

[Read this online](#)

Green Building Update

an Allen Matkins
market intelligence
publication

Allen Matkins
attorneys at law

September 10, 2010

[1,000-MW solar plant in CA](#)

New York Times - Aug 27

By October, the BLM may approve the 1,000 MW Blythe Solar Power Project in California. This solar thermal project could power 800,000 homes.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Green building will increase BIM usage](#)

USGBC - Aug 31

Green building will increase building information modeling (BIM) usage, according to McGraw-Hill Construction. The report, [Green BIM: How Building Information Modeling is Contributing to Green Design and Construction](#), finds that only 17% of BIM users are currently realizing more than 50% of BIM's potential for their green goals, but 78% of respondents expect to be using BIM within the next three years.

[LEED-EBOM grows 300% in CA](#)

GreenerBuildings - Sep 1

In California, the number of LEED-EBOM registered projects has jumped over 300% in the past two years. This number is expected to keep trending upward. LEED-EBOM helps reduce energy usage, reduce operating costs, and increase marketability. The USGBC Green Jobs Study projects an additional \$12.5 billion dollars in GDP and 230,000 new jobs from LEED-related spending during 2009-2013.

[Ten ways to reduce energy usage](#)

GreenBiz - Sep 2

GreenBiz.com lists ten ways to reduce energy usage without sacrificing comfort or building functionality:

1. Assess how the building consumes and wastes energy.
2. Use more energy efficient equipment.
3. Match HVAC and lighting output to occupancy.
4. Maintain equipment for maximum efficiency.
5. Maximize lighting efficiency.
6. Measure water usage and waste.
7. Schedule cleaning during regular work hours.
8. Insulate thoroughly.
9. Meet LEED standards.
10. Keep building occupants informed.

[Data collection for LEED buildings](#)

BuildingGreen.com - Sep 1

USGBC's Building Performance Partnership (BPP) is collecting energy- and water-use data from LEED certified buildings, and promises a preliminary performance report to BPP participants who provide information by November 2010. Commercial building owners will upload information through Energy

Subscribe

[Past issues](#)

Have a suggestion?
[Tell us what you think](#)

[Bryan C. Jackson](#)
Editor

[Michael Kostecka](#)
Associate Editor

Connect with
Allen Matkins on:



[LinkedIn](#)



[Facebook](#)



**Allen Matkins #1 Real Estate
Law Firm in California**
2002-2010

Allen Matkins is a full-service law firm with over 230 attorneys practicing in seven offices throughout California. Some of the areas of focus at Allen Matkins include green and sustainable construction, construction, corporate, real estate, project finance, business litigation, taxation, land use, environmental, bankruptcy, creditors' rights, intellectual property and employment and labor law. [More...](#)

SPONSORS

Star's Portfolio Manager program and homeowners will use Earth Aid. Buildings certified under LEED 2009 are required to participate while the BPP is voluntary for all others. Owner identities will be kept confidential when BPP results are published.

[BACC's rolls-out ideas for CALGreen](#)

BACC - Aug 22

CALGreen, California's statewide green building standards code, will become mandatory on January 1, 2011. The Bay Area Climate Collaborative (BACC) recommends implementing CALGreen as follows: (1) prioritize education and enforcement of CALGreen; (2) where a local leadership standard is desired, continue to apply GreenPoint Rated and the LEED rating systems; and (3) should a local government adopt a CALGreen Tier, also accept third-party certified LEED or GreenPoint in lieu of the Tier requirements.

[Green benefits of LEDs](#)

GreenerBuildings - Sep 2

Light emitting diode (LED) fixtures are twice as efficient as fluorescents at converting electricity to light, generate very little heat, are nearly maintenance free and provide a high quality of light.

[PACE financing](#)

GreenerBuildings - Sep 1

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing is rapidly being adopted by numerous cities and counties across the country. PACE allows property owners to install renewable energy fixtures and pay for them with low interest loans secured by real property tax assessments. Proponents see PACE financing as a quadruple win by (1) creating new jobs, (2) accelerating energy independence, (3) reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and (4) freeing up owner cash flow by lowering energy bills.

[YouTube green building contest](#)

GreenerBuildings - Sep 2

Showcase your green and sustainable construction ideas on video and compete for the \$1,500 grand prize sponsored by YKK AP America. The "Building a Better Tomorrow, Today" contest fosters innovation in green building practices.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[LEED Gold tower can take 300mph winds](#)

Real Estate Channel - Sep 2

Miami's new 582,000 sq. ft. LEED Gold office tower, has large-missile impact resistant glass built to withstand 300 mph winds.

[Green school earns LEED Gold](#)

South Florida Real Estate - Sep 6

Duval County's Westview K-8 earned LEED Gold and features solar energy generation, water-saving, recycled building materials and used local suppliers.

[More LEED Gold for Space Center](#)

Mother Nature Network - Sep 2



The 17,644 square-foot building is the second LEED Gold certified building at the Johnson Space Center and the fifth LEED certification for the site. Several more LEED projects are in the works.

[Convention Center earns LEED-EB](#)

Colorado Independent - Aug 30

The Colorado Convention Center has received LEED-EB certification and is "the largest LEED certified building in the world," and features (1) energy savings, (2) green cleaning and (3) 26% reduction in carbon emissions.

[Tata's HQ is LEED Silver](#