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LEED project manager Emma Hughes shares why she is excited to present at NZ19.

The sixth iteration of the [Net Zero Conference](#) (NZ19) is just around the corner, from Oct. 2–4. I'm looking forward to attending again this year and learning about the latest technological innovations, policy advancements and best practices for [getting to zero](#).

This year's conference will take place at the [Los Angeles Convention Center](#), a LEED Gold building featuring a 2.58-megawatt solar array, the largest on a municipally-owned convention center in the United States. The conference's location reflects the trajectory of growth for the event—and the increased demand for net zero education in the building industry.

Hear from leaders in the industry

The [speaker lineup](#) looks prepared to meet that demand. I'm eager to hear from keynote speakers [Ed Mazria](#), [Amanda Sturgeon](#), [Terry Tamminen](#) and [Kevin de León](#) on the work they are doing to advance a sustainable, regenerative built environment. Similarly, the roster of master speakers and presenters representing local governments and utilities, architecture, engineering and design firms, and real estate professionals should serve up equal measures of inspiration and practical information.

Learn more about LEED v4.1 and LEED Zero

For me, the opportunity to present during the session "[LEED v4.1 and LEED Zero—A Year of Impact and Insights](#)" on Oct. 3 will be a conference highlight. This session will describe [LEED Zero](#) program requirements for zero carbon, energy, water and waste certifications, as well as explore how the program works with [LEED v4.1](#) credits to provide a framework for project teams to pursue net zero goals. My co-presenter, Entegriy's [Chris Ladner](#), will share a case study of his team's process for achieving LEED Platinum and LEED Zero Energy certification for their offices in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tour places that are getting to zero

The main conference programming is sandwiched between two days of tours of high-performing buildings, including the LEED Platinum Conrad N. Hilton Foundation in Agoura Hills, California, which is also net zero energy. You can also tour the Interior Removal Specialist, Inc. offices, warehouse and the award-winning Construction and Demolition Recycling Inc. (CDR) facility. The CDR facility is certified by the Recycling Certification Institute

(RCI) 3rd Party Verified Diversion Rate, which means it is an eligible off-site sorting facility under LEED v4.1 Materials and Resources credit Construction and Demolition Waste Management.

I'm looking forward to a week of education, networking and inspiration from industry leaders and disruptors working to make net zero buildings the new normal.