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Los Angeles Convention Center Receives LEED Certification
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The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) has received certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). It is the first convention center in the U.S. of its age and size (it opened in 1971 and, after two expansions, now offers 770,000 square feet of exhibit space) and the first L.A. City building to receive LEED-EB certification. Certification was completed in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation. Among the LACC's environmental initiatives are its recycling, energy efficiency and water conservation programs, including its solar panels, which are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes. The LACC aspires to become a zero-waste facility, which means moving from over 50 percent diversion to 100 percent diversion. It plans to immediately work on enhancing its LEED certification and is also looking at thermal storage, which will significantly reduce the facility's heating, ventilation and air conditioning loads even further. The LACC is also researching ways to add green space in the near future. For more information, call 800-448-7775 or visit www.lacclink.com.

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