



FROM **GOLD**

TO **PLATINUM**

THE TRANSAMERICA PYRAMID: LEED PLATINUM

“The Pyramid building is a San Francisco icon - not just for its architecture and the role it plays in our local economy, but also for showcasing green building leadership.”

- San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee



Barry Giles, BuildingWise; Melanie Nutter, City of San Francisco; Dan Geiger, US-GBC; Steven Ring, Cushman & Wakefield; Ken Cleaveland, BOMA.

The Transamerica Pyramid, awarded **LEED®-EB Gold** status in 2009, has now achieved the highest level of certification with **LEED®-EB Platinum** status. This is the status for environmental sustainability available for new and existing buildings, and a certification level achieved by only a handful of buildings in San Francisco.

The Transamerica Pyramid was able to achieve the Platinum certification through the following accomplishments:

- An impressive boost in the building's Energy Star rating from a score of **77** in 2009 to the latest score of **98**. This improvement places the building in the top two percent of energy-efficient buildings in the nation.
- An onsite Co-generation plant produces on average **70%** of the building's electricity and **100%** of heating and domestic hot water needs, saving the building nearly **\$700,000** annually.
- Reduced combined expenses for gas, electricity, and water by over **\$2.5M** in the past four years.
- A waste diversion rate of **70%**, due to the successful recycling and compost program.
- A single occupancy vehicle rate that is a mere **13%** due to the use of alternative transportation (carpooling, walking, public transportation, and cycling).
- Tenant educational programs including an annual **Health and Sustainability Fair**, a **Carbon Footprint contest**, and free **Electronic Recycling** events.

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