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Re: LEED Points under “ Materials and Resources”

The Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), and the LEED Green Building Rating System represents the U.S. Green Building Council's efforts to provide a national standard designed to improve environmental, health, and economic performance of buildings using established and advanced industry principles, practices, materials, and standards. The LEED program, Version 2.2 Rating System, provides a common measurement system under which a building may become LEED certified. Certification is awarded from points calculated under a system of Credits that are due to a variety of building attributes. A Metal Door or Frame cannot become LEED certified under the current method but contributes toward earning the Credit for the Building where they are installed.

The location of the project within 500 miles of a qualifying product's manufacturing facility, earns credits under 5.1 and 5.2 in the Rating system. Pioneer Industries Manufacturing plant is centrally located at 171 South Newman Street, Hackensack, NJ 0705, serving the regional area of the North East and the Mid Atlantic.

The use of Recycled Products in the qualification towards LEED certification encourages demand for building products that incorporate recycled material, therefore reducing the impact resulting from the use of new materials. There are two points available under this Credit. Steel doors and frames are covered under Credit Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

Steel used to manufacture Pioneer's Doors and Frames is from the BOF (Basic Oxygen Furnace) process and contain 22.3% post-consumer recycled content steel, and 6.1% post-industrial recycled content steel, or 28.9% combined recycled percent. This has been obtained from the Steel Recycling Institute's document. The total recycled value of the Frames and Doors should be calculated using the Contractors/Distributors Local price, as referenced in the examples shown in the Steel Recycling Institute's information in the attachments.

REF: <http://www.usgbc.org> <http://www.recycle-steel.org>

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