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# RFCI launches ecomedes® Material Database for resilient flooring category

LA GRANGE Ga. (May 5, 2022) As part of its overall strategy to improve resilient flooring awareness, access, and specification within the A&D community, the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) has spearheaded an initiative for its manufacturing members to list their products on ecomedes®. "RFCI has worked with ecomedes® to set up a dedicated product category database that features sustainability and health and wellness information for resilient flooring products. This includes third party certifications, declarations, ecolabels, and performance data used by specifiers and flooring installers to compare and select products for green building rating system compliance," said Jane Rohde, Technical Consultant for RFCI and principal of JSR Associates, a Maryland-based architectural and consulting firm. Access here: <https://rfci.ecomedes.com/>

Like the RFCI dedicated product site, the General Services Administration (GSA) also has a dedicated database that includes all types of products, including resilient flooring on the GSA Contract. As a result, this attribute is also available through the search engine within the [RFCI.ecomedes.com](https://rfci.ecomedes.com) dedicated database. Manufacturers have provided initial data to the ecomedes® team for inclusion, and subsequent certification and embodied carbon information will be updated directly from the Program Operator that completes third-party verification and Building Transparency, respectively.

RFCI worked with Building Transparency as a pilot category for resilient floor covering to provide specifiers a global warming potential (GWP) resource that is available in the Embodied Carbon Construction Calculator (EC3). "RFCI has closely collaborated with both Building Transparency and ecomedes® to be the first category to go live in the ecomedes® database that includes global warming potential (GWP) data pulled directly from the EC3 tool," commented Rohde. "Congratulations to all of the team members and RFCI members for making these two initiatives successful!"



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## About RFCI

The Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI), based in LaGrange, GA, is the flooring industry's association that provides support for a network of global resilient flooring manufacturers and those in the supply chain. The mission of RFCI is to enhance the long-term growth and well-being of the North American resilient floor covering industry. RFCI strategic goals include managing issues that affect manufacturing, products, and the people who use them, and which typically emanate from federal and state government agencies as well as non-governmental agencies and activist groups. Other key goals include promoting the resilient flooring category, developing guidelines and certification programs to ensure the quality and sustainability of resilient flooring products, their installation, and maintenance, developing and managing technical product performance standards, and market education. <https://rfci.com>