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[New Sustainability Rating System Set to Launch](#)

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Are you aware of the new sustainability system being developed for infrastructure?

The non-profit [Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure \(ISI\)](#) is developing an infrastructure ranking tool called envISlon. The new ISI rating system will be founded on the “triple bottom line” concept of sustainability, which includes environmental, economic and social considerations. It will include an option for third-party verification, and will be applicable to a wide range of infrastructure projects, from roads and bridges to energy and water systems.

As of earlier this week, Version 1.0 of the sustainable infrastructure ranking tool has been accepted by the ISI Board and, after a sixty day technical review, will be placed on the ISI website for **public comment starting in July 2011**.

Following the public comment period, which will last as long as six months, envISlon will be made available as a commercial product. In the meantime, ISI and its Founding Organizations, the [American Society of Civil Engineers \(ASCE\)](#), the [American Public Works Association \(APWA\)](#) and the [American Council of Engineering Companies \(ACEC\)](#), will be focusing on identifying and certifying assessors.

By the end of 2012, projects assessed as “sustainable” will be eligible for public recognition by the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

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