

## Timberline of Irvine building gets LEED nod

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**The Lakeshore Plaza office building in Corona is the first Class-A office building in the region to receive certification.**

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Irvine-based [Timberline Commercial Real Estate](#), a full-service firm specializing in acquisition, development, workout and brokerage services throughout the western U.S., has achieved LEED green building approval for one of its projects.



Administered by the [U.S. Green Building Council](#) (USGBC), LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a rating system that awards buildings points for meeting or exceeding specific green building criteria.

There are six major environmental categories of review: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design. Buildings can receive Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels and the awards are based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category.

Lakeshore Plaza's certification was awarded based on the project's proximity to homes and services, public transit and open space. Other credits were awarded for its storm water runoff controls, water-efficient landscaping, recycling facilities, use of regional materials, daylight views, green housekeeping and optimized energy performance.

It also received credits because it is built on the site of a former silica mining operation and as part of the extensive restoration of the land, extensive habitat restoration and habitat management measures were taken to protect and promote wildlife and native plant life indigenous to the region.

USGBC President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi praised the project for its sustainable design. "Building operations are nearly 40 percent of the solution to the global climate change challenge," he says. "While climate change is a global problem, innovative projects like Lakeshore Plaza are addressing it through local solutions."

David Mudgett, principal of Timberline Commercial Real Estate says, "We are unique to have such extensive amenities, whereas competing buildings in the market don't."