industry in this important area to improve the health of our planet. We are happy to have USGBC MA's assistance in expanding the knowledge of our attendees in this discipline and directing them to healthy material resources."

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