Q: What is *ANSI/GBI 01-2019: Green Globes Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings*?

A: It is the revised version of GBI's American National Standard – *ANSI/GBI 01-2010: Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings* – which became the basis for Green Globes for New Construction 2013. The revised Standard's more common name is Green Globes NC 2019.

Q: How was consensus achieved on *ANSI/GBI 01-2019: Green Globes Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings*, commonly called Green Globes NC 2019?

A: GBI followed ANSI-approved procedures for forming consensus on the technical criteria of the revised Standard. The procedures require the rating system to be developed with openness, balance, and due process throughout what was a more than four-year review process. More than 230 public meetings were held, and the system underwent three public comment periods resulting in the consensus body responding to more than 800 comments before being approved by that body. The next step was an audit of GBI's process resulting in approval by ANSI, which happened in late April 2019. Finally, GBI's Board of Directors approved and voted to publish the Standard on June 11, 2019.

Q: When can I register to use Green Globes NC 2019?

A: Green Globes NC 2019 is available for immediate use. Green Globes NC 2019 has been in use since early 2018 when GBI began a pilot of the third public comment draft, which was the last version to go through public comment and received no further substantive changes. The first building to be certified using the pilot version of the revised Standard was Babcock Neighborhood School in Punta Gorda, Florida. It achieved 43.1% of the 919 total applicable points, including at least 20% of applicable points in each environmental assessment area. Babcock Neighborhood School was awarded certification at the One Green Globes level. Congratulations to the school board for this achievement! The building was certified July 30, 2018.

Babcock Neighborhood School, Punta Gorda, FL – achieved One Green Globes Certification using the draft version of ANSI/GBI 01-2019, the industry's only American National Standard rating system for green commercial buildings.

Q: How can I register to use Green Globes NC 2019?

A: *ANSI/GBI 01-2019* – or Green Globes NC 2019 as it is commonly known – will soon be available on GBI's **new Green Globes software**, which is undergoing beta testing in Summer 2019. In the meantime, users can register projects under Green Globes NC 2019 by emailing info@thegbi.org. Registration and invoice generation will be handled manually by a GBI client support representative, and your team will receive an Excel workbook to track the credits you are pursuing as you progress through design, construction documents, construction, and occupancy. Your team will be assigned a third-party assessor who will assist as you work through the new criteria.

Q: Have any building projects used the revised Standard (Green Globes NC 2019)?

A: See "When can I register to use Green Globes NC 2019" for a description of the first building to be certified using the content of the revised Standard. Additional projects pursuing certification with Green Globes NC 2019 are Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Virginia, which was also just recognized as the "Most Sustainable Building in the Bay" by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. It is slated for completion in late 2019 or early 2020.

> *The Martinsburg VAMC has been proactive in addressing stormwater management while enhancing aesthetics and therapeutic options for its patients. Among the great projects on its campus are a stormwater retention basin surrounded by walking trails, benches and a wheelchair accessible observation deck; a carwash station that uses stormwater collected from the roof of the adjacent warehouse; and over 1.3 acres of permeable pavement parking lots. However, the jurors felt the most impressive effort at this sustainable facility was the establishment of a culture that promoted staff engagement in stormwater management through training, community outreach and participation in environmental management review and planning. -* https://chesapeakestormwater.net/the-bubbas/2019-bubbas/2019-most-sustainable-facility/

Other projects, not all inclusive, are the Dime Bank in Brooklyn, New York and Texas National Guard Armory Renovation/Adaptive Re-use, Big Spring, Texas.

Q: Will projects that achieve certification using Green Globes NC 2019, the only rating system that is an American National Standard for commercial green buildings, receive special recognition?

A: Yes, at least the first 25 projects that complete certification using Green Globes NC 2019 will be offered the opportunity for a plaque presentation and photo opportunity with GBI's President & CEO, Vicki Worden, or another member of GBI's leadership. All projects certified to Green Globes NC 2019 that meet the requirements of the ANSI/GBI 01-2019 Standard will be eligible for an updated plaque (a variety of indoor and outdoor choices) with language that includes, "*ANSI/GBI 01-2019 compliant".*

Q: Can I still register to use Green Globes NC 2013?

A: Yes, projects will be able to register to use Green Globes NC 2013 for another two years. Some jurisdictions, like the state of Nevada, require a rating system to be in the market for two years before it can be recognized and used for available incentives like tax abatements. For this reason, when GBI introduces a new versions of its programs, registration will be allowed on the prior and the new rating system concurrently for two years and the building owner will be able to choose which system they prefer to use. During this two-year period, GBI will follow its ANSI-approved continuous maintenance procedures to make updates or improvements to ANSI/GBI 01-2019 as users begin to implement and submit proposals for change. Changes will be issued as Addenda to the Standard and will be updated in GBI's technical manuals.

Q: How will GBI's other rating systems be reviewed and updated?

A: GBI will soon release its newest update to Green Globes for Existing Buildings (EB) as a 2019 pilot version. Green Globes EB 2019 will be reviewed by technical advisory groups (TAGs) that examine specific criteria. Where possible, EB criteria will be reviewed concurrently with any proposed changes to Green Globes NC 2019 so that TAGs are able to recommend updates that correspond to both the NC and EB versions of GBI's programs. Public comment periods will be held following GBI's ANSI-approved consensus procedures for Standards and consensus documents. GBI's Core & Shell, Sustainable Interiors, and Multifamily protocols are subsets of the Green Globes NC criteria and will be updated in late 2019/early 2020 using the ANSI/GBI 01-2019 Standard.

Q: What is different about ANSI/GBI 01-2019 (Green Globes NC 2019)?

A: Advances in the Standard's content include criteria on resilience, life cycle cost analysis, moisture control analysis, health and effectiveness, and many other market advances, such as higher efficiency plumbing fixture specifications and greatly expanded lighting and acoustic comfort sections.

Q: How do I get a copy of the ANSI/GBI 01-2019 (Green Globes NC 2019) Standard?

A: The Standard is available for free at https://www.thegbi.org/ansi.

Q: How do I learn about future Standards related activities at GBI?

A: Please complete and return the Stakeholder Application at https://www.thegbi.org/ansi.

Q: How do I apply to serve on a technical advisory group (TAG) or a consensus body for either Green Globes NC 2019 or Green Globes EB 2019?

A: Please complete and return the application for TAG participation or for Consensus Body participation at https://www.thegbi.org/ansi.

Q: How do I submit a proposal for change to GBI's rating system?

A: You can submit a proposal for change at any time. Proposals are considered following the continuous maintenance schedule at https://www.thegbi.org/ansi. Submit your proposal for change using the Comment Form found on the GBI website.

Q: What features will the new Green Globes software offer users when it launches in Fall 2019?

A: The additional and enhanced features are too numerous to list. This is a ground-up software development project that spanned two-years following survey and focus group input from users and Green Globes Assessors (GGA). However a few highlights include:

- An enhanced questionnaire that is searchable and filterable, allowing users to easily find specific criteria and identify unanswered questions
- Criteria-level commenting that enables communication between the client and GGA directly within the questionnaire

- Comprehensive assessment guidance and one-click access to the technical reference manual built into the questionnaire
- A document management system that allows users to upload and assign supporting documents to specific criteria for review by the assessor
- Performance metrics tracking and analysis for energy, water, waste, and emissions
- Summary reports for each assessment stage that explain differences between the client's self-evaluation and the assessor's awarded score; identify the criteria still requiring verification; and highlight the assessor's recommendations for improvement
- Comparison reports that allow building owners, portfolio managers, and sustainability consultants to view Green Globes data and performance metrics for multiple projects side-by-side