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USGBC – ILLINOIS CHAPTER MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

I've been a member of the USGBC-Illinois since 2006. This membership has provided networking and educational opportunities that have been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. Being part of such a dynamic and influential organization keeps me at the forefront of the green building movement and provides a way for me to give back to my community. – Paige Finnegan

Membership with the USGBC – Illinois Chapter has influenced the quality of professional services which I have provided clients. It has given me access to educational opportunities through seminars and conferences which have impacted my sensitivity to environmental design as it has related to the design of buildings. It has also given me the opportunity to share my expertise with others. – Bruce Dahlquist

Being able to interact with people from so many disciplines is a great benefit of my Chapter membership. – David Eldridge

My membership with USGBC – Illinois has allowed me to more fully and tangibly join the sustainability movement in Chicago – to really dive in and get active! Through USGBC Illinois I've been able to contribute to local and statewide issues that are important to me both personally and professionally and to meet some amazing people. It's been a welcoming and beneficial network that I've been proud to be a part of for more than three years. – Jamie Peters

My USGBC-Illinois contacts ARE my primary professional network. By participating in a multi-focused professional organization, my own career has grown and expanded alongside my colleagues. As we all move between companies and professions, my professional connections, and introductions to different organizations that are plugging into sustainability, also continue to grow and evolve. – Meghann Maves

My membership with the USGBC-Illinois is an important aspect of my professional development. I spend the vast majority of my time working with colleges and universities, and they are the nation's leaders for advancing sustainability, and for green building design, construction and operations. I moved to Chicago nearly 4 years ago, and my active participation with USGBC-Illinois dramatically increased my networking opportunities while helping me to better understand and comprehend LEED pre-requisites and credits. My leadership role with USGBC-Illinois has allowed me to become a recognized speaker at state and regional conferences for sharing information on USGBC and LEED initiatives. In today's competitive market place, establishing a personal brand of integrity and credibility within the higher education market in the area of campus sustainability is how I differentiate myself and my company from our competitors. Public speaking engagements on behalf of USGBC-Illinois at various conferences during the last two years was one of the critical skills that helped me to find a new position in the A/E industry after being laid off from a previous employer. – Ed Choglek