At the U.S. Green Building Council we believe in better buildings; places that complement our environment and enhance our communities. Places that give people better, brighter, healthier spaces to live, work and play. That’s why we developed ADVANCE – a framework to help communities and organizations move along a path to more efficient, healthy, and vibrant places.

ADVANCE was built for:
- community-service non-profits;
- houses of worship and faith-based facilities;
- educational and cultural institutions;
- apartments, temporary housing, and affordable housing developments; and
- neighborhood and homeowner associations

We’ve got an opportunity for YOU this November at Greenbuild in Washington DC!

We’re seeking local organizations interested in jump starting their efforts to bring energy, resource, and cost saving strategies to their existing facilities.

The Greenbuild International Conference and Expo is the premier event for sustainable building. We’re convening sustainability professionals who are attending the conference to volunteer their expertise to help organizations like you through ADVANCE. Together we will collaborate in pursuit of healthy, efficient, and financially feasible strategies to advance your organization and its spaces. This effort goes beyond the workshops, catalyzing deep relationships between partners and local USGBC leaders that will continue to advance sustainability in the region long after the conference ends.

On Monday, November 16th, we invite you to participate in one of the following free workshops:

- **9:00am-11:30am: KICKStart** – Gain a greater understanding of green building basics and align your organization’s mission with sustainability goals in this workshop.
- **9:00am-11:30am: ENERGYSTAR® Benchmarking Data Jam** – You can’t manage what you can’t measure! At this high energy event, volunteers assist with entering utility data into ENERGYSTAR®’s Portfolio Manager® software. Access to this free online tool will allow you track energy and water usage in your building.
- **1:00pm – 5:00pm: PLAN Builder** – Work collaboratively with green building experts to develop an actionable plan to address energy, water, resource, and transportation issues and opportunities in your existing buildings.
- **1:00pm – 5:00pm: Building Blocks** - This interactive workshop assists community leaders in an assessment of their neighborhood through the lenses of transportation, access, economy, and infrastructure. Using this assessment, community leaders and local experts collectively envision a more sustainable future for their neighborhood.

**Apply to participate in ADVANCE at Greenbuild today!**
Registration is free and participants will be selected first come first serve. Applications close on September 29, 2015.

Events will be held at the [Walter E. Washington Convention Center](http://www.greenbuildexpo.com/). Contact Cindy Zork at [czork@usgbc.org](mailto:czork@usgbc.org) with questions. To register separately for the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, November 18-20, 2015, visit [http://www.greenbuildexpo.com/](http://www.greenbuildexpo.com/).