Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) issues have come to the fore for many firms. But how do you assess, implement, and evaluate your efforts? These frameworks can help do the heavy lifting.

**Frameworks for Design Excellence**

American Institute of Architects

Best Timing: Throughout design

- Use the Designing for Equitable Communities section to promote activities that address social equity.
- Choose from a long list of best practices or a shorter list of high-impact actions.

**500 Cities**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Best Timing: Pre-design

- Choose a city on this interactive map and assess localized health and wellness issues.
- Consider design features that help address health-related inequities.

**Native Land Map**

Native Land Digital

Best Timing: Pre-design

- Enter a location into this interactive map to discover which indigenous groups’ unceded lands the project is located on.
- Raise awareness and consider inclusion of indigenous tribes as stakeholders.

**Oppportunity 360 Toolkit**

Enterprise Community Partners

Best Timing: Throughout design

- Assess opportunities using an interactive map.
- Select from tools designed to aid community engagement.
- Find local partners by zip code.
- Evaluate success using community-scale benchmarks and metrics.

**LEED Project Team Checklist for Social Impact**

U.S. Green Building Council

Best Timing: Throughout design, into construction

- Answer detailed questions about stakeholders, the surrounding community, and the project team.
- Determine whether each question is relevant to the project, and follow through on those that are.

**B Corp**

B Lab

- Assess your company using a free online tool and potentially achieve B Corp certification.
- Measure impacts in four categories: governance, workers, community, and environment.

**Just Label**

International Living Future Institute

- Gauge your social justice performance in 22 categories, such as gender equity and worker happiness.
- Consider publishing your label online to increase transparency.

**CEEQUAL**

Building Research Establishment

Best Timing: Throughout design, into construction

- Consider the environmental and social impacts of civil engineering and landscaping projects.
- Choose from a variety of credits associated with social impacts and benefits.

**LEED**

U.S. Green Building Council

Best Timing: Throughout design

- Choose from a variety of credits, including three pilot credits, promoting social equity.
- Choose High-Priority Site, Social Equity within the Community, Social Equity within the Supply Chain, or Social Equity within the Project Team.

**SEED**

SEED Network

Best Timing: Throughout design and construction, and during occupancy

- Use the SEED Evaluator to assess and promote social, economic, and environmental aspects of design.
- Pursue third-party certification for design, construction, or occupancy.
- Identify priority issues, determine how they will be addressed, and set metrics for success.
- Potentially achieve the LEED pilot credit Social Equity within the Community.

Choose from a variety of credits addressing social equity in building design as well as hiring practices.

Gain access to social justice performance in 22 categories, such as gender equity and worker happiness.

**Social Equity Frameworks for the Building Industry**

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