BIFMA
BUSINESS + INSTITUTIONAL FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

leads, advocates, informs and develops standards for the North American office and institutional furniture industry
The ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard

• a “multi-attribute standard”

• applies to products, but also incorporates facility and corporate policies

• designed to clarify and simplify the issues that are made more confusing by the proliferation of ecolabels and claims in the marketplace
What it is

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For consumers, level is a filter for selecting products that have been certified to an open, consensus based sustainability standard that meets ANSI requirements that will help them specify green products.

For manufacturers and suppliers, level is a standard that serves as a pathway to either communicate, or start their sustainability journey.
What it measures

Materials
Prerequisite
Design for Environment
Life Cycle Assessment
Climate Neutral
Material Efficiency
Rapidly Renewable
Sustainable Wood
Recycled Content
Recyclable & Biodegradable
Product Responsibility
Solid Waste Management
Water Management

Energy & Atmosphere
Prerequisite
Energy Policy
Energy Boundary
Energy Inventory
Energy Reduction
Energy Management
Lighting
Embodied Energy
Transportation
Renewable Energy
Greenhouse Gases

Human & Ecosystem Health
Prerequisite
Environmental Policies
Systems & Strategies
Maint. & Operations Chemicals
Process Chemicals
Product Level Chemicals
Furniture Emissions
Waste and Air Emissions

Social Responsibility
Prerequisite
Social Policies
Social Responsibility
Safety Performance
Inclusiveness
Community Outreach
Social Reporting
Supply Chain
Excellence in Performance
Map: BIFMA level + ecomedes + GSA

Green Product Datasets

Contributions/Compliance
Reporting/Documentation
Next BIFMA Sustainability Solutions

• Align the ANSI/BIFMA Furniture Sustainability Standard and level® Certification Program with LEED, WELL Building, Healthy Hospitals, and other leading programs

• Advance the use of EPA’s Guidelines &Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels with institutional purchasers in the public and private sectors

• Assist the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) with simplification of sustainability purchasing tools
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