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Dear Members, Volunteers, Partners, and Friends:

An exciting evolution is happening in USGBC in Florida. For the past several years, the seven USGBC Chapters in Florida have been working towards combining our talents and strengths into a single non-profit, statewide USGBC organization that will benefit not only local communities, but all of Florida. I am excited to share the news that our seven Florida USGBC Chapters are now merging into the **USGBC Florida Chapter**, and that process will be complete by the end of this year!

This merger will combine the resources of all seven current USGBC Florida Chapters, bringing increased collaboration and coordination across the region. The merger will also help minimize the administrative burden on the existing Chapters, which will be called "Regions," and it will allow local volunteers more time to focus on "moving the needle" and implementing sustainability and green building initiatives in local communities.

Some of the benefits of one USGBC Florida Chapter include:

- More access to programs and education
- Improved member services
- Stronger advocacy and policy advancement
- Better allocation of resources and less duplication
- Improved financial stability
- Enhanced alignment with USGBC National
- Escalated collaboration
- Heightened exposure for sponsors

What does this mean to the USGBC North Florida Chapter as it exists currently?

- Ability to focus more on mission
- Will be known as "**USGBC Northeast Florida Region**" instead of "USGBC North Florida Chapter"
- Retain Board of Directors consisting of local chapter leaders

What does USGBC Florida Structure look like?

- [Leadership Snapshot](#)
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Who will be on the USGBC Florida Chapter Board?

The longstanding volunteer leaders noted below, representing each Chapter, have been chosen by their peers as the first Board members of the forthcoming USGBC Florida Chapter:

- [Mike Hess, Central Florida](#)
- [Mark Gelfo, Northeast Florida](#)
- [Sandra Lee, South Florida](#)
- [Michael Carlson, Florida Gulf Coast](#)
- [Robyn Flowers, Florida Capital](#)
- [Theresa Spurling-Wood, Heart of Florida](#)
- [Kelly Wieczorek, Northern Gulf Coast](#)

We strived to make this process transparent to you, to continue to deliver excellent programs, education, and green-building resources throughout the community. We appreciate your continued support of USGBC and your efforts to bring green buildings to all within this generation.

With sincere appreciation for your support,

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In Collaboration with:

Central Florida Chapter
Florida Capital Region Chapter
Florida Gulf Coast Chapter
Heart of Florida Chapter
North Florida Chapter
Northern Gulf Coast Chapter
South Florida Chapter

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Ask me about our wonderful volunteers ... and how to get involved in our Chapter family!*