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A New Season Begins

If you're like 98% of other Nebraskans you'll likely listen or watch this Saturday's football game with anticipation. Why? Not because it's Western Michigan. We'll watch because we all want to see if our new coach, Bo, is going to give us hope for the future or not.

Change is always tough on people, but perhaps even more so when we want to believe that things will get better. New seasons bring new hope and new anxiety,

In some ways, the introduction of LEED certification may mark the beginning of a new "season" in the design and construction industry. For the most part changes in the industry

have been predictable and introduced by those inside the industry. As LEED certification starts to become mainstream in American projects, many in the construction industry are left with an sense of anticipation and anxiety, too.

We'll all have to wait a while to pass judgment on Pelini and the 2008 Huskers, just like we'll have to wait some time to judge the full impact of LEED on the commercial construction industry. But Bo is going to be with us for a while, just like LEED, so we might as well get to know the schemes, the approach and names of the players....and try to enjoy the season.

Did You Know?

- The concept of LEED originated only 14 years ago, in 1994, and the first building certifications occurred in 1998.
- There are over 55,000 results for a Google search of "LEED AP Study Guides"
- To date, over 14,000 building projects have encompassed LEED principles.
- The 7 World Trade Center is considered New York City's first "green" office tower by gaining LEED gold status.
- The most popular video on YouTube with LEED in the title is [LEED v3.0](#) with more than 2,300 views.

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