

The Green Building Certification Institute (www.gbci.org) has announced that the familiar LEED® Accredited Professional credential will change considerably during the next several months. A new LEED Green Associate credential will be established to denote general knowledge of green design, construction, and operations. The LEED Accredited Professional credential will signify a greater depth of knowledge in green building practices and specialization in one of several fields:

- LEED-AP (Building Design & Construction—BD+C) will replace LEED-AP in New Construction
- LEED-AP (Interior Design & Construction—ID+C) will replace LEED-AP in Commercial Interiors
- LEED-AP (Operations & Maintenance—O+M) will replace LEED-AP in Existing Buildings

Candidates for LEED-AP will be required to take two exams in the new credentialing regime. GBCI will stop allowing registration for the current LEED-AP exam on **March 31st, 2009**. The current exam will be given for several months after that deadline.

LEED Accredited Professionals who have been credentialed under an earlier version of LEED will be able to opt into the new credentialing regime without taking additional exams. LEED-APs who passed the LEED for New Construction exam will be designated as LEED-AP(BD+C).

So the time is now to take the current LEED-AP exam in New Construction. If you take the exam before March 31, 2009 and do not pass, you will have time to register for another try.

Aqua cura will offer full-day training classes aimed at preparing you for the LEED-AP New Construction exam. These classes will provide you with an important foundation for a study program to prepare yourself for the exam. Classes will be offered in two locations:

- *York PA on March 3, 2009*
- *Lancaster PA on March 17, 2009*

To register for March 3, [Click here](#)

To register for March 17, [Click here](#)

Registration for each class: \$250 per person

Class registration includes: *instruction ... a workbook that includes the New Construction credit rating system (this is not the reference guide) ... study program guidance ... other study resources links ... a light breakfast, lunch and breaks.*



David Sheridan of **Aqua cura** will instruct the classes. Dave is experienced in the LEED for New Construction rating system through his practice (www.aquacura.com) and his participation on the LEED Steering Committee and the Water Efficiency Technical Advisory Group. He has presented classes for LEED-AP exam preparation at many locations in the area, and he advises self-study classed through an internet-based forum.