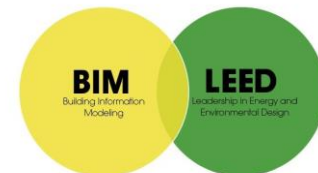


PART 11 – INNOVATION (IN)



Introduction

This innovation credit category encourages exploration and implementation of new green building technologies to create additional environmental benefits, as well as exceeding the thresholds defined in the LEED credits.

Six total points are available in this credit category, with four different strategies:

- Innovative strategy
- Exemplary performance
- Pilot credits
- Including LEED Accredited Professional on the project team



Innovative strategy

LEED encourages projects to exceed green building principles with new and unique ways of implementations that have not been previously covered in the LEED rating systems. If projects can create their own innovations, they can then receive extra points under the “Innovation” credit.

The innovation credit created should meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a quantitative improvement in environmental performance by showing the comparison of its baseline values
- Establish a comprehensive strategy that cannot be limited to the use of a single product and can be applied to the entire project
- The innovated credit should be significantly better than the standard sustainable design practices

Exemplary performance

A performance beyond the LEED credit requirements will earn projects exemplary performance points, which are generally achieved by doubling the credit requirements and/or achieving the next incremental percentage threshold.

