

Building Commission Sustainable Facilities Policy

Purpose

It is the policy of the [State Building Commission](#) to be a leader in improving the overall quality and performance of state facilities and to minimize the total cost of occupancy

The Building Commission adopts this Policy to promote the planning, improvement and management of state facilities in a sustainable manner that:

- Promote the effective use of existing state space
- Respects the larger environmental and social context into which they fit;
- Promotes human health, comfort and performance;
- Conserves natural resources and reduces detrimental effects on the environment; and
- Ensures energy efficiency.
- Considers the life-cycle cost of initiatives

Policy

The Department of Administration shall develop and implement guidelines and minimum standards to incorporate environmentally responsible and sustainable concepts and practices into the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of all state facilities. These guidelines and minimum standards shall include, but not be limited to: establishing performance criteria in the following categories: portfolio management, sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, adaptive use and preservation of existing buildings, indoor environmental quality, construction waste and recycling, operation and maintenance, and purchasing of furniture, fixtures and equipment.

The Department shall report annually on the implementation of this policy and shall annually recognize the projects that most successfully contribute to the development of sustainable state facilities.