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BIFMA SUCCESSES 2016

A YEAR IN REVIEW
USGBC Approved Program!
The U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Steering Committee approved the level Certification Program as a “USGBC Approved Program” for the LEED v4 Material & Resource, Building Product Disclosure and Optimization (Option 1) credit.

USGBC utilizes the e3 social responsibility in the supply chain credit as the basis for a new LEED pilot credit recognizing BIFMA’s leadership in this area.

FLAMMABILITY

Boston City Council and the Mayor unanimously agreed to adopt TB-117-2013 for sprinkled facilities. BIFMA members provided testimonies in late 2015 to support this change.

BIFMA joined the California Bureau Task Team for Open Flame & Barrier Research for Upholstered Furniture.

BIFMA provided formal comments and will continue to promote ‘smolder’ testing as the most appropriate method. In addition, BIFMA has requested that the Bureau revisit the appropriateness of TB-133 (open flame test) given many new societal factors. There appears to be strong support from many organizations for this effort.

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Don’t forget:

EPA issued interim recommendations for the GREENING OF FEDERAL PURCHASES THAT INCLUDE level as one of two recommended programs.

USGBC

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

92%
MEMBER RETENTION RATE
for FY 2016

39 new members added.
Total membership is now over 310

INDUSTRY OUTREACH

Supported the development of assessment criteria in a multi-stakeholder process for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pilot of Guidelines for Environmental Performance Standards and Ecolabels for Use in Federal Procurement. The guidelines are high-level principles setting out desirable characteristics for standards and ecolabels. Ultimately, e3/level will be evaluated against this criteria.

Furniture Industry Meeting in Michigan
Hosted a meeting with U.S. Senator Gary Peters of Michigan with furniture industry leaders on issues of interest to them.

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The target for publication is Fall 2016.

Development of the NEXT VERSION of the ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard began in Nov. 2015 to more closely align the standard with LEED and other leading green building programs.

REVISED STANDARDS

ANSI/BIFMA X5.6-2016 (2016)
Panel Systems.

ANSI/BIFMA M7.1-2011(R2016)

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### EDUCATION/LEARNING

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Redesigned and launched the new BIFMA statistical data program, reflecting an expanded geographic scope, as well as an expanded product scope. Our expectation is that the new program will significantly increase the number of participating companies.

### STANDARDS GUIDANCE

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### Furniture Summit

Convened BIFMA’s 4th Furniture Summit in Ann Arbor, MI to celebrate committee volunteers, encourage additional member participation in the various volunteer opportunities and showcase member benefits/outcomes of this involvement.

### The 360° Leadership Conference

held in Austin, TX drew 193 attendees from 96 companies to the “Talent Show(Down)” themed industry event.