

## **Green Globes Professional Training Overview**

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The Green Globes Professional program training materials have been developed to provide education, skills, and knowledge in the areas of 1) how the green environmental movement began and how “green” practices are being implemented today, 2) understanding the history, the nuances and the process to use the Green Globes environmental rating and assessment tool 3) and how to facilitate and obtain a Green Globes Building Rating/Certification. The training has been developed to serve the varying needs of certification candidates, industry professionals desiring green building and management training, and employees/contractors of organizations pursuing Green Globes rating/certifications for their buildings.

To become a GGP, the approved GBI training program (both in online delivery system and written manual format) accompanied by a credentialing exam must be completed by candidates. Upon completion of the program, GGPs will have an understanding of: 1) sustainable building and management best practices, 2) the Green Globes® assessment protocols, 3) the Green Globes® tools available for building certifications in the US, and 4) the Green Globes building certification/rating process.

### **Delivery of Training**

GGP training and test (for certification candidates) is delivered via an online training system known as a Learning Management System (LMS.) The training consists of approximately ten hours of instruction on the LMS. Those taking the training are given a link in their user account home that enables log in to the LMS upon payment. Viewing and completing the instruction can be done over a 90 day time period from the time a candidate first accesses the training. In the event additional time is required to complete the training, candidates may contact the GBI and request a one-time extension. A written manual, coordinated with the online training materials, accompanies the program.

The GGP certification test, which must be taken by all the certification candidates, is also administered by the LMS. After completing the course, candidates will then log onto the LMS to take a test covering the studied materials. The test is approximately 1 ½ hours in length and must be completed in one sitting.

## **GGP Training Criterion**

### **Outline:**

- Introduction to green history, building & management
- History of the Green Building Initiative and Green Globes rating system
- Green Globes Assessment Protocol for:
  - New Construction
  - Existing Buildings
- Role of the Assessor and Green Globes Professional
- Certification Process – from start to finish for:
  - New Construction
  - Existing Buildings
- Case Studies
  - Home Savings Bank (New Building)
  - Bristol-Meyers Squibb (Existing Building)

### **Content Details:**

**Introduction to Green Building** (1 hour of training) This section addresses the impacts of commercial buildings on the environment; the driving forces behind building greener buildings and operating them as environmentally responsible entities throughout their entire lifecycle; how improving business sustainability makes an economic case for return on investment; how green building is becoming a common global practice; how green rating systems can assist in the design, building, operation and continual improvement of a commercial building.

**Introduction to the Green Building Initiative** ( 1 hour of training) This session introduces the Green Building Initiative -distributor of Green Globes in the US; highlights the history, the process and the certification and recognition of using Green Globes; and addresses how Green Globes helps with the ROI on the building and building operations.

**GG Assessment Protocol** – (3 hours of training) This section provides an in-depth analysis of the different Green Globes assessment protocols covering points and background on both new construction (NC) and continuing improvement of existing buildings (CIEB). The module details how the two protocols relate and compare to one another in a building’s continual process of improvement. Areas of discussion include: Management, Site, Energy, Water, Resources, Emissions, Hazmat and Environmental/ Indoor Environment.

**Green Globes Certification Process** – (3 hours of training) This section describes the various personnel involved in the Green Globes certification process and their individual roles; explores in depth both the Green Globes New Construction and Continual improvement of existing building certification process starting with the purchasing of a new construction project and ending with a successful certification; and outlines the steps in planning a certification with the Green Globes Assessor.

**Case Study – Home Savings Bank** (1/2 hour of training) This newly constructed bank earned a certification of two Green Globes. The corporation used this designation and the building certification to complement other green initiatives such as paperless banking and low interest rates for green construction projects. The Bank has designated the property as its “Green Built Bank.”

**Case Study – Bristol –Meyer Squibb** (1/2 hour of training) This organization had made great progress in sustainability already, but they chose to use the Green Globes tools to plan a road map for future improvements to their existing building. Facilities personnel praised the tools for their comprehensive coverage of improvement areas and for the tool’s ease of use.