Call for Reviewers


Greenbuilding Brasil is seeking peer reviewers to evaluate proposals for education sessions at the 2017 Greenbuilding Brasil International Conference and Expo. Peer reviewers help maintain the outstanding reputation of Greenbuilding Brasil Program by identifying exceptional and timely presentations. Engaging highly qualified reviewers with expertise and experience in technical content areas defined in the Call for Session Proposals is essential to the ongoing success of the Greenbuilding Brasil education program.

Basic Requirements for Reviewers

- Expertise in subject(s) covered by one or more program topic areas.
- Previous experience reviewing proposals for related conferences or publications.
- Commitment to complete review of all assigned proposals (typically 10-15) by March 24th deadline.
- Research Reviewers: Familiarity with advanced green building topics; knowledge of existing body of research relevant to one or more research topic areas.

How to Apply

All applicants must complete the electronic application online at www.conferenceabstracts.com/gbbreview17.htm by 5:59 p.m. Brasilia Time, February 17, 2017. Emailed, faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

Those who have submitted an education session proposal for Greenbuilding Brasil are welcome to serve as an education session reviewer. Our system will automatically ensure that a reviewer will not be assigned to review a proposal they, or anyone else from their company, submitted.

Timeline

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<td>Monday, November 07, 2016</td>
<td>Call for Reviewers opens</td>
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<td>Friday, February 17, 2017</td>
<td>Deadline for Reviewer Applications is 5:59 p.m. Brasilia Time.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, February 21, 2017</td>
<td>Reviewers receive notification of acceptance.</td>
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<td>Friday, February 24, 2017</td>
<td>Deadline for Reviewers confirmation.</td>
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<td>Monday, March 13, 2017</td>
<td>Reviewers receive review assignments.</td>
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<td>Friday, March 24, 2017</td>
<td>Deadline to complete review of all assigned session proposals is 5:59 p.m. Brasilia Time.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, April 12, 2017</td>
<td>II Round of Review.</td>
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Reviewing Policies
Each reviewer will receive electronic access to a range of 10-15 submissions and will need to complete online evaluations no later than **March 24, 2017 at 5:59 p.m. Brasilia Time**. Please note that serving as a reviewer represents a significant time commitment and responsibility for ensuring timely and thorough reviews of all assigned proposals.

Reviewers are eligible to present at the conferences. They are prohibited from reviewing session abstracts submitted by professional colleagues employed by the same organization.

Those who complete their assignments will receive a 20% discount off of a Greenbuilding Brasil Full Conference registration. This discount is non-transferable and may not be combined with any other discount. Additionally, those who complete all reviews will receive three (3) LEED CMP CE hours in exchange for the hours they spent reviewing education session proposals.

Scoring System
All session proposals will be reviewed and scored during the first round by a team of volunteer reviewers using a 20-point scale. Those with the top scores will move on to a second review by experts in the related topic categories. These rankings will be used by the Program Working Group to select presenters and sessions for the final program. Reviewers will rate proposals using the following scoring system:

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<th>Max Value</th>
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<td>4 points</td>
<td>The speakers have demonstrated knowledge and the ability to present material in an effective and meaningful way.</td>
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<td>3 points</td>
<td>The learning objectives are clear, relevant to the topic presented and challenging to the Greenbuild audience.</td>
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<td>The proposed session provides attendees with relevant, timely, and applicable content.</td>
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<td>2 points</td>
<td>The proposed session aligns with the specified format and length.</td>
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<td>3 points</td>
<td>This session offers innovative or inspirational content to green building professionals.</td>
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<td>4 points</td>
<td>I would recommend this session to an attendee interested in the subject matter.</td>
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<td>20 points</td>
<td>Highest possible score</td>
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Preferred Presentation Topics
The Working Group will build session tracks for the conference using the topics listed below. During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which topic area you would like to review. The following descriptions are representative of the proposals that could be addressed in each topic.

- **Affordable Housing**: Strategies; Leverage; Design and Construction
- **Building Performance**: On-going Operational Performance; Post-Occupancy Studies; Building Envelope Commissioning
- **Codes and Certification Systems**: Third Party Certifications (including LEED, SITES and WELL); Application and Impact of Codes; Local Energy Reporting; Applying Standards Internationally
- **Community and Neighborhood Development**: Ecodistricts; LEED-ND; Urban and Regional Planning; Food Security; Transportation Systems; Community Revitalization
- **Cultural Context**: Location-Specific Design Concerns; Historic Preservation; Planning and design that strengthens/renews the historic and social fabric of a community
- **Design Innovation and Application**: Regenerative Design; Biophilia; Modular; Universal Design; Adaptation; Flexibility, Integrative Process; Technology
- **Energy Efficiency (New and Existing buildings)**: Demand Reduction; Increasing Efficiency; Building Systems; Lighting Design; Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings; Deep Energy Retrofits
- **Existing Buildings**: Historic Preservation; Rehabilitation; Restoration; Adaptive Reuse.
- **Finance, Insurance, Legal and Appraisals**: Financial Aspects and Implications; Financial Risk Analysis; Insurance and Appraisals; Green Building Finance; Sustainable Return on Investment; Residential Finance and Market Development; Legal issues related to green building and green leases
- **Government, Policy and Advocacy**: Policies/Programs; Impacts of Policies/Programs; Incentive Programs
- **Green Schools**: K-12; College; Campus; Curriculum Development in K-12, Higher Ed
- **Health and Well-Being**: Productivity; Health Issues; Human Behavior; Human Comfort; How Place Affects Behavior; Human Psychology; Ergonomics; Evidence-Based Design; Active Design; IAQ; Operations and Maintenance; Day Lighting; Acoustics
- **Market Transformation**: Advocacy; Marketing; New Trends in Business Models; Consumer Education
- **Materials**: Life Cycle Assessment; Resource Recovery; Zero Waste; EPDs and HPDs
- **Multi-Family Residential Development**: Innovative Residential Systems (e.g. Water, Energy, Waste, IAQ; Construction Techniques; Transit-Oriented Development (TOD); Community Development; Placemaking.
- **Net Zero**: Energy; Water; Waste; Carbon; Net Zero 2020
- **Professional Development and Training**: Vocational Programs; Credentials; Mentorship; Green Jobs
- **Renewables**: Solar; Wind; Small Scale Hydro; Fuel Cells; Algae; Utility Grid Connections; Energy Disaggregation; Energy Storage
- **Resilience**: Adaptation; Climate Change; Vulnerability Assessments; Disaster Response
- **Single Family Residential Development**: Tiny Homes; Modular; Pre-Fab; Mass Production; Custom; Historic Preservation; Alternative Construction Techniques (Energy Star, Passive House, etc.).
- **Site, Civil and Landscape**: Campus Planning; Landscape; Ecosystem Services; Hydrology; Infrastructure; Roads; Ecology
- **Smart Grid/Smart Buildings**: Demand Response; Intersection of Utility Infrastructure and Building; Technology; Microgrids
- **Social Responsibility, Community Action & Engagement**: Community based Sustainability Initiatives; Community Participation, Climate and Environmental Justice; Social Equity; Corporate Social Responsibility
- **Water**: Water Efficiency; Wastewater; Process Water; Greywater; Water Footprinting; Water Neutral; Landscape for Drought Tolerance

For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Reviewers, please email programa@gbcbrasil.org.br