

USGBC Central Texas – Balcones Chapter Technology & Research Committee

The **Technology & Research Committee** (currently known as START - **Sustainable Technology Applications Resource Team**) is comprised of the Committee Chair in Austin, and a number of Committee members from across the region. The Committee's overall goal is to focus on research and technology applications, methods, and tools that will accelerate knowledge transfer and enable our regional community to design and build with greater sustainability. The Committee achieves this goal through interactive and collaborative partnerships that assist with the transfer of knowledge regarding green building technologies and research. The Committee works with the Board and the Executive Director to accelerate sustainability knowledge transfer in line with the Chapter's overall strategic plan.

The Committee is responsible for:

- Developing an online database of LEED certified projects within the Chapter's jurisdiction.
- Leveraging LEED project information to facilitate a dialogue, via web forums and other methods, on the role and impacts of technologies and research to enhance sustainability with the design and construction of projects in the Central Texas region.
- Coordinating events such as discussion panels, Lunch-n-Learns, and others with the Programs Committee in order to expand and retain Chapter and Committee membership.
- Working with the Board and the Executive Director to develop and execute events that support the Committee's mission and are consistent with the Chapter's overall strategic plan.

Role of Board Liaison is to serve as the conduit between the Committee and the Chapter Board, and to help inform, report, and provide oversight and guidance to the Committee on an as needed basis.

Role of Executive Director is to guide, provide overall direction, and support the decisions and actions of the Committee in executing the plan as well as to help coordinate events that support the Committee's/Chapter's continuing efforts.

Role of the Committee Chair is to oversee the Committee's activities, find and retain Committee members, work with the Board Liaison on status reporting procedures and work with the Executive Director on plan development and implementation.

Requirements: As per the Chapter Bylaws, the Committee Chair must be a Chapter Member in good standing. Committee members may come from the Chapter membership but are not required to do so.

Term: The Committee Chairs are encouraged to commit to a minimum term of 18 months to two years.

Tools provided:

- List of current members provided monthly
- Volunteer Tracking
- Technical support – Access to WebEx and Constant Contact database
- General USGBC and Chapter information documents