



True to its commitment to green building designs, RFT works very closely with several agencies in promoting awareness and implementation of green building design principles. One such agency is the USBGC (United States Green Building Council).

LEED is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating system, developed by the USGBC to provide a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

Since its inception in 1998, LEED has grown to encompass more than 14,000 projects in no fewer than 40 countries worldwide covering in excess of 100 million square meters of development area.

The hallmark of LEED is that it is an open and transparent process where the technical criteria proposed by the LEED committees are publicly reviewed for approval by the more than 10,000 membership organizations that currently constitute the USGBC.

LEED accreditation is based on a point system that rates the project in question, with points issued in 6 categories, ranging from materials and resources, to site sustainability through to innovation in design.

Minimum points for certification are as follows:

26 – 32 points	→	Certified
33 – 38 points	→	Silver
39 – 51 points	→	Gold
52 – 69 points	→	Platinum

It is worthy to note that LEED accreditation does not apply to products or services, **but encompasses the construction project as a whole.**

The maximum possible contribution by raised access floors to LEED scores is 17 points, which means, as a practical example, the usage of raised floors within a building may upgrade a building's status from "Certified" to "Gold".

In the Middle East, the maximum acquired points for the usage of raised access floors manufactured by RFT in China is 10 points, enough to upgrade certification one step upwards (except for "Platinum" certification). The following points in their corresponding categories can be acquired by the proper usage of RFT raised access floors in a construction project:

Materials & Resources	→	1 Point
Indoor Environmental Quality	→	7 Points
Innovation & Design	→	2 Points

