



50 Years+
of Leadership

NIBS was established by Congress in 1974 to serve the nation's built environment.



2.5M+
Annual Users

WBDG is the go-to resource for building professionals worldwide.



1000+

Design Objectives and Criteria

WBDG is a centralized hub for compliance and best practices worldwide for the built environment.



100+

100+ Credential Courses

Via the Learning Management System (LMS).



1,000+

Federal and Industry Standards

WBDG is your one-stop access to codes, criteria, and compliance resources.



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Whole Building Design Guide: Innovation Starts Here

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WHAT IS THE WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE?

Managed by the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), the Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) is a one-stop platform that connects Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Operations, and Maintenance professionals to trusted federal standards, tools, and guidance for high-performing, cost-effective, resilient buildings. The platform also offers more than 200 continuing education credits at no cost to support ongoing professional development across the building industry.

The WBDG mission is to serve as a platform for American innovation through:

- Assembly of federal criteria, standards, and best practices into a unified framework
- Storage of authoritative content in structured, linked formats
- Dissemination of knowledge through guided discovery and free accredited education resources
- Continuing education courses that include AIA, IACET, ICC, and USGBC credits



ABOUT NIBS

For Over 50 Years, Innovation Has Been Our Mission

Congress established the National Institute of Building Sciences as a non-governmental, non-profit organization to serve as the nation's independent, authoritative voice for the built environment.

Our mission remains unchanged: to protect communities and advance national interests through resilient infrastructure and applied innovation.

We bridge public and private sectors, accelerate technology adoption, and empower decision-makers at every level: Federal, State, and local.

From shaping national standards to driving digital transformation, NIBS delivers tools, insights, and partnerships that promote sustainability, efficiency, and resilience across the industry.

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WBDG: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WBDG gives government agencies a direct way to turn policy into real-world results by aligning innovative solutions with federal requirements. The platform offers easy and intuitive access to current codes and criteria, continuing education, best practices and case studies; helping teams move faster and make more consistent decisions.

Agencies can integrate their own training courses into the WBDG Learning Management System (LMS), with the option to have WBDG apply for and maintain Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits for their courses. The LMS has an ever-expanding library of courses with over 100 providing CEUs.

A major enhancement is on the horizon: the Unified Facilities Criteria will now be accessible within a digital library. Public and private sector practitioners can more easily access criteria with all UFCs in one place with enhanced search, bookmarking, and CCR submittal features for a streamlined user experience.

Through this modernization, WBDG provides a unified, trusted resource that strengthens decision-making, improves coordination, and supports high-performing facilities across the federal, state, and local government.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS

