## ENVISION™ INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY RATING SYSTEM APPLICATION IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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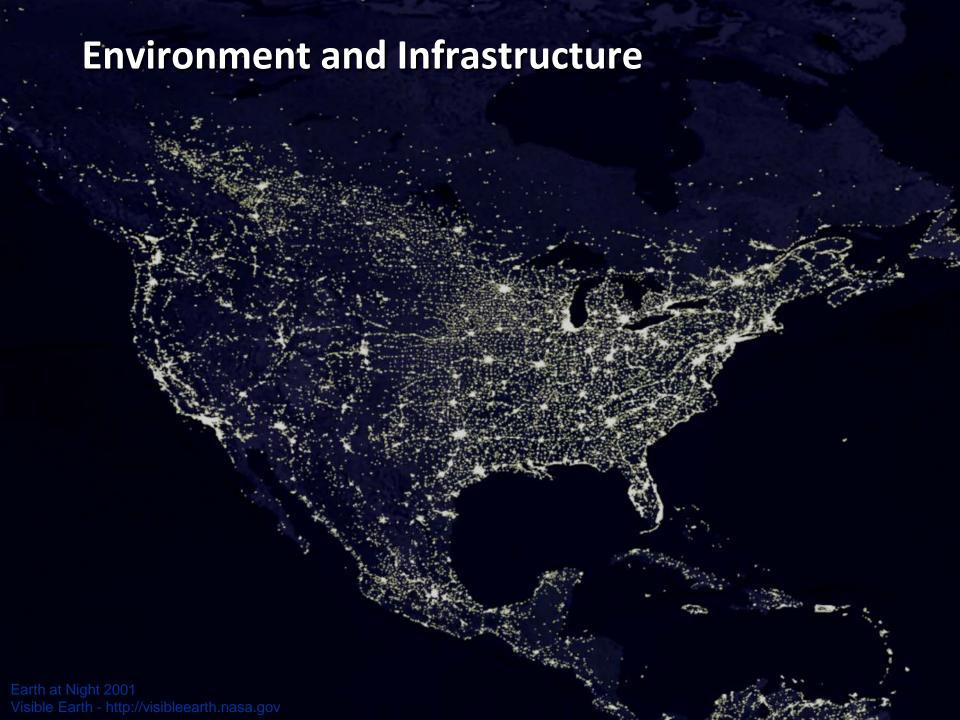


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# Public Works Transportation, Water, Energy, Environment

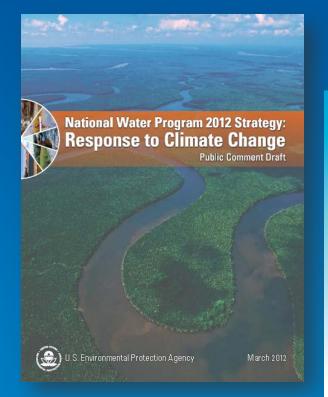


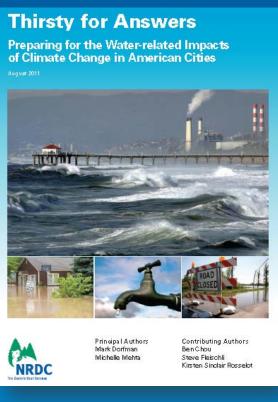


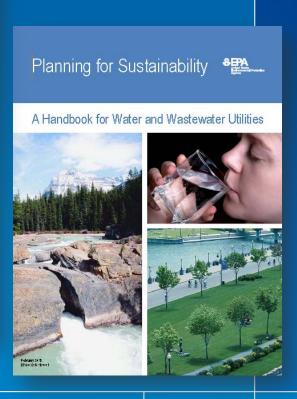




## Infrastructure Resiliency

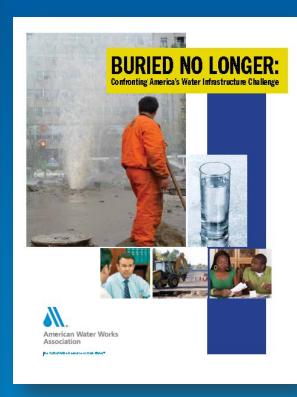






# america's INFRASTRUCTURE







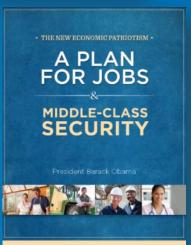




#### Infrastructure Investment



Immediate investments in infrastructure and a bipartisan National Infrastructure Bank, modernizing our roads, rail, airports and waterways while putting hundreds of thousands of workers back on the job.



