

## **Ashkin LEED Release**

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BLOOMINGTON, IN — Stephen Ashkin, president of the [Ashkin Group and Sustainable Tool LLC](#), reminds JanSan industry professionals that the deadline for submitting comments regarding the new Version 3 [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance](#) (LEED-EBOM) guidelines is fast approaching.

The Ashkin Group was selected last year to work with the [U.S. Green Building Council](#) (USGBC) on the project.

According to Ashkin, all comments must be received no later than January 30, 2010. "This is our last chance to make our thoughts known about the new LEED-EB cleaning standards," he says.

For about two months, the Ashkin Group has been gathering comments directly from the cleaning industry about LEED-EBOM and its impact on Green Cleaning.

Comments will be provided to LEED Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) for consideration as they develop the prerequisites for the 2012 standards.

"Because this process is so important, we have [developed] a special web site for collecting comments from industry professionals," adds Ashkin. "The site is located at <http://www.ashkinleedeb.com>."

Ashkin would also like to thank all of the people who have already sent in their comments, which are being collaged for delivery to USGBC. "This is very important for our industry and we appreciate all of those [who] have already taken the time to become involved with this process."

### **About Stephen Ashkin and The Ashkin Group**

Stephen P. Ashkin is president of The Ashkin Group, a consulting firm specializing in greening the cleaning industry, as well as Sustainability Tool LLC, an electronic dashboard that allows jansan companies to measure, track and report on their facility's environmental impacts. He is also coauthor of both *The Business of Green Cleaning* and *Green Cleaning for Dummies*. Ashkin has worked in the cleaning industry since 1981 and has held senior management positions in leading consumer and commercial product companies. He began his work on Green Cleaning in 1990 and today is thought of as the "father of green cleaning."

