Green Building Advisory Committee

In A Nutshell

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Why Federal Advisory Committees?

- Ivory Towers Are Not Sustainable Buildings!
An American Tradition

1794 Whiskey Rebellion:
Topic of first Federal Advisory Committee
Why This Advisory Committee?

- Created by Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 (EISA):
  - “The Committee shall provide advice and expertise for use by the Federal Director in carrying out the duties under this subtitle”
  - Advises GSA Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings on fulfillment of our mission:
    - To advance federal building innovations in planning, design, and operations to reduce costs, enable agency missions, enhance human health and performance, and minimize environmental impacts.
Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA):

- **Avoid individual conflicts of interest:**
  - Membership limited to individually vetted appointees
  - Avoid appearance of impropriety

- **Keep Committee:**
  - Transparent
    - No smoke filled rooms
    - All meetings open to public, announced in Federal Register
    - Committee materials posted at [gsa.gov/gbac](http://gsa.gov/gbac)

- Balanced in its membership
- Independent
How the Committee Gets Its Work Done

- Semi-annual meetings
  - Additional web meetings a possibility
- Crafting advice
  - Committee agrees on topics to pursue
  - Task Groups to research and propose recommendations
  - Committee confirms/revises/rejects
  - Advice Letter to GSA
Meeting Logistics

- Working meeting of the Committee
- Coffee, tea
- Working lunch here
- Bathrooms: Lobby area → Right → Right
- Break room w/water & vending machines: Lobby → Right → Left → All the way down
- Wireless
  - GSA-Guest
  - Password: wt89FJ93
For More Info & Discussion At Any Time

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