

Earthly Ideas' Services

Since 1992, building owners, architects, and construction managers have hired Earthly Ideas LLC to assist in the design and construction of high performance buildings. Earthly Ideas supports project teams across the country with the information, resources, and skills needed to produce these facilities. Earthly Ideas successfully provides these teams with innovative approaches to sustainable design consulting, project management, and training and education. We offer a range of services that are customized to each client's requirements.

Consulting

Our practice is grounded in the fact that knowledge is power; we strive to provide project team members with accurate, up-to-date, and timely information on sustainable development practices and procedures. We serve as the sustainability and LEED information resource to the many disciplines required for a new or renovated building design (including architecture, mechanical/electrical/plumbing, civil, and structural engineers, lighting design, landscape architecture, commissioning agents, and specialty consultants) and work to develop and implement effective strategies to improve a building's performance. We review plans, specifications, and submittals to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information. We specialize in sustainable materials, products, and construction methods research and can help designers with or lead research initiatives.

Project Management

Managing the integrated design process can seem complicated – especially if you are new to sustainable development or LEED certification. To guide our clients, we draw upon our outstanding organizational skills and years of experience in the sustainable development field to navigate the LEED certification process. We have developed tools and systems that allow us to successfully direct the process and proactively engage team members to keep projects on target.

Earthly Ideas' LEED project management services span the many phases of a project. At the start of LEED-designated projects, Earthly Ideas facilitates charrettes designed to educate the team about LEED and to advance sustainable development strategies and the integrated design process. Throughout design, Earthly Ideas leads progress meetings devoted to assessing the status of high-performance features and expanding opportunities to earn additional LEED credits. At the end of design and again at the end of construction, Earthly Ideas assists project team members in documenting the design, construction, and commissioning processes and oversees LEED application submittals. One of the keys to Earthly Ideas' success is our ability to promote strong communication among team members throughout the project.

Training and Education

Inherent in our Consulting and Project Management services but also available as standalone sessions, we offer presentations, charrettes, and educational tools to help individuals and project teams get the most out of the integrated design process. If you are interested in more formal educational opportunities, Michelle Reott is a faculty member of the Boston Architectural College's [Sustainable Design Certificate](#) Program where online and in-person classes are offered on various sustainable design topics.