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2022 GREEN LEASE LEADERS

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TAZA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-Selected as 2022 Green Lease Leader by the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Alliance and the Institute for Market Transformation

Tsuut'ina Nation- Today, the Institute for Market Transformation ([IMT](#)) and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) [Better Buildings Alliance](#) announced Taza Development Corporation as a 2022 Green Lease Leader during the [Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit](#). Launched in 2014, Green Lease Leaders sets national standards for what constitutes a green lease, while recognizing landlords and tenants who modernize their leases to spur collaborative action on energy efficiency, cost-savings, air quality, and sustainability in buildings.

Taza Development Corporation has achieved Silver Recognition by creating a Sustainability Lease that works to make progress on environmental, social, and economic issues.

The Lease progresses environmental sustainability by:

- Encouraging best practices related to energy efficiency and energy/water use data tracking
- Requiring tenants to practice proper waste management and conduct audits
- Encouraging green roofs, apiaries, and urban agriculture practices such as vertical farming
- Fitting-out spaces with materials good for human health

Social and economic sustainability are advanced by:

- Promoting accessibility and inclusion by encouraging all tenants to apply the Seven Principles of Universal Design
- Acknowledging the importance of Tsuut'ina culture by encouraging the completion of Indigenous awareness training programs offered by the Nation
- Advancing economic reconciliation by requiring tenants to liaise with Tsuut'ina Nation for initial hiring efforts and report annually on the number of Nation employees hired (<https://togetherattaza.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Taza-full-PERE-article-Economic-Reconciliation-2021-12-01.pdf>)

“Indigenous sovereignty and jurisdiction is a social and governance value within ESG. It's about people. It's about the rights of self-determination” (William Briscoe, Taza Development Corporation's chief executive)

Taza Development Corporation is proud to be part of the national trend toward green leases in commercial spaces. This year's Green Lease Leaders represent portfolios totaling nearly 2 billion square feet and comprises a diverse range of buildings from large and small commercial offices to industrial buildings and data centers. Altogether, Green Lease Leaders manage more than 5 billion square feet of commercial and government space across North America, representing a huge potential for growth in green leases. In the commercial sector alone, green leasing has the potential to affect 8 percent of leased space nationwide. [IMT estimates](#) that green leases can help reduce utility bills by up to about 50 cents per square foot (22 percent) in U.S. office buildings alone, and if all leased office buildings executed green leases, the market could reap over \$3 billion in annual cost savings.

Learn more about Green Leasing by visiting GreenLeaseLeaders.com or reading Green Lease Leaders' [case studies](#).

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