

**LEED for Commercial Interiors v2.0 SSc1 Site Selection Option L**  
Guidance for Application of Credits from Other LEED Rating Systems  
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**Background:**

This document replaces the former LEED-CI SSc1 Guidance Document posted at [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org). It has been updated (October 2009) to include LEED EB O&M 2008. Further corrections were issued in February 2010. LEED-CI SSc1 Site Selection has two basic compliance paths: Select a LEED certified building or locate the tenant space in a building that has in place certain characteristics at the time of submittal. There are eleven building/site characteristics listed in the Credit Requirements. These are based on existing LEED-NC credits. There is a twelfth option for additional strategies (Option L). Certain LEED credits may be applied using the last strategy. They are listed below. Projects may earn up to three points total by documenting strategies worth one half point each (unless otherwise noted below) in Option L.

**Approved LEED credit strategies:**

- apply to the entire building or site;
- impact ongoing performance (environmental, health, etc.); and
- are either not included in the LEED-CI Rating System or are qualified with the notes provided below.

The credits were selected using the criteria listed above. To be consistent with the LEED-CI Rating System, no more than one point is allowed per strategy. Based on the requirements of existing LEED-CI credits, for *certain* strategies (as defined in the tables below):

- The LEED project under review must occupy 50% or less of the building.
- The LEED project under review is less than 75% of the total building area.
- There are base building considerations.

**Documentation:**

- When submitting a credit for LEED-CI v2.0 SSc1 Option L, the project team must provide the completed LEED Submittal Template of the *applied* rating system and credit and all required supplemental documentation for that credit.
- The Submittal Templates are available here: <https://leedonline.usgbc.org/Login.aspx>.
- LEED-CI v2.0 projects may not use the 2009 Rating System credits for SSc1. The applicable LEED Rating Systems are LEED for New Construction v2.2, LEED for Existing Building v2.0 (based on registration date), and LEED for Existing Building, Operations and Maintenance 2008 (based on registration date) as noted in the tables below.
- LEED-CI v2.0 projects registered on May 5, 2008 or later, may NOT use the LEED-EB v2.0 credits listed below. Projects may also NOT use a combination of LEED-EB v2.0 and LEED-EB: O&M credits.

LEED for New Construction v2.2 Credits	Conditions for Use
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SSc4.3: Alternative Transportation, Low-Emitting and Fuel-Efficient Vehicles	
SSc5.2: Site Development, Maximize Open Space	
EAp1: Fundamental Commissioning	Eligible if project meets the following conditions: 1.The project is located within a building that is less than 5 years old. 2.The project scope (tenant scope) does not include HVAC&R systems as they are a part of the base building system. 3.Project area is less than 50% of the total building area.
EAc3: Enhanced Commissioning	Eligible if project meets the following conditions: 1.The project is located within a building that is less than 5 years old. 2.The project scope (tenant scope) does not include HVAC&R systems as they are a part of the base building system. 3.Project area is less than 50% of the total building area.
EAc4: Enhanced Refrigerant Management	
EAc5: Measurement & Verification	Eligible if project meets the following conditions: 1. The project scope (tenant scope) does not include HVAC&R systems as they are part of the base building system. 2. Project area is less than 75% of the total building area. 3. The tenant shares common spaces in the building, such as lobby, corridors, and restrooms.

<b>LEED for Existing Buildings Operations &amp; Maintenance 2008 Credits</b>	<b>Conditions for Use</b>
SSc2: Building Exterior and Hardscape Management Plan	
SSc3: Integrated Pest Mgmt, Erosion Control, and Landscape Mgmt Plan	
SSc5:Reduced Site Disturbance: Protect or Restore Open Space	
WEc4: Cooling Tower Water Management	
EAp1: Energy Efficiency Best Management Practices – Planning, Documentation, and Opportunity Assessment	Eligible if project meets the following conditions: 1.The project is located within a building that is 5 years or older. 2.The project scope (tenant scope) does not include HVAC&R systems as they are a part of the base building system. 3.Project area is less than 50% of the total building area.

EAc1: Optimize Energy Performance	<p><b>½ pt-</b> EPA of 69 OR 19 percentile above national median</p> <p><b>Additional ½ pt-</b> 71+ Energy Star Rating OR 21+ percentile above national median</p>
EAc2: Existing Building Commissioning	<p>Eligible if project meets the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The project is located within a building that is 5 years or older.</li> <li>2.The project scope (tenant scope) does not include HVAC&amp;R systems as they are a part of the base building system.</li> <li>3.Project area is less than 50% of the total building area.</li> </ol>
MRC4: Sustainable Purchasing: Reduced Mercury in Lamps	
MRC5: Sustainable Purchasing: Food	
MRC6: Solid Waste Management: Waste Stream Audit	<p>Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total:</p> <p>MRC6</p> <p>MRC7</p> <p>MRC8</p>
MRC7.2: Solid Waste Management: Ongoing Consumables	<p>Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total:</p> <p>MRC6</p> <p>MRC7</p> <p>MRC8</p>
MRC8: Solid Waste Management: Durable Goods	<p>Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total:</p> <p>MRC6</p> <p>MRC7</p> <p>MRC8</p>
EQp3: Green Cleaning Policy	
EQc1.1: Indoor Air Quality Best Management: Indoor Air Quality Management Program	
EQc3.9: Green Cleaning: Indoor Integrated Pest Management	

<b>LEED for Existing Buildings v2.0 Credits</b>	<b>Conditions for Use</b>
SSc1: Green Site and Building Exterior Management	<p><b>½ pt-</b> 4 items addressed</p> <p><b>Additional ½ pt-</b> 4 additional items addressed</p>
SSc4.2 Reduced Site Disturbance, Protect or Restore Open Space (75%)	
EAp1: Existing Building Commissioning	<p>Eligible if project meets the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The project is located within a building that is 5 years or older.</li> <li>2.The project scope (tenant scope) does not</li> </ol>

	include HVAC&R systems as they are a part of the base building system. 3. Project area is less than 50% of the total building area.
EAc1: Optimize Energy Performance	Eligible if project area is less than 50% of the total building area.  <b>½ pt-</b> EPA of 63 OR 13% Reduction in Energy Use From Baseline  <b>Additional ½ pt-</b> 67+ Energy Star Rating OR 17%+ Reduction in Energy Use From Baseline
MRC4: Sustainable Cleaning Products and Materials	Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total: MRC4 EQc10.3 EQc10.4&EQc10.5 EQc10.6
MRC5: Occupant Recycling	
MRC6: Additional Toxic Material Source Reduction, Reduced Mercury in Light Bulbs	
EQc9: Contemporary IAQ Practice	
EQc10.3: Green Cleaning, Low Environmental Impact Cleaning Policy	Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total: MRC4 EQc10.3 EQc10.4&10.5 EQc10.6
EQ Credits 10.4 and 10.5: Green Cleaning, Low Environmental Impact Pest Management Policy	Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total: MRC4 EQc10.3 EQc10.4&10.5 EQc10.6  Please note: Only one ½ point will be awarded for EQc10.4&10.5.
EQc10.6: Green Cleaning, Low Environmental Impact Cleaning Equipment Policy	Project team may select ONLY 2 of the following green cleaning credits for 1 point total: MRC4 EQc10.3 EQc10.4&10.5 EQc10.6

If your project has special circumstances, please contact GBCI at <http://www.gbci.org/contactcertification.aspx>.