

# Earn more LEED points with SunPower

Achieving LEED® certification for a building is a great way to show the world that your organization is a leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship. As you go through the LEED certification process, you'll quickly realize that selecting the right building products can help you accumulate more points toward certification.

In terms of commercial solar energy systems, SunPower® E-Series and X-Series DC solar panels provide the best return on your investment. Not only are they the industry's highest-efficiency solar panels commercially available<sup>1</sup>, they're Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Silver for sustainable practices in manufacturing—a distinction that can deliver unique environmental and financial benefits. This level of certification means that SunPower solar panels can contribute to you earning points across a much broader range of LEED credit categories.

Consider that a typical green building project<sup>2</sup> requires 40 points to achieve Basic LEED Certification, and a solar system can contribute up to 5 points. Using Cradle to Cradle Certified™ products can yield an additional 6 points. On a large project seeking LEED Gold certification, those 11 points can make a substantial financial impact.

In fact, SunPower systems can contribute to you earning points across multiple LEEDv4 credit categories:

LEEDv4 Category	Maximum Points
Renewable energy	3
Heat island reduction	2
Building product disclosure and optimization: environmental product declarations	1
Building product disclosure and optimization: material ingredients	2
Building product disclosure and optimization: sourcing of raw materials	1
Social equity in supply chain	1
Integrative analysis of building materials	1



<sup>1</sup> Based on search of data sheet values from websites of top 20 manufacturers per IHS, as of January 2018.

<sup>2</sup> A typical project assumes core and shell or major renovation with at least 10% of the energy offset by solar; sufficient products to qualify for Material and Resource categories; and 33% of the hardscape covered with solar or other heat island-reducing coverings.

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