Innovation in Design
**Intent**
To provide design teams and projects the opportunity to be awarded points for exceptional performance above the requirements set by the Rating System and/or innovative performance in Green Building categories not specifically addressed by the Rating System.
LEED recognizes two strategies for earning ID credits:
1. Exemplary Performance
2. Innovative Performance

Also,
Projects can earn 1 point for having one LEED AP participant on the project team.
Exemplary Performance
Doubling the credit requirements and/or achieving the next incremental percentage threshold.

🌱 1 ID point per Main Credit
🌱 Prerequisites not Eligible
🌱 Not all Credits Have EP
Example – WE Credit 3 Water Use Reduction (BD+C Rating System)
WE Credit 3  30%  2 pts
            35%  3 pts
            40%  4 pts
WE Credit 3  45%  1pt
Exemplary Performance
Apply to IDC1

Total Points Earned:
WE Credit 3 – 4 points
ID Credit 1 – 1 point
Example – MR Credit 7 Certified Wood (BD+C Rating System)
MR Credit 7  50%  1 pt

MR Credit 7  95%  1pt
Exemplary Performance
Apply to IDC1

Total Points Earned:
MR Credit 7 – 1 point
ID Credit 1 – 1 point
Innovation Strategies not Addressed by Existing LEED Credits

Basic Criteria for Achieving:
1. Demonstrate quantitative performance improvements
2. Process or specification must be comprehensive
3. Formula developed must be applicable to other projects

Strategies that demonstrate a comprehensive approach and have significant, measurable environmental benefits are applicable.
Innovation Strategies not Addressed by Existing LEED Credits

ID Credits awarded to one project does not automatically constitute approval for a similar strategy in a future project.

ID Credits are not awarded for the use of a particular product or design strategy if the technology aids in the achievement of an existing LEED credit.

Project team must sufficiently document the achievement using the LEED credit equivalence process.
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Innovation Strategies not Addressed by Existing LEED Credits

Examples:
- Active LEED/Green Education Components
- Green Housekeeping
- High Volume Fly Ash
- Low-Emitting Furniture & Furnishings
- Organic Landscaping / Integrated Pest Management Program
LEED AP
At least one principal participant of the project team shall be a LEED Accredited Professional.

1 point for having one LEED AP on the project.

No additional points for having more than one LEED AP on the project.
**LEED AP**
Assign responsibility for overseeing the integrated design & construction process.

Provide project team members green building & construction education early in the project.
Become a LEED AP
1. Take and Pass the LEED Green Associate Exam
2. Take & Pass a LEED AP Specialty Accreditation Exam

3. Find x.
Regional Priority
Intent
The intent of the regional priority credits and points is to encourage teams to attempt LEED credits that address specific environmental priorities in the project’s region.
Regional Priority credits are listed by state and zip code.

Regional priority credits are only available to projects within the United States.

Even though 6 regional priority credits are listed, teams can only earn up to 4 points in this category.
Regional Priority

Example – Chico, CA 95926