President Obama would commit half of the money saved from responsibly ending wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to reducing the deficit and the other half to putting Americans back to work rebuilding roads, bridges, runways, and schools here in the United States.

#### **USGBC LEED®**

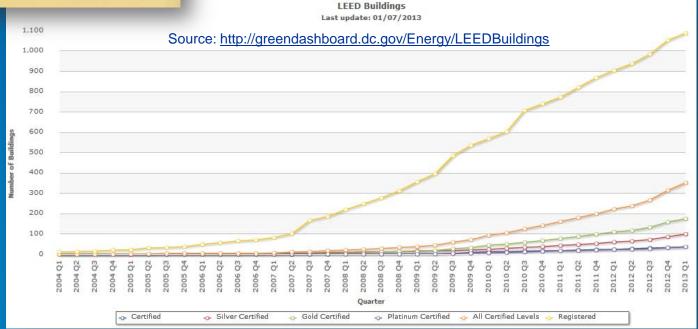




#### **GREEN BUILDING FACTS**

#### Market Impact

- By 2015, an estimated 40-48% of new nonresidential construction by value will be green, equating to a \$120-145 billion opportunity<sup>1</sup>.
- 2 billion square feet of building space are LEED-certified (as of June 2012).
- LEED is referenced in project specifications for 71% of projects valued at \$50 million and over<sup>6</sup>.



## Civil Engineering "Transformational Change"

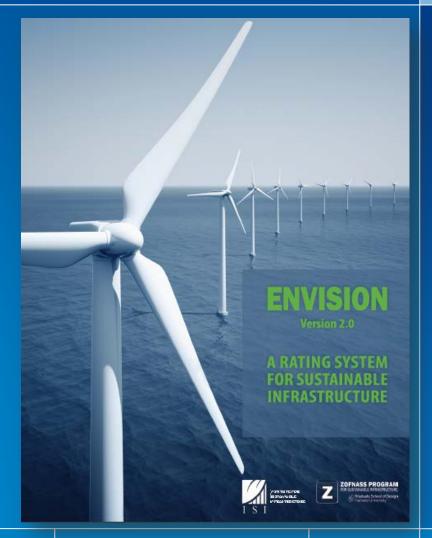






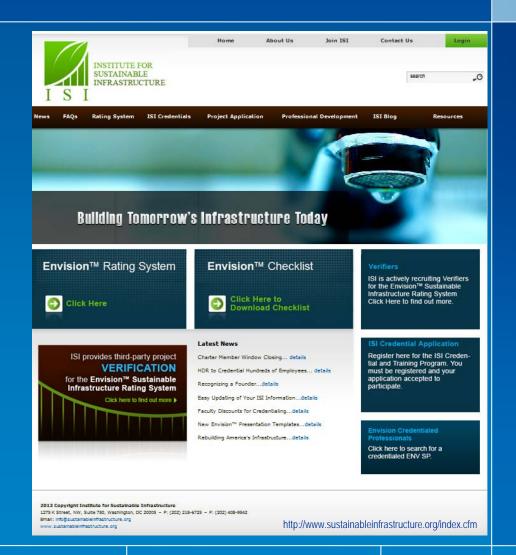






### Why Envision™?

- Provides objective framework for assessing project sustainability
- Builds sustainability awareness in project team and stakeholders
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## Envision™ - Applicable to "Horizontal" Civil Infrastructure



