

Baldrige Glossary HD: Breakthrough Improvement

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Although [innovation](#) is often associated with technological [innovation](#), it is applicable to all [key](#) organizational [processes](#) that would benefit from change, whether through [breakthrough improvement](#) or change in [approach](#) or outputs. It could include fundamental changes in organizational structure to more [effectively](#) accomplish the organization's work.

Organizations [engage](#) in [benchmarking](#) to understand the current dimensions of world-class [performance](#) and to achieve discontinuous (non-incremental) or "[breakthrough](#)" [improvement](#).

The term "[stretch goals](#)" refers to desired major, discontinuous (non-incremental) or "[breakthrough](#)" [improvements](#), usually in areas most critical to your organization's future success.

[Projections integrate](#) estimates of your organization's rate of improvement and change, and they may be used to [indicate](#) where [breakthrough improvement](#) or change is needed.

Note: [Blue](#) words above are hyperlinks to other GLOSSARY HD terms and their definitions.

I am pleased to offer the GLOSSARY HD as a no charge service to Baldrige Criteria users worldwide - [Paul Steel](#)

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