

Toward a Greener Future

CoStar Group, Inc. is a National Leader in Supporting Sustainable Commercial Real Estate Practices

As the commercial real estate industry's largest information company, CoStar Group (Nasdaq: CSGP) is uniquely qualified to support the commercial real estate industry's drive to cut energy usage, minimize carbon emissions and improve operational efficiency. Today CoStar expresses this commitment through information transparency, industry awareness and corporate practice:

TRANSPARENCY

CoStar has partnered with the U.S. Green Building Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to have buildings that carry their respective certifications (USGBC's LEED designation and EPA's Energy Star label) designated in the CoStar database. This partnership means:

- CoStar users can quickly and easily identify LEED-certified or Energy Star-labeled buildings within our online database, the industry's largest with over 3.5 million researched, continuously updated properties.
- LEED and Energy Star buildings are given prominent placement within the database to further promote green building awareness.
- CoStar analytic technology lets professionals directly compare green building performance against similar non-green properties over a wide assortment of metrics.

AWARENESS

A landmark study* supported by CoStar research and analysis suggests that LEED certified and Energy Star-labeled buildings **achieve higher rents, generate higher occupancy and command higher prices per sq. ft.** than similar non-green buildings in their area. CoStar is also currently funding academic research on green building practices via a monograph to be edited and published through the American Real Estate Society. For more information, visit www.costar.com/JOSRE.

PRACTICE

CoStar has equipped its field researchers with over 100 low-emission, fuel efficient hybrid vehicles to collect, photograph and verify commercial property information. The estimated annual fuel savings is approximately 100,000 gallons.

*More than 1,300 LEED and Energy Star buildings representing approximately 351 million square feet in CoStar's U.S. property database, were assessed against non-green properties with similar size, location, class, tenancy and year-built characteristics.

To learn more about the work of CoStar, the U.S. Green Building Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, visit:



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