#### **ENERGY**

Geothermal

**Hydroelectric** 

Nuclear

Coal

**Natural Gas** 

Oil/Refinery

Wind

Solar

**Biomass** 



#### **WATER**

Potable water distribution

Capture/Storage

Water Reuse

Storm Water

Management

Flood Control



#### **WASTE**

Solid waste

Recycling

Hazardous

Waste

Collection &

Transfer



#### **TRANSPORT**

**Airports** 

Roads

**Highways** 

Bikes

**Pedestrians** 

Railways

**Public Transit** 

**Ports** 

Waterways



#### **LANDSCAPE**

Public Realm

**Parks** 

**Ecosystem** Services



#### INFORMATION

Telecommunication

Internet

Phones

Satellites

Data Centers

Sensors

#### Envision™ Suite of Tools

- Checklist
  - Educational tool
  - Comparison of project alternatives
  - Yes/no questions based on the Envision rating system
- Envision™ Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System
  - Web-based tool includes guidance manual and scoring system
  - Used by project team for self-assessment, or for third-party objective review by ISI Verifiers
  - Prerequisite for Envision certification award eligibility
  - Helps guide project team in developing a sustainable project
- Economic optimization tool, Construction and O+M,
   Life Cycle Assessment ...



## 60 Credits in 5 Categories



QUALITY OF LIFE



LEADERSHIP



RESOURCE ALLOCATION



NATURAL WORLD



CLIMATE AND RISK Purpose, Community, Wellbeing

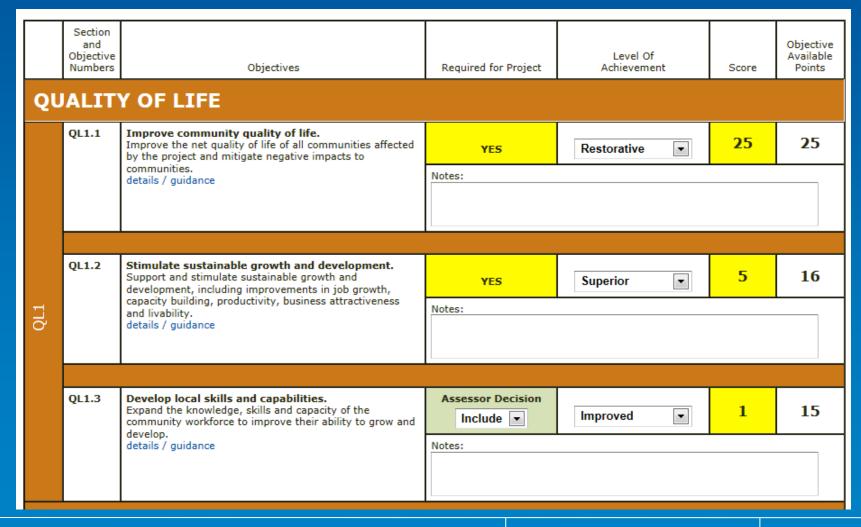
Collaboration, Management, Planning

Materials, Energy, Water

Siting, Land & Water, Biodiversity

Emission, Resilience

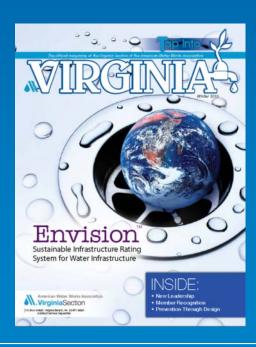
## Rating System Elements

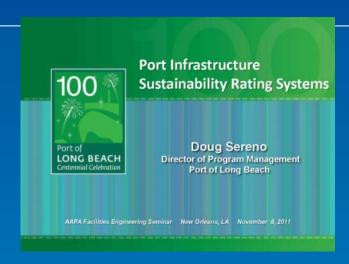


#### Envision™ Advocates



#### **Massachusetts Water Resources Authority**









# Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance

- The Federal government occupies nearly 500,000 buildings
- EO 13514 Requires:
  - Agencies to develop sustainability plans
  - 30% reduction in vehicle fleet petroleum use by 2020
  - 26% improvement in water efficiency by 2020
  - 50% recycling and waste diversion by 2015
  - 95% of all applicable contracts will meet sustainability requirements
  - Implementation of the 2030 net-zero-energy building requirement



