



BOMA Canada

Announces Enhanced Energy Audit Guideline Equivalencies for BOMA Go Green

BOMA Canada is pleased to announce that the energy use requirements for its national Go Green environmental certification program have been updated. The enhanced criteria present several alternative means of equivalent compliance to Go Green's energy audit requirement, in recognition of the fact that in many newer commercial buildings, advanced energy-reduction tools and practices have already been implemented.

The energy criteria requirement now includes acceptable equivalencies for buildings that are less than three years old to provide an energy design report in lieu of an energy audit. Buildings that have had an energy audit within the past five years and have implemented the majority of the audit's recommendations may provide an energy update report in lieu of a new energy audit. In addition, for buildings where 75% of the total energy consumption is purchased directly by tenants, such as in a light industrial building, a comprehensive energy communications plan may be provided in lieu of an energy audit. Complete details regarding these updated criteria are available at www.bomagogreen.com.

BOMA Go Green is Canada's only national standard for existing buildings and provides a clear set of tools to measure and improve the environmental performance of existing commercial buildings. "With each enhancement, we are very careful to ensure that the standards established for the Go Green Program are being maintained," explains Esther Paterson, President of BOMA Canada. "The program is continually being updated as reflection of the dynamic nature of our industry," she adds. "Given that it was developed by and for the commercial real estate industry, Go Green will always be responsive to changes in the industry and the demand for certification of other type of buildings."

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Canada is the voice of Canada's commercial real estate industry with over 2,500 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 Billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education, advocacy, and recognition.

For more information and to apply for Go Green certification, contact BOMA Canada or visit the BOMA Go Green website at www.bomagogreen.com.

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