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MODULE 15

Innovation and Regional Priority

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This chapter discusses the LEED green building certification program's main categories, focusing on the Innovation and Regional Priority categories.

Learning Objectives +

- Water efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Innovation and Regional Priority
- Project Surroundings and Public Outreach
- Summary and Resources
- LEED GA : Practice test

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INTRODUCTION

- Focuses on Innovation and Regional Priority categories.
- Innovation encourages exploration of innovative strategies and technologies.
- Regional Priority provides additional point-earning opportunities for geographic environmental achievements.
- Aims to foster LEED expertise in building design, construction, and operation.

LEED INNOVATION CATEGORY IN GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

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The LEED green building certification program offers up to six points for projects within the Innovation category by addressing four different strategies:

1. Exemplary performance
2. Innovative strategy
3. Pilot credit
4. Including a LEED Accredited Professional on the project team



EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE CREDITS IN LEED CREDITS



- Projects can earn Exemplary Performance credits by surpassing minimum performance-based thresholds in existing LEED credits.
- Examples include reusing 95% of the building, reducing parking capacity by 60%, and providing at least 15% of total energy from renewable sources.
- Innovative strategies are not addressed by existing LEED credits.
- Teams should research credit interpretation rulings (CIRs) to see if their proposed strategy has been incorporated or presented in the past.
- Examples include implementing an educational program, achieving LEED prerequisites from other rating systems, and defining and implementing a waste management program.

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INNOVATION POINT EARNING STRATEGIES IN LEED

- Pursuing pilot credits for the next LEED version.
- Up to three points can be earned for achieving pilot credit requirements.
- Pilot credits are available on the U.S. Green Building Council's website.
- LEED green building certification program offers another point opportunity for including a LEED Accredited Professional (AP) on the project team.
- APs are familiar with integrated design processes and evaluating trade-offs and synergies of green building strategies.
- Only one point can be awarded to projects for this credit, regardless of the number of APs.





REGIONAL PRIORITY CATEGORY



- Developed for 2009 version, based on consultation with local chapters.
- Six existing LEED credits mapped to each geographic region.
- RP credit zones created using GIS-based program for LEED V4.
- Projects can earn up to four Regional Priority credits (RPCs) based on project's physical coordinates.
- Aims to incentivize achievement of credits addressing environmental, social equity, and public health priorities.

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