#### Federal Government and LEED®



## **High Priority Performance Goals**

#### **Department of Commerce**

Sustainable Manufacturing and Building Practices: Raise the number of firms adopting sustainable
manufacturing processes through the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 250 by the end of
2011.Raise the percentage of construction projects involving buildings or structures funded by
Economic Development Assistance Programs that are certified by the U.S. Green Building Council's
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or a comparable third-party certification
program to 12 percent.

#### Envision™ Momentum

#### **White House Council on Environmental Quality**

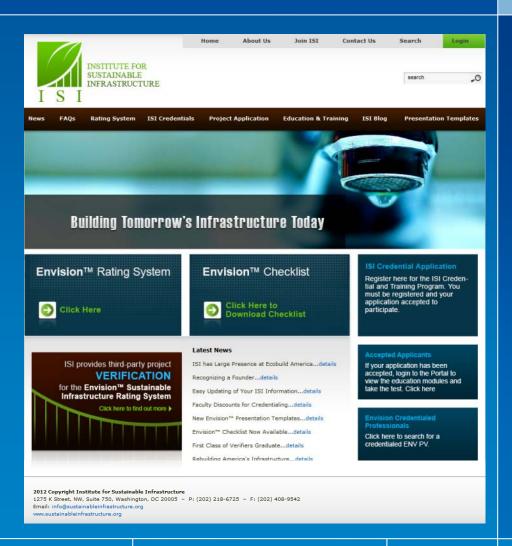
"Executing a Sustainable Infrastructure Vision" Roundtable





### **Envision™ Opportunities**

- ISI Membership
- Sustainability Professional Accreditation (ENV SP)
- Committee Involvement
- Application on Projects
- Inclusion in RFPs





# Envision™ Opportunities: ISI Committees

- Accreditation Committee (Chair: Anastasia Harrison, Gensler) Establishes criteria and qualifications for Sustainability Professional (ENV SP)
  designation; manages credentialing process.
- Economics Committee (Chair: John F. Williams, Impact Infrastructure) Develops economic metrics supporting the business case and investment incentives for sustainable infrastructure development.
- Professional Development Committee (Chair: Tom Pedersen, CDM Smith) Designs, produces and delivers educational and training products for members, the general public and public officials, to include webinars, educational modules, conference sessions and symposia; produces education and training programs for the accreditation function on behalf of the Accreditation Committee.
- Intergovernmental, Nonprofit and Global Affairs Committee (Chair: Diane M. Linderman, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.) Responsible for intergovernmental coordination with federal, state and local agencies and organizations; international and global development; relationships with not -for-profit organizations; public testimony and general speaking engagements; organizes the Executive Forum for Sustainable Infrastructure series.
- Recognition Committee (Chair: Nathan Beil, KCI Technologies) Develops and oversee the establishment of awards, criteria of eligibility, the
  management of the project application process and the designations associated with recognizing individual projects as qualifying sustainable
  infrastructure within the parameters of the ISI rating tool.
- Research and Resource Committee (Chair: Cameron Thomson, Arup) Responsible for research associated with the development of the rating
  tool and related infrastructure subjects; oversees ISI relationships with academia and research contracts; directs ISI sustainable infrastructure
  resource center.
- Technical Committee (Chair: Michael Cline, Hannum, Wagle & Cline) Responsible for the design, content, development and continuous improvement of the ISI rating tool. The committee is organized by infrastructure sectors and by disciplines. The Committee has several subcommittees.



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#### Public Works and Envision™

- Civil infrastructure is being designed for the nest 50 years
- Resilience and sustainability are important considerations for all public works projects
- Envision provides a framework for guiding project design and rating project sustainability
- Application of Envision will help public works agencies improve the quality of life of our communities

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