

Designers Lighting Forum

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of Luminaires and Lighting Design Strategies -Tales from the Front



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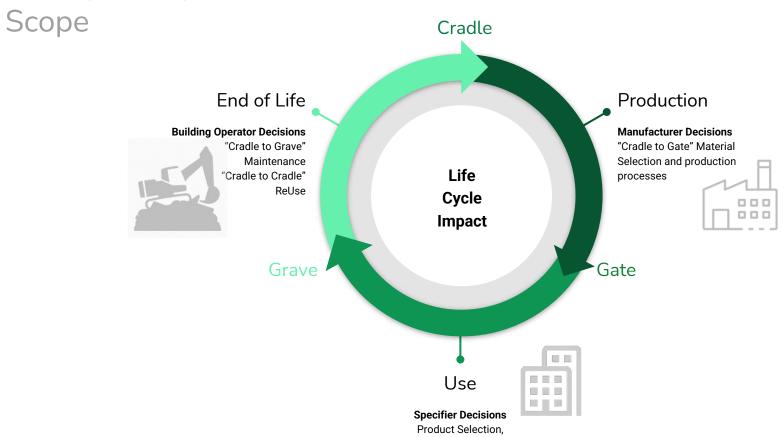
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At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Outline current status of metrics and reporting schemes on the life cycle impact of luminaires and lighting strategies
- Understand practical issues in the LCA data collection and analysis process from the manufacturer's lens
- 3. Define and identify key impact criteria from LCA reports
- Evaluate impact dimensions in comparison of luminaires and lighting design strategies using LCA data



Life Cycle Impact

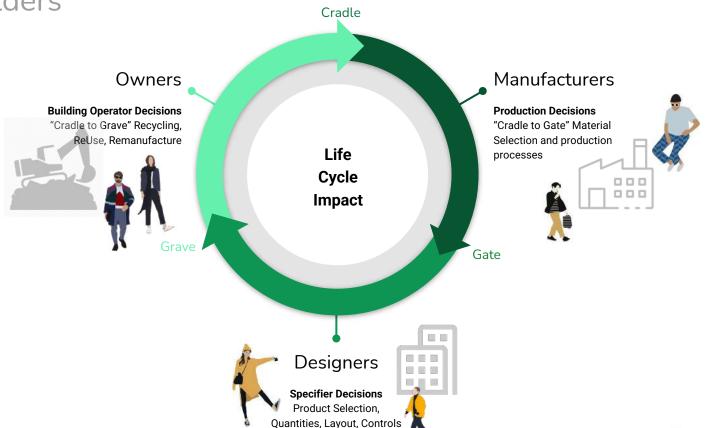


Quantities, Layout, Controls



Life Cycle Impact

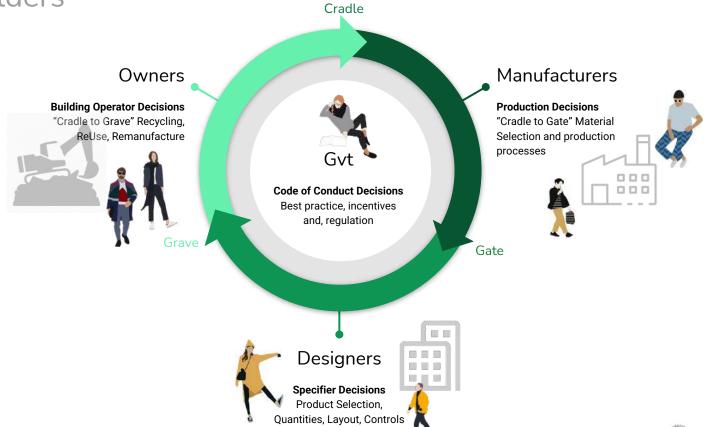
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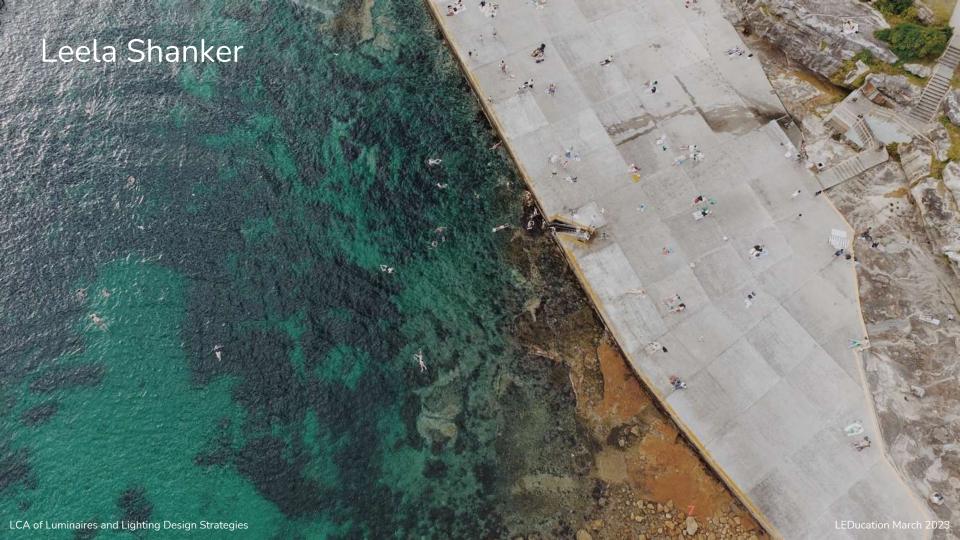




Life Cycle Impact

Stakeholders







Russell Greenberg

I am an architect turned product designer + entrepreneur. I am the co-founder and creative director of STICKBULB, a NYC-based lighting manufacturer that makes fixtures from locally salvaged wood.

I went from knowing nothing about LCA a few years ago to using it as an active tool in day-to-day operations and decision-making.









Lighting LCA - Tales from the Front





Improving sustainability approaches will impact the climate



Approximately 30% of all global carbon emissions are attributed to the building sector

An additional percentage of global emissions can be attributed to embodied carbon from the industry and waste sectors. *

CO₂ emissions from buildings operations have reached an all-time high of around 10 GtCO₂

Around a 5% increase from 2020 and 2% higher than the previous peak in 2019. **

Increased global demand for construction materials to accommodate population growth, particularly in cities





Many industry drivers for sustainability transparency information

Building Ratings & Certifications

- LEED
- WELL
- BREEAM
- Green Globes
- · Living Building Challenge

Regulations

- BuyClean (state and federal)
- Other State-level regulations

Corporate Pledges / Challenges

- AIA Materials Pledge
- Mindful Materials Lighting Advocacy Letter
- Living Product 50
- Carbon Leadership Forum MEP 2040
- AIA 2030
- GreenLight Alliance LCA Incubator

Many organizations are asking,

"Is there a quick and easy way to get embodied carbon data? We need this data now."

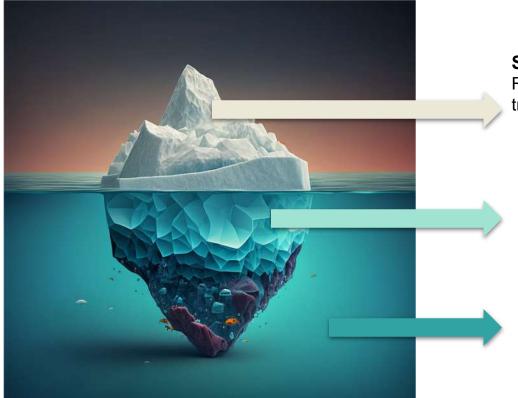
A: The best way to accurately quantify impact is with LCAs, but industry needs help to streamline that process and decrease costs and effort.





Alphabet Soup of Sustainability





Summary Report (e.g., EPD)

Report / summarize LCA findings and using transparency documentation such as:

- Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
- Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Analysis to quantify impacts of the full life cycle - results in a very long report (~500 pages)

Product Category Rule (PCR)

Framework and method for identifying and evaluating environmental impact





Tenets of Life Cycle Sustainability

Functional Unit



e.g. LCA of a car of typology X, assuming a use for Y years, produced in country Z, ect.

Life Cycle Phases



Impact Categories

















RADIATION





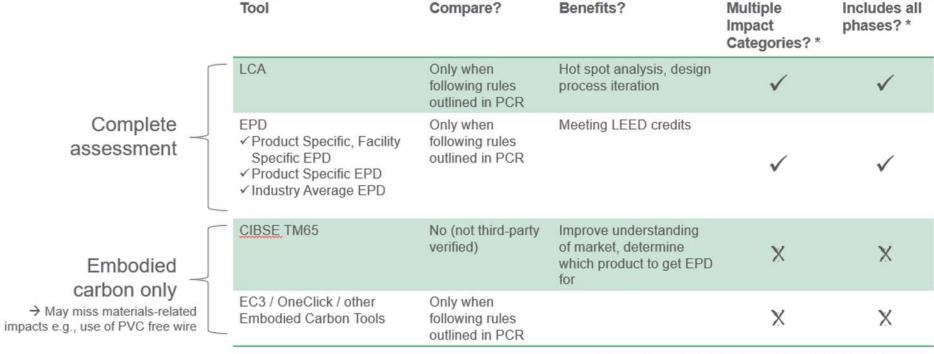






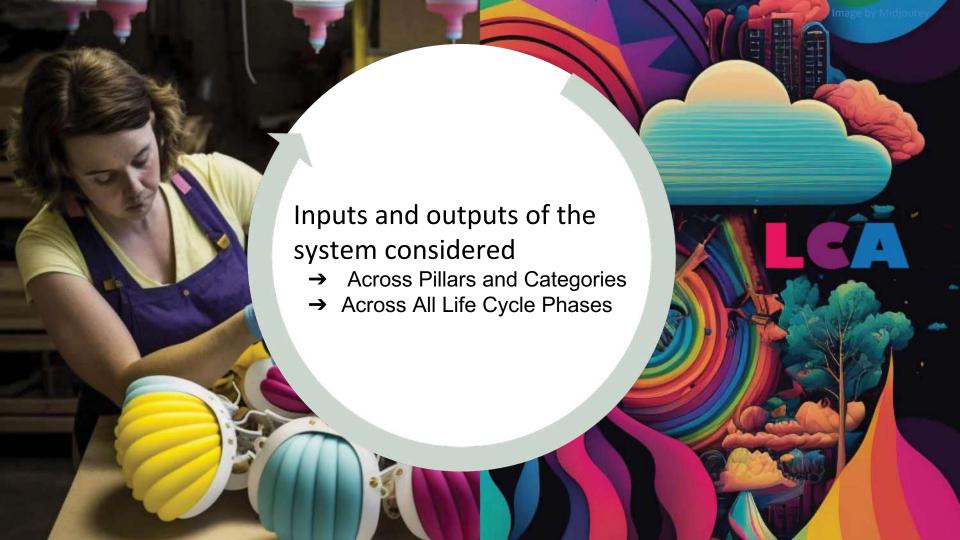


Embodied Carbon metrics and reporting schemes on the life cycle impact of luminaires and lighting strategies



^{*} Possible to include but may not depending on PCR and product category

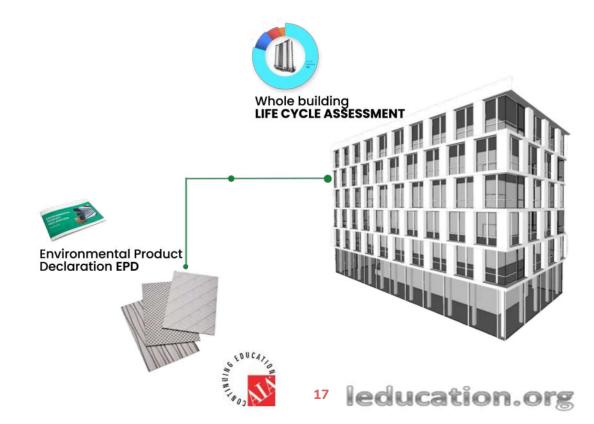






Case studies show: when EPDs are used to conduct Whole Building LCAs, buildings can reduce their environmental footprints, diverting CO₂ from being emitted.

Lighting practitioners need LCA to evaluate dimensions

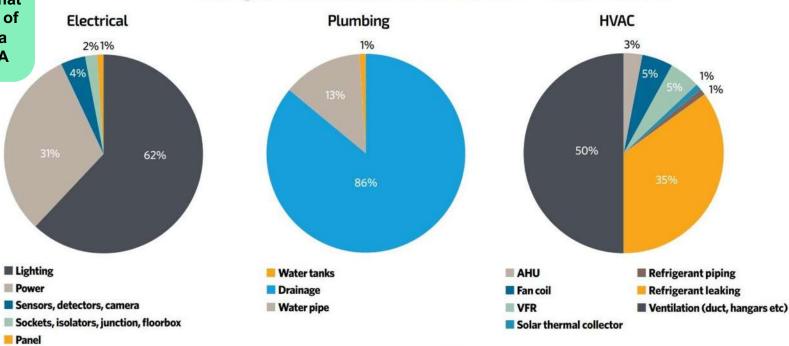




Lighting practitioners need LCA to evaluate dimensions

GAP in EPDs in lighting and MEP products that could affect 15-50% of the EPD inputs in a whole building LCA

Building services embodied carbon breakdown - medium scenario







Lowering barriers to achieving LCAs

PNNL worked with lighting industry stakeholders and LCA team to gather data on luminaires and the LCA process / barriers

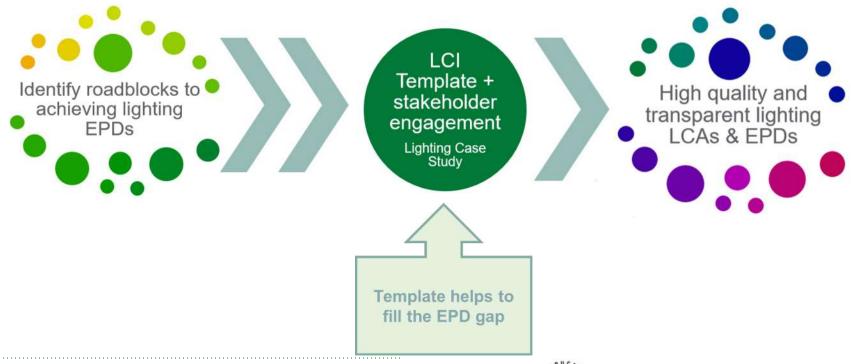
- Identify barriers to the LCA process
- Assess and address the challenges and opportunities for the whole Life Cycle
 Assessment process for lighting products

PNNL Created innovative LCA template that aligns with updated North American PCR guidelines / BuyClean requirements





Challenges and barriers for lighting LCAs in North America



PNNL study to lower barriers to achieving LCAs in the lighting / MEP industries



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Lighting LCA template features

ACLCA Open Standard

Checklist from the ACLCA for PCRs

- Improves EPD transparency, comparability, accessibility
- Supports alignment with new federal BuyClean regulations

Toggle Feature

Easy to modify/scale data inputs

Toggle between: Tiers of use, Regions, Impact Categories

Connect Open-Source Data Open access digitization of LCA/EPD data and results

Maintains confidentiality of proprietary process information

Streamlines and Simplifies

Inventory data entry process is simplified

Template walks user through required value entries and dropdown menus

Linked to openLCA

User inputs modify and generate LCA results

Allows for easy automation of LCA results

PNNL study to lower barriers to achieving LCAs in the lighting / MEP industries





Who is it for? Lighting manufacturers who want to get an LCA or an EPD

How does it work?

- Lighting manufacturer could use this template to gather all the data required for an LCA aligned with PCR and additional NA requirements
- Work with an LCA practitioner to get the full LCA report and resulting EPD
- 3. Reduces time and effort required to gather the needed information
- Standardizes background data and data shape for improved comparability



[Beta template launch planned for Spring]

Please reach out if you'd like to be involved in the Beta Launch Focus Group

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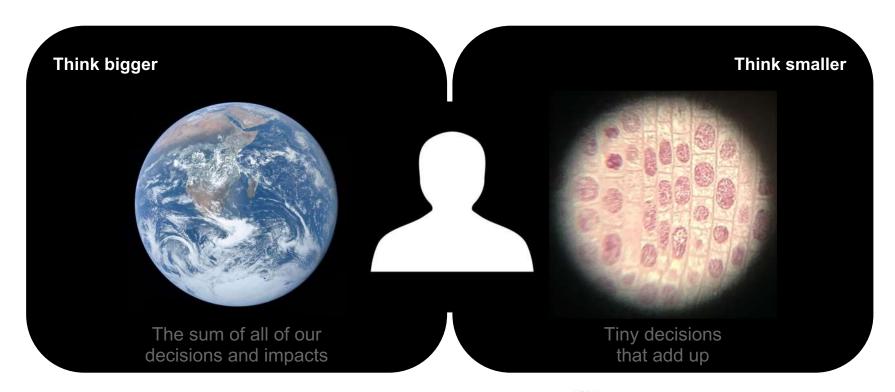


What does a good decision look like (for a lighting manufacturer) in the 21st century?

And how do we measure it?

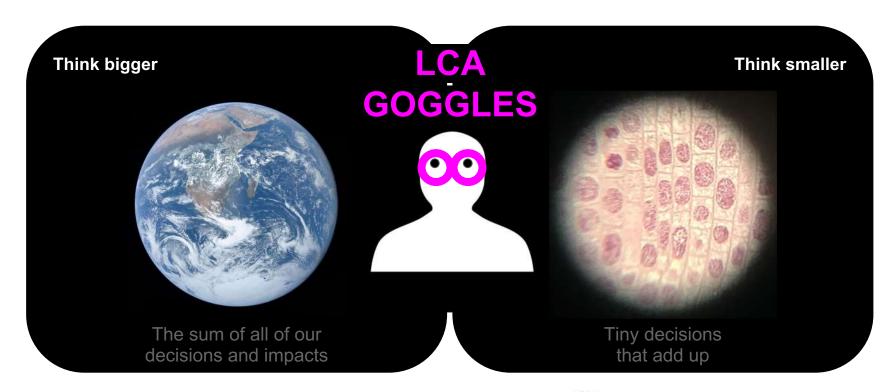






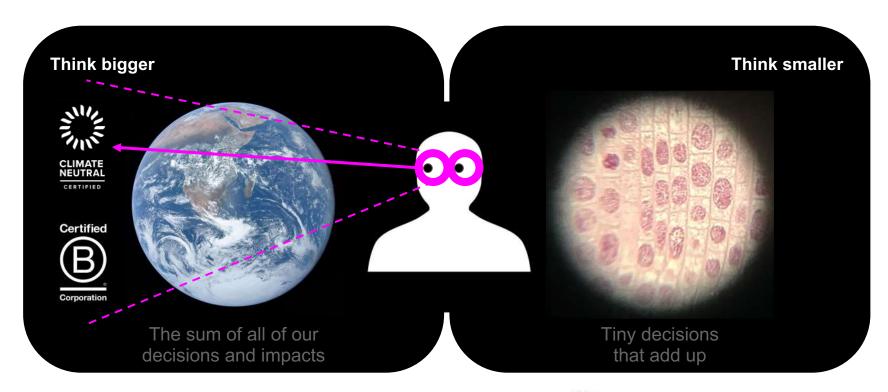








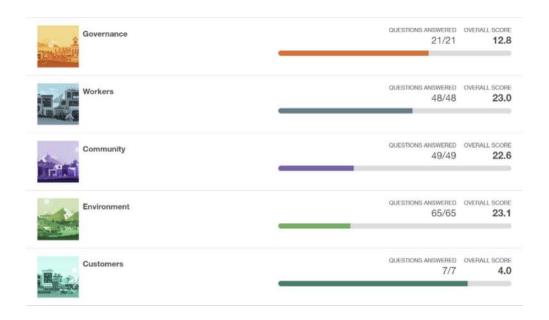










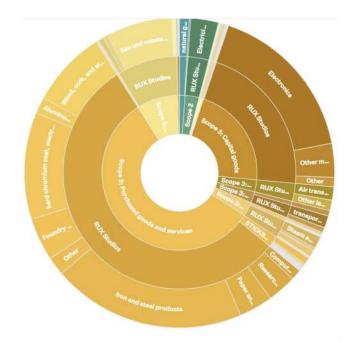


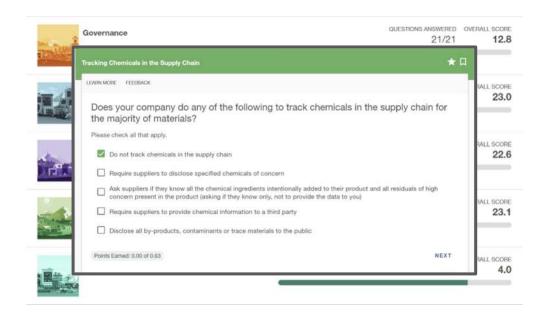
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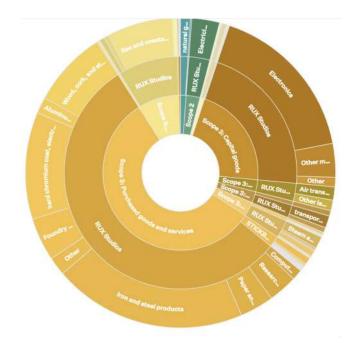


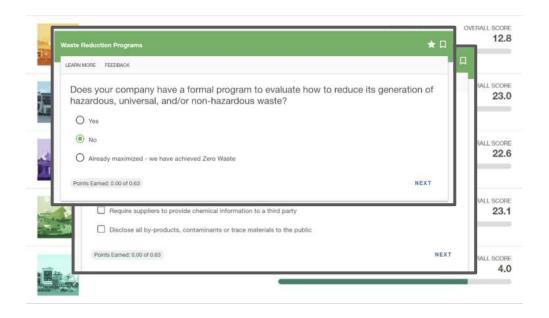
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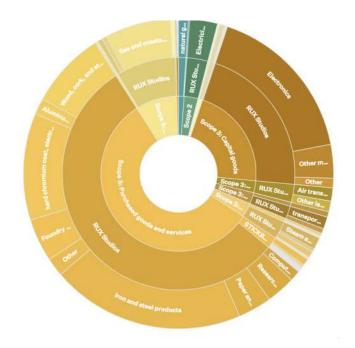


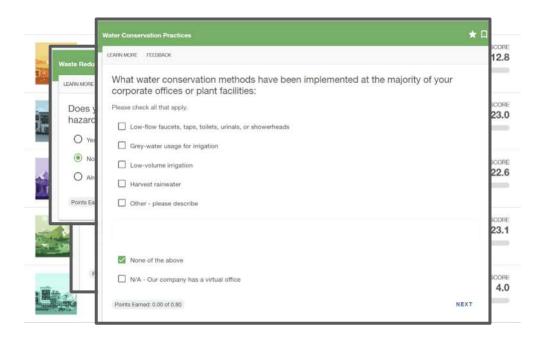
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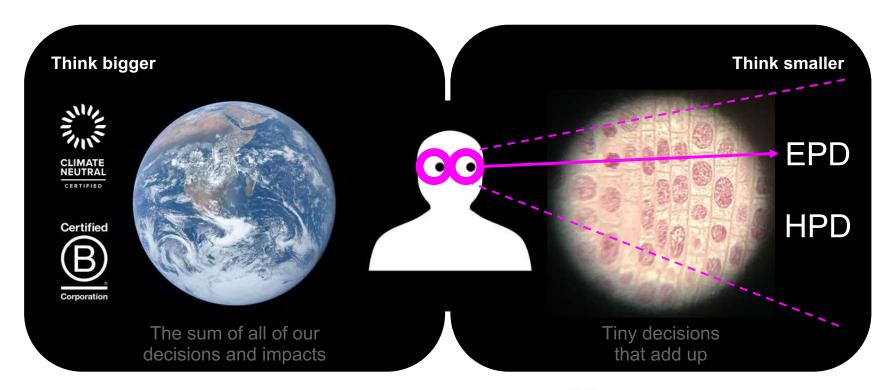


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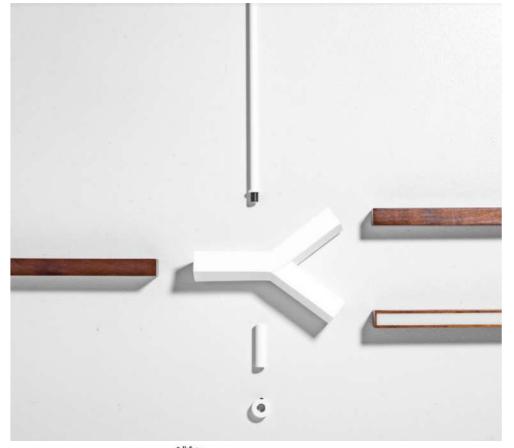






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- material type
- weight of material
- manufacturing processes
- location(s) of part fabrication





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STEEL

- 0.42 lbs
- o 1018 Hot Rolled
- Laser Cut + MIG Welded
- o China

COATING

- 15 inch²
- Powder Coating
- USA





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Introduction - Product Bill of Materials -

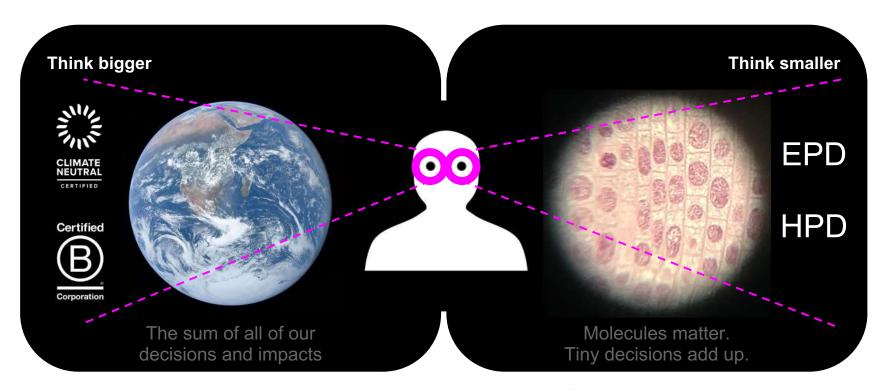
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5	H-S	Header Screws	Stainless Steel				0.012	lbs	0%	0%	0%				4 6	
5	H-E	Header Endcap	Aluminum	Milling	Anodizing / Powderc	oat	0.06	lbs	0%	0%	0%		2700		6500	
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8	LA-S	Lanyard Screws	Stainless Steel				0.005	lbs	0%	0%	0%					
9	CG.	Adjustable Cable Gripper	Plated XXX				0.032	lbs	0%	0%	0%					
10	LED-U	LED (up)	Ridgid LED Board				0.19	lbs	0%	0%	0%					1
10	LED-U-S	LED Board (up) Screws	Ridgid LED Board				0.032	lbs	0%	0%	0%					
10	LED-D	LED Board (down)	Ridgid LED Board				0.2	lbs	0%		0%					
10		LED Board (down) Screws	Ridgid LED Board				0.032	lbs	0%		0%					
11	DR-40W	2 Drivers (Signify) 40W each					1.16	lbs	0%		0%		1			
11	DR-40W-S	Driver (Signify) 40W Screws					0.004	lbs	0%		0%					
12	LENS-U	Lens (up)	Acrylic	Extrusion			0.304	lbs	0%		0%		790			
12	LENS-D	Lens (down)	Acrylic	Extrusion			0.32	lbs	0%		0%		790			
13	W-LV	Wire (Low Voltage)	PVC-Free coating +				0.168	lbs	0%	0%	1%	Landfill	220	0	.0	0
13		Wire (Line Voltage)	PVC-Free coating +					lbs	0%		1%	Landfill	220			
14		Wire Clip (2)	link	injection molded			0.012	lbs	0%		0%					
14	WC-3	Wire Clip (3)	link	injection molded			0.0275	lbs	0%	0%	0%					
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Products * Manufacturing Processes * Energy Use *

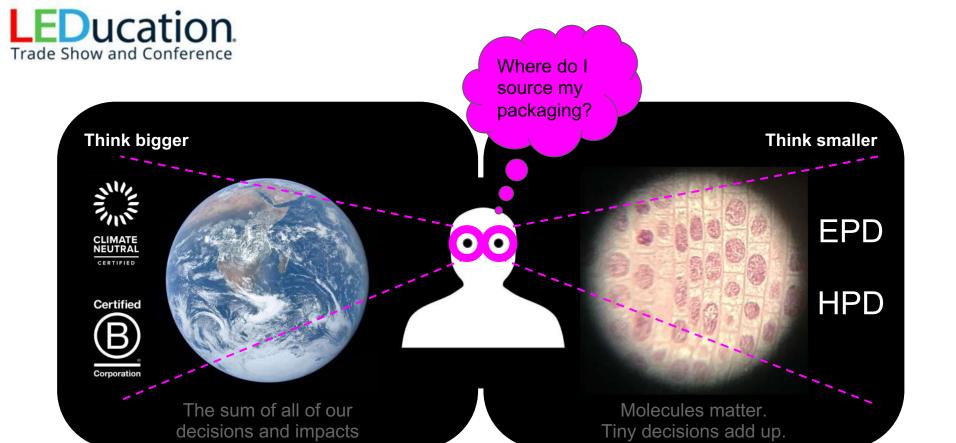




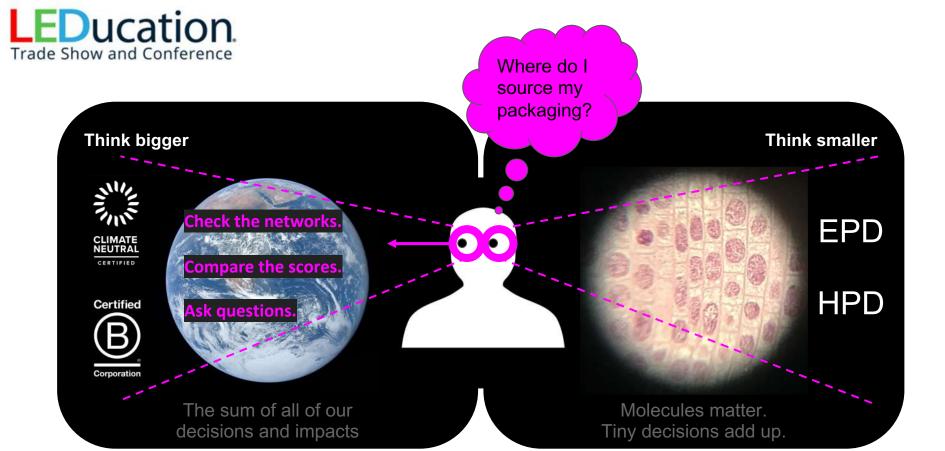




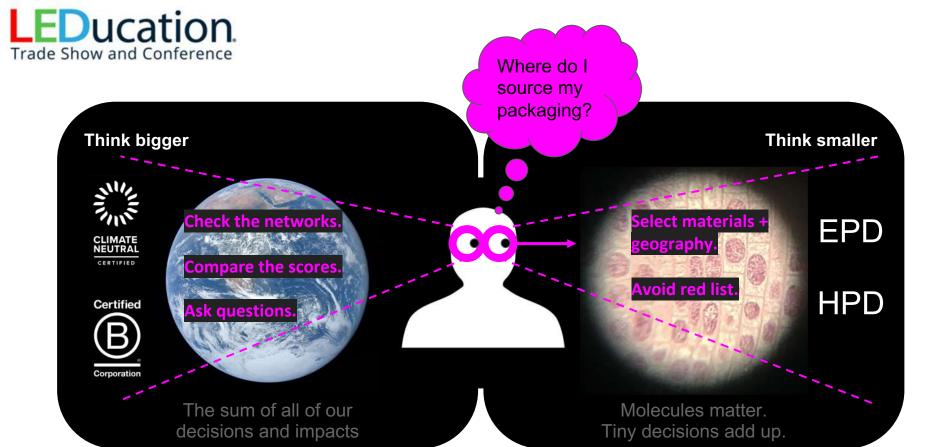






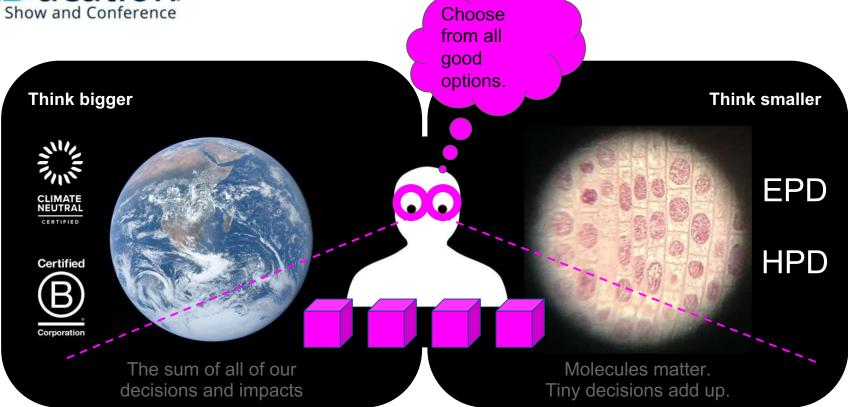






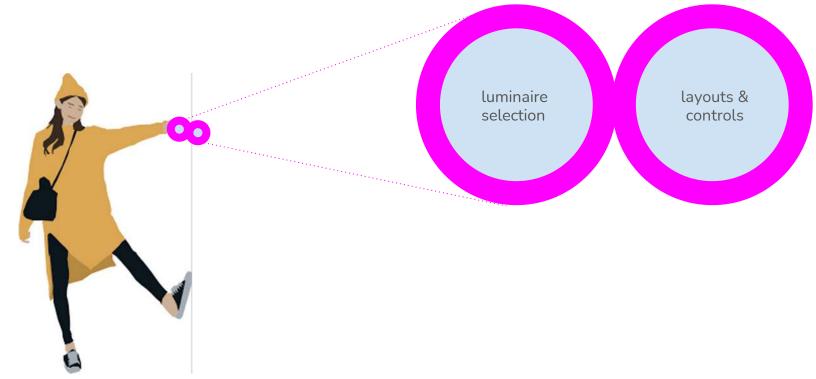








Enables



Is it hard?





Incentives V Regulation



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Environmental Product Declarations [2]

Material Ingredients [2]



V4.1 New Building and Construction

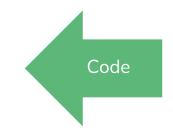




Incentives V Regulation

GWP < 125% of industry average

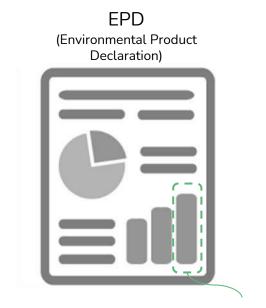
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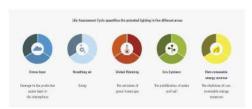


Finding the data



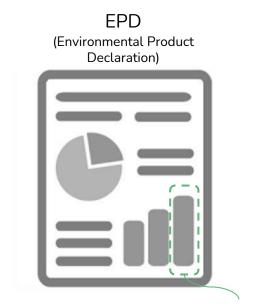
GWP (Global Warming Potential (kgCO2e)

Greenhouse Gases that affect the environment





Reports + metrics

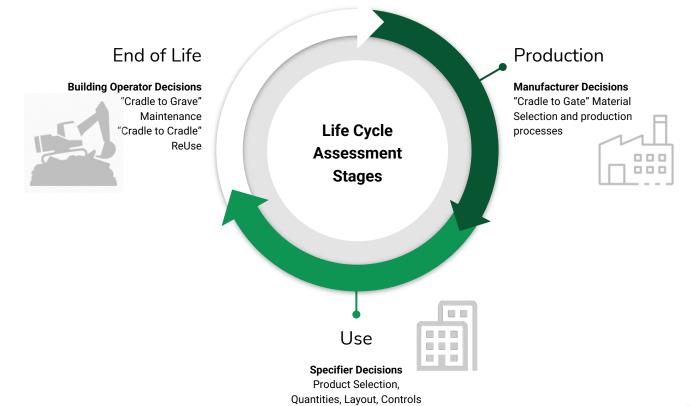


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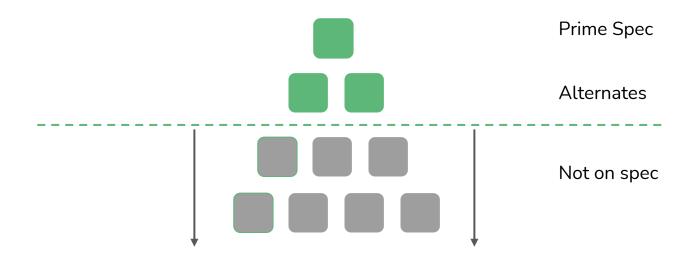
Stakeholders

Key Decisions



Documenting the Spec

Fixture Selection





Selecting Luminaires

Documenting_Spec Section

Definitions

Embodied Carbon Submittals

Material Ingredient Submittals

Hierarchy of Reports

Section 26 50 10 - LIGHTING FIXTURES

PART 1 - GENERAL

LI RELATED DOCUMENTS

A. All of the Contract Documents, so listed on the Table of Contents and including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01, General Requirements, shall be included in, and made part of, this Section.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. The work of this Section shall include furnishing and installation of all interior and exterior lighting festures and necessary supports and devices for a complete functioning lighting system; including final siming and adjustment as applicable in coordination with the Architect and/or the Lighting Designer.
- 10. The work under this Centract shall also include all labor, materials, tools, empirorate, transports practices, approximation and incidental litera essential for perper installation and operation, even though not specifically mentioned or indicated on the theorings, but which are smally provided or are essential for proper installation and operation of all systems as indicated on the theorings are appealing to all systems as indicated on the theorings are appealing to all systems as indicated on the theorings are also perfectly herein.
- C. The specifications and drawings describe the minimum requirements that must be met by the Contractor for the installation of all work as shown on the drawings and as specified berein under.
- D. The following general systems and equipment shall be provided for the new building and renovated areas of the existing building, as a minimum, but not necessarily limited to the following:

 Lighting features
 - 2. Lamps 3. Dowers

13 RELATED WORK

- A. For work to be included as part of this Section, to be farmished and installed by the Electrical Subcontractor, refer to the Related Work section of Specification Section 260510.
- B. Curefully examine all of the Contract Documents, criteria sheets and all other Sections of the specifications for requirements which affect work under this Section, whether or not such work is specifically mentioned in this Section.

1.4 REFERENCE

A. All lighting fixtures including custom features and modified standard products shall comply with all applicable provisions of the following Codes and Trade Standard Publications, and are hereby incorporated into, and made a nest of the Contract Decements:

L ANSI: American National Standards Institute
American Society for Testing and Materials
ETL: Electrical Testing Labs (US)

4. FS Federal Specifications
5. IEC IP Rating: Ingress Protection Enclosure Ratings and Standards
6. IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IES: Hhminating Engineering Society
IPCEA: Insulated Power Cable Engineers Association
MIL-STD-661F EMI Characteristics Requirements for Equipment
NiC: Nuscenal Fluctrical Code

11. NEMA: Notional Electrical Manufacturers Association 12. NEPA 70: National Electrical Code 13. OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

13. OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administrati 14. ROHS Restriction of Hazardous Substances in LED 15. UL: Underwriters' Laboratories

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Selecting Luminaires

Documenting_Fixture Schedule

Description

GWP and Material Ingredients

	LOCATION			CATALOG NUMBER		LED DATA							
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Design Approach

Efficiency



Sufficiency



Design Approach

Metrics



Efficacy W/sf Lumens / Watt



GWP + LAE Lighting Application Efficacy

https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fbuil.2022.986961/full





Design

Layout comparative impact



LCA Incubator Global Participants

Representation



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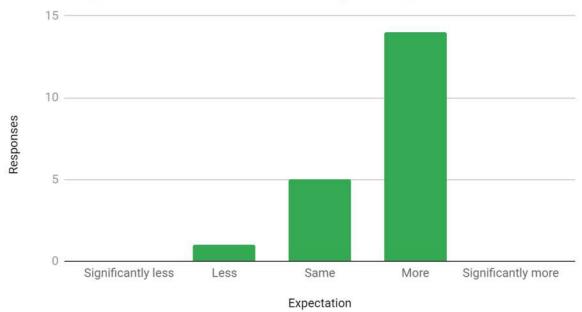




Value for Sustainable Products

Preliminary Findings - Relative Cost

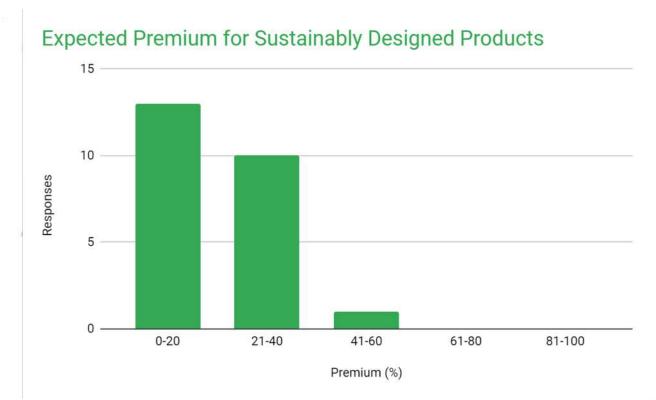
Cost Expectation of Sustainably Designed Products





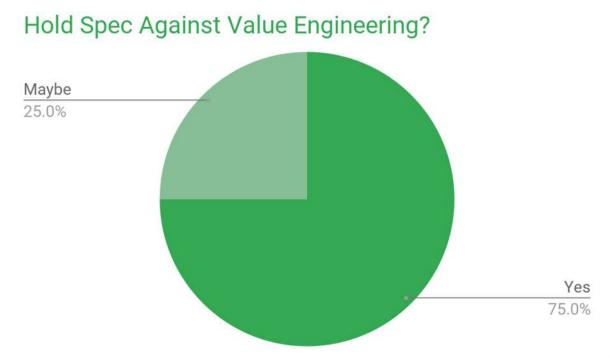
Value for Sustainable Products

Preliminary Findings - Premium



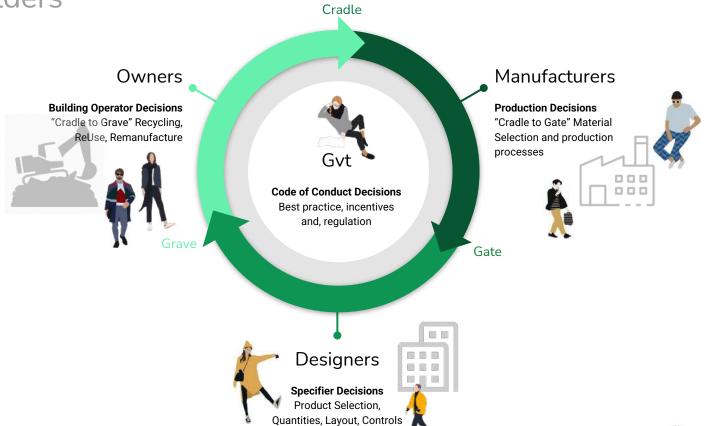
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