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5000th LEED registration in Canada

The CaGBC is pleased to announce that it has reached a major milestone in the evolution of green building in Canada with the 5000th project registered for LEED certification in Canada. This comes on the heels of a strong third quarter of 2014 that saw 132 registrations and 117 certifications. This brings the total number of LEED certified projects in Canada to 1878. A searchable LEED project database with further detail, including project scorecards and photos, can be viewed on the [CaGBC LEED Project Profiles](#) webpage.

Year to date totals by LEED certification level (up to September 30, 2014) are as follows:

- 103 LEED Certified
- 126 LEED Silver
- 124 LEED Gold
- 22 LEED Platinum

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Certification Timelines

In July 2014, the CaGBC [announced new measures](#) to encourage project teams to respond to LEED reviews within three months of receipt; for teams with older reviews, November 5th was the deadline for re-submitting. Project teams also began receiving automated monthly reminders.

Numerous consultants have expressed that the recent changes have made it easier for them to ensure timely resolution of any outstanding re-submittal issues, and the CaGBC is happy to report that the measures put in place are in fact driving quicker responses to reviews: between October 1st and November 5th, monthly re-submittals were more than 160% higher than the average in earlier months.

The CaGBC is working to quickly address any temporary certification delays that might be created by the initial implementation of the new re-submittal measures, as well as the surge of new projects that submitted for certification in advance of the pricing changes that took effect in October. We thank you for your understanding as we address these one-time events and continue to advance towards our goal of completing certification in an average of six months.

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LEED Canada project registration extended until October 2016

The CaGBC announced on October 30th that project registration for LEED Canada will remain open until October 31st, 2016. This follows the USGBC decision to extend registration under the LEED 2009 rating system to this date. The original date for LEED 2009 registration to close was June 15, 2015. Extending to October 2016 gives LEED users and members of the green building industry additional time to prepare for LEED v4, the latest version of LEED, which features increased rigor and multiple updates. You can view the CaGBC's announcement [here](#).

Under LEED v4, project teams will benefit from the LEED Online platform while the CaGBC will maintain responsibility for delivering the program - including registration, customer service, and certification review. The CaGBC is actively working on implementation of these services, in partnership with the USGBC.

For more information about the LEED Canada extension, please contact the CaGBC at info@cagbc.org.

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Education for LEED Practitioners

The CaGBC is pleased to offer these upcoming webinars designed for experienced practitioners.

[LEED v4: Secrets to a Well Commissioned Envelope](#) - On November 27th, join Jamie McKay of Morrison Hershfield to learn how new envelope design philosophies have begun to integrate building conditioning goals, and discuss the benefits, hurdles and considerations in pursuing building envelope commissioning. \$49+tax for CaGBC members; \$59+tax for non-members.

[LEED v4 and Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment](#) - On January 28th, 2015, join Mark Lucuik of Morrison Hershfield to learn how to earn up to five points with the new whole building Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) credit for Canadian LEED v4 projects. \$49+tax for CaGBC members; \$59+tax for non-members.

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Submittal Tips when Applying for ID Credits from other LEED Rating Systems

The process for earning Innovation in Design (ID) credits using strategies from a different rating system can be difficult to navigate. This often results in additional information having to be provided during certification review. The following submittal tips are provided as guidance to help ensure a smooth certification process.

- Projects should always provide the signed LEED Letter Template for the credit attempted, completed by the responsible party. Providing only the Innovation and Design LEED letter template is not sufficient to demonstrate compliance; the template must be

specific to the credit and rating system being used. For design and construction projects attempting LEED Canada EB:O&M credits, the performance period portion of the template is not relevant and does not have to be completed.

- Credits from USGBC rating systems can be used in conjunction with the appropriate USGBC LEED submittal forms. Sample forms can be found [online](#).
- Let the reference materials from the alternative rating system guide you. If the alternative credit attempted is from a version 1.0 rating system such as LEED Canada-CI 1.0, the governing document is the LEED Canada-CI 1.0 Reference Guide. On the other hand, if the alternative credit attempted is from a version 2009 rating system such as LEED Canada EB:O&M 2009, the LEED letter templates identify all the required submittals. Read and reflect on the declarations and documentation required and ensure it is provided in your initial submission.
- Ensure the credit is appropriate for the project. Remember that only those strategies that demonstrate a comprehensive approach and have significant, measureable environmental benefits *for the project* are applicable. Rating systems are designed for specific project scopes and credits from those rating systems can become less relevant when applied to other occupancy types.

For example, LEED Canada-CI 1.0 EQc4.5 recognizes the benefits of low-emitting systems furniture and seating. However there can be difficulty in applying this credit to some occupancy types that might be found on building design and construction projects. CIR 426 and 867 provide a path for these projects: projects can use this credit as an innovation if they ensure that at least 75% by cost of all furniture (including non-system furniture) meets the credit criteria.

LEED Canada EB:O&M credits that can be applied to LEED Canada NC 2009 projects are outlined in CIR 991. Most of these credits may also be extended to Core & Shell projects, provided that the owner controls the relevant program for the entire project building.

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Recent CIRs

Credit Interpretation Requests ruled on since the last LEED Technical Bulletin (Sept 5, 2014) are listed below. To view any of these CIRs, simply go to CaGBC's [CIR database](#) and search by CIR number. Note that CIRs can apply to multiple rating systems and versions - see the CIR rulings for more information.

#	Rating System	Version	Credit Prerequisite	Subject
1181	NC	2009	SSc7.2	Applicable Roof Area(s) for Vertically Attached Buildings
1175	NC	2009	EQc5	The use of walk-off mats and grates inside a fire station
1176	NC	2009	IEQc6.2	Classification of pre/post-operative space for determining the number of thermal controls required.
1118	NC	2009	IEQc5	Earning EQc5 when operable windows are used to achieve other credits and prerequisites

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