

Superior Essex is the First Telecommunications Wire and Cable Manufacturer to Obtain Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) Allowing Their Products to Contribute Toward LEED Points

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Superior Essex announces that it is the first company in the telecommunications cable manufacturing industry to offer Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), which can be used to obtain points in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification process for building projects. EPDs have been published for twenty-five (25) Superior Essex premises copper data cable products, including multiple designs of plenum rated and riser rated Category 5e, 6 and 6A cables. The LEED program has become the de facto standard in the USA for rating and certifying the environmental impact of building projects, including new construction and existing structures.

The EPDs attributed to Superior Essex [copper data cable products](#) can be used towards the receipt of a Material and Resource Credit under LEED version 4. An EPD is a comprehensive report that examines the environmental impact of a product or product family through its lifecycle, which provides the transparency necessary to assess the environmental standing of the products. EPDs for Superior Essex have been certified and published by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL).

"Publishing an industry-first set of EPDs for 25 of their products not only demonstrates an important step towards greater transparency by Superior Essex, but also a willingness to take on a leadership position in the communications industry sector," said Lisa Meier, VP and General Manager for [UL Environment](#). "Additionally, as green building continues to grow in relevance, it's key for manufacturers to keep moving the marketplace towards products that are easily recognized in green rating systems such as LEED."

"Superior Essex has made it a top priority to lead the way in environmental sustainability within our industry, especially in terms of landfill waste diversion, recycling, energy conservation, and reduced material usage. Up until now, organizations seeking LEED green building certification would not receive any credit for selecting cable products from companies who share their goal of exceptional environmental sustainability. Today's announcement changes that," says Steve Born, Sr. Applications Engineer and LEED AP for Superior Essex.

"We take pride in working with companies that are leading their industry, and Superior Essex is no exception. Utilizing Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) and EPDs allows forward-thinking organizations, like Superior Essex, to address environmental concerns and create more sustainable products," says Tad Radzinski, President of Sustainable Solutions Corporation, who assisted Superior Essex in developing their LCA report and EPD status.

The LEED program is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and is applicable for new construction and existing structures ranging from data centers to government to educational and healthcare facilities.

The Superior Essex EPDs are available in the [UL Sustainable Product Guide](#).

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About Superior Essex

Superior Essex Inc. manufactures a broad portfolio of wire and cable products and accessories primarily serving communications, magnet wire/winding wire, energy, wireless, and related distribution markets. It is a leading manufacturer and supplier of copper/fiber optic communications wire and cable products used to interconnect outdoor and in-building data networks. It is also a global leading manufacturer and distributor of magnet wire/winding wire products for use in motors, transformers, generators and electrical controls. Superior Essex also offers distributed antenna systems (DAS) cables and accessories that increase wireless coverage and network capacity, and low/medium voltage, energy cable products that service the Commercial, Industrial, and Utility markets. [SuperiorEssex.com](#)