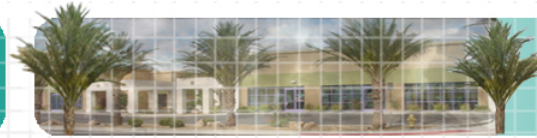


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The Green Scene

“New Minimum L.E.E.D. Program Requirements”

Tents Need Not Apply!



USGBC has introduced Minimum Program Requirements to identify projects that are not a good fit for LEED.

The 7 requirements are as follows:

1. Must comply with environmental laws:

Applies to all work on the project during design and construction, for the building itself and for everything within the site boundary lines.

2. Must be a building:

The project has to include or be within a fixed building (no tents).

3. Must use a reasonable site boundary:

No gerrymandering the project site.

4. Can't be too small:

The project must enclose at least 1,000 ft² of space (250 ft² for CI projects).

5. Must Comply with Minimum Occupancy Rates:

It must have at least one **full-time equivalent** occupant.

6. Must allow USGBC access to wholebuilding energy and water usage data:

For minimum 5 years.

7. Must comply with a minimum building area to site area ratio:

Small buildings on big sites won't be allowed.

Are you considering Green? Renovate or Build New to conserve water and energy, to employ green materials, and reduce life-cycle costs.

Questions? Ask the Architect/LEED AP: ggw@ggwarchitects.com.



SPOTLIGHT *Bob Irwin*

It took an earthquake to get GGWArchitects client, Bob Irwin of The Gun Store, to leave Hollywood, California, where he'd lived all his life. Bob moved to Las Vegas in 1971 with his wife and young son to start a new venture on “firmer” ground.

All Bob ever wanted to do was be a gunsmith. He completed enough classes at Oregon Technical Institute to begin his gunsmith career in Los Angeles—or so he thought. At 19, he looked much younger and wasn't taken seriously. Instead, Bob worked his way up to City Manager for the Flack movie theater chain. Then the life-changing earthquake hit.

Bob was offered a job to manage the new Red Rock 4 Theaters on West Charleston Blvd. However, before they were completed, Bob accepted what he thought was an “interim” job at The Mint Hotel-Casino. The hours were less demanding than theater management, so he stayed in the casino industry for 6 more years, ending as a Keno Shift Manager for the Union Plaza Hotel-Casino.

By now, Bob was ready to “re-try” the career he'd originally pursued. He obtained a couple of patents for firearms design and opened his own company to serve as a consultant to firearms companies. One day, someone reading about Bob in a newspaper article, approached him about opening a retail gun shop that he would finance. The two became partners, and Bob ran The Survival Store on East Tropicana. His partner opened another on the West side 4 years later. In 1988, after Bob and his partner parted ways, he renamed the shop “The Gun Store” in the same location, while the West side Survival Store was sold.

Not only has Bob built a successful business, but he has become a published author on firearms use and laws, is a court consultant on shooting cases, and offers firearms rentals to the film industry. He truly loves what he does. He doesn't do it alone, however. Bob's son, Chris, has been by his side for about 6 years, acting as Chief Operations Officer, who mans the shop and handles business promotions. Bob considers himself “semi-retired”, but he reports to work daily and collaborates with Chris on the large decisions of the business.

GGWArchitects is helping Bob with The Gun Store's expansion and improved layout. “The space will allow us to double our customer capacity for shooting.” Projection studies are underway to determine what can be further expanded.

Bob is very pleased with GGWArchitects. “Jason (Andoscia) is a sharp young man. He asks the right questions.” Bob is getting financing in place, as the first submittal to Clark County is ready to go.

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