

481—301.34(103A) Sustainable design criteria for commercial projects. A commercial building construction project will be approved as sustainably designed if it meets the following applicable requirements:

301.34(1) If approval as a sustainably designed project is being sought in order to qualify for a tax credit or tax refund, the project will be approved as sustainably designed if the building receives certification from the United States Green Building Council at the Certified level or better in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system and if the building complies with the requirements of ASHRAE 90.1 2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, published by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

301.34(2) If the project includes only the following commercial structures, satisfaction of all of the mandatory criteria of the Iowa green streets criteria:

- a.* Day care centers.
- b.* Vocational rehabilitation centers.
- c.* Community centers.
- d.* Senior centers.

EXCEPTION: Application may be made to the commissioner to accept satisfaction of all of the mandatory criteria of the Iowa green streets criteria as the basis for approval of other commercial projects as sustainably designed. Such submission should be limited to smaller commercial projects, and approval as a sustainably designed project is at the discretion of the commissioner, who will award such approval only if the commissioner is convinced that the Iowa green streets criteria are applicable to the project. Written approval for use of the Iowa green streets criteria pursuant to this exception shall be sought and obtained prior to submission of an application for approval as a sustainably designed project.

301.34(3) If a project involves the construction of a building or a portion of a building intended to host a data center or operations of a web portal business, it will be approved as sustainably designed if the project receives certification at the certified level from the United States Green Building Council in the LEED green building rating system and complies with the requirements of ASHRAE 90.1 2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, published by the ASHRAE.

301.34(4) Satisfaction of any alternative set of criteria submitted in advance to and approved by the commissioner as equivalent to the requirements set forth in subrule 301.34(1).

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