Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ISI Verification Technical Assistance Program (TAP) for Economically Distressed Communities

CALL FOR PROJECT SUBMISSIONS 2025/2026

Overview

The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) created the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) to provide a collaborative opportunity to connect infrastructure owners from small and economically distressed communities with ISI Verification resources with Subject Matter Experts (SME) and Academic Partners. All participants actively engage in evaluating practical solutions for their projects to address complex issues related to sustainability, resilience, and equity using the Envision Framework for Sustainable Infrastructure (Envision). This program is available to infrastructure projects within economically distressed communities, whose project teams are new to Envision. The goal for this program is threefold:

1. To develop new pathways for equitable access to Envision verification resources
2. To apply principles of sustainability to projects facing real-world challenges
3. To provide Envision verification experience to sustainability professionals and practical experience to students through which lessons can be learned

Benefits

To work toward achieving the above goals, participating projects will receive:

- Waived training and exam fees for up to 10 project team members to earn the Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) credential.
- Applicants' Course registration for up to 5 members per project team.
- Biweekly engagement to explore technical issues related to sustainability performance indicators.
- Waived verification fees.
- Promotion of participation and opportunities to share your project's achievements and lessons learned.

Schedule

July 30, 2025: Selection of participating projects and Academic Partners.

September 5 2025: Kick-off Meeting.

October 1 2025: Registration for ENV SP Modules and Exam.

November 15 2025: Complete ENV SP Modules and earn ENV SP Credentials.

January 2026: Applicant Course for Project Teams and Academic Partners.

February 2026: Coordination for project verification begins.

May 2026: Close-out and documentation of lessons learned. Project teams share plans with ISI for project registration and submission for verification.

The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure is an education and research nonprofit (a 501c3) based in Washington DC. It was established in 2010 by the American Public Works Association (APWA), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). Responding to the need for a comprehensive sustainability framework and rating system suitable for use in civil infrastructure development, ISI collaborated with the then Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design to develop Envision.

ENVISION

Envision is a holistic sustainability framework and rating system that guides and assesses the sustainability and resilience of all types of infrastructure. It is a comprehensive tool created to assist agencies, municipalities, consultants, contractors, and operators, in planning, designing, and delivering more sustainable infrastructure projects. The Envision framework is a decision-making tool that allows project teams to evaluate projects across a broad range of sustainability indicators, or "credits," that address environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainability to encourage systemic change. At its core, Envision is about supporting higher performance through better choices in infrastructure development.

Questions and Inquiries
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Application Deadline:
July 7, 2025

Application Submittal:
Email completed application and site / project boundary map to: **Abdel Mustafa**

Project Information

Name _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____

Project Owner

Organization _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Country _____

Owner Representative

Name _____

Email _____ Do you have an ISI Account? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Phone No. _____ Are you an ENV SP? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide a brief description of how the owner represents a small and economically distressed community.

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Provide a brief description of the owner's commitments to sustainability and equity.

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Project Infrastructure Sector (select all that apply)

- [ ] Data/Communications
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Waste
- [ ] Other

- [ ] Energy
- [ ] Land/Environmental
- [ ] Water

- [ ] Food
- [ ] Transportation

If other, provide a brief description _____

Briefly describe the project and its main components:

List the project goals and objectives:

Identify your reason(s) for pursuing Envision verification:

Describe the project's host and/or affected communities:

List and briefly describe anticipated benefits and impacts to host/affected community:

Project Status at Time of Application

☐ Planning   ☐ Design   ☐ Construction

 Provide details about status:

Project Delivery Method, if known (select all that apply)

Design-Bid-Build (DBB)   Design-Build (DB)   Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR)

Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)   Public Private Partnership (PPP or P3)   Construction Management Multi-Prime

Other   If other, provide a brief description _____

Project Team Members (Organizations)

Lead Designer _____

Lead Contractor _____

Sustainability Consultant _____

List additional team members below

Role / Responsibility   **Organization**

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Verification Pathway (if known) [For more information, reference: Steps to Verification on ISI's website]

☐ Verification Pathway A: Design + Post Construction   ☐ Pathway B: Post-Construction

Supporting Documentation

Submit with your completed application:

☐ Site / project boundary map

Acknowledgment

☐ **Environmental, Social, and Governance Safeguards:** I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, all environmental, social, and environmental safeguards will be adhered to on the project. Reference the *Guide to Envision Verification for Applicants* (Appendix C) [see page 6] for the list of safeguards.

Signature

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Appendix C PROJECT PREREQUISITES

C.1   PURPOSE

Applicants submitting their project for Envision verification must attest that, to the best of their knowledge, a series of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) safeguards were adhered to on the project. *Refer to Policy 3.1.3.*

C.2   ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE SAFEGUARDS

- All documentation provided to ISI for review is accurate and true
- All applicable national, state/provincial/territorial, and local health and safety laws and regulations were strictly adhered to
- All applicable national, state/provincial/territorial, and local environmental laws and regulations were strictly adhered to
- All applicable human rights, labor laws, and regulations were strictly adhered to
- All development is legally permitted
- No illegal resettlement took place
- There were no violations involving rights of indigenous peoples
- No forms of bribery, corruption, or anti-competitive behavior has taken place by any of the owners and firms involve with the project
- No endangered or critically endangered plant or animal species on the IUCN Red List were negatively impacted without all reasonable efforts to mitigate
- No child labor was used
- No forced or compulsory labor was used