



## About the CGI™ Certified Green Investment Program

### What is CGI?

CGI is a third party certification program using accepted benchmarks for the design, operation and maintenance of environmentally friendly shops. In cooperation with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® System and the U.S. EPA's Energy Star Program, CGI serves as an official process that a shop has achieved environmental efficiency. CGI certification offers third party validation of green technology features and verifies best management practices. For more information: [WWW.ENERGYSTAR.GOV](http://WWW.ENERGYSTAR.GOV)



### What is the CGI Purpose?

To be a pioneering, participant friendly and convenient program for financing and promoting green building investment through energy conservation and pollution prevention using self-sustaining standards. For more information: [WWW.EPA.GOV/P2](http://WWW.EPA.GOV/P2)



### What types of shops can use CGI?

CGI certification is available to any collision repair facility for the formal evaluation of regulatory compliance, energy conservation, hazardous materials management, and pollution prevention processes. To date, there is over 3 billion square feet of building space involved in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design LEED® green certification program. For more information: [WWW.USGBC.ORG/LEED](http://WWW.USGBC.ORG/LEED)



### How does CGI work?

CGI is a point based system where shops earn points for satisfying specific green investment criteria. Within each of the five CGI credit categories, shops must satisfy particular prerequisites to earn points. The five categories include: Records Management, Safety Management, Pollution Prevention, Waste Management, and Energy Management. CGI certification applies the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 Performance Rating Method (PRM) from Appendix G of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2004 in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) audit guide for three progressive levels: REA Compiled, REA Reviewed, and REA Audited Certification. For more information: [WWW.NREL.GOV](http://WWW.NREL.GOV)



### What are some typical CGI prerequisites?

Typical CGI certification prerequisites include • Energy Conservation • Regulatory Permits • Air Emissions Monitoring • Waste Management • Hazardous Materials Management • Emergency Response Procedures • Employee Illness and Injury Protection • Pollution Prevention • Records Management • Water Conservation



### What are the benefits of CGI certification?

CGI certification is third-party validation of business performance. CGI certified shops blend environmental, economic, and safety performance. They cost less to operate and maintain; are energy efficient; have less environmental pollution than similar shops in their industry; are healthier and safer for occupants; and are a physical demonstration of the values of the owners and management.



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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the rewards of CGI certification?**

CGI certification results in • Access to Government Grants • Workers Compensation Insurance Discounts • OSHA and EPA Violations Shield • Increased Borrowing Power • Utility Service Rebates • Customer Service Improvement • Reduced Business Insurance Premiums • Public Recognition • Lower Energy Costs • Tax Credits • Diminished Waste Disposal • Employee Appreciation • Increased Profits

**Is planning, permitting, and training available?**

Yes, the CGI program offers a variety of services including regulatory research, permit renewal, online safety training, written plans, technical reviews, and advanced application consulting. Services are available through you're A+ representative in conjunction with local technicians, trade associations, and licensed contractors.

**How much does it cost for CGI certification?**

A CGI certificate is \$400 for compiled certification, \$700 for reviewed certification, and \$1000 for audited certification. Onsite assessment fees vary according to location.

**How much does it cost to register a shop with the U.S. Green Building Council?**

The registration fee is \$450 for USGBC members and \$600 for nonmembers.

**What is a LEED® Accredited Professional™?**

LEED® Accredited Professionals are experienced building industry practitioners who have demonstrated their knowledge of integrated design and their capacity to facilitate the CGI certification process. To become a LEED® Accredited Professional you must pass an exam. For more information: [WWW.GBCI.ORG](http://WWW.GBCI.ORG)

**What is an REA Accredited Professional?**

A Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) is an individual who, through academic education, occupational experience, and reputation, is licensed through a state registrar's office or provincial licensing board to professionally conduct one or more aspects of an environmental assessment. For more information: [WWW.DTSC.CA.GOV/REA](http://WWW.DTSC.CA.GOV/REA)

**What is the CGI certification process?**

The CGI certification process includes calculating the environmental and energy enhancements by a qualified individual as defined in Section 4 of IRS Notice 2006-52 which includes • One-year utility bills • EPA Registration • Hazardous Materials Management Plan • Chemical Inventory List • Regulatory Permits • Written Environmental, Safety & Emergency Response Plans • Employee Training Records • Annotated Site Map • Certificate of Insurance • Agency Inspection Reports

**What is the average score?**

Get your green assessment via an online questionnaire: [HTTP://GO.INFOR.COM/GREEN/](http://GO.INFOR.COM/GREEN/)



**Table 1 - Summary of Tax Deductions**

	Fully Qualifying Property	Partially Qualifying Property			
		Envelope	HVAC and SHW	Lighting	Interim Lighting Rule
<b>Savings Requirements*</b>	50% energy and power cost savings	16.67% energy and power cost savings	16.67% energy and power cost savings	16.67% energy and power cost savings	25% lower LPD (50% for warehouses)
<b>Tax Deduction</b>	Cost of qualifying property up to \$1.80/ft <sup>2</sup>	Cost of qualifying property up to \$0.60/ft <sup>2</sup>	Cost of qualifying property up to \$0.60/ft <sup>2</sup>	Cost of qualifying property up to \$0.60/ft <sup>2</sup>	Cost of qualifying property up to \$0.60/ft <sup>2</sup> times applicable percentage**

\* Savings refer to the reduction in the energy and power costs of the combined energy for the interior lighting, HVAC, and SHW (service hot water) systems as compared to a reference building that meets the minimum requirements of IRS Standard 90.1-2001.

\*\* The tax deduction is prorated depending on the reduction in LPD (lighting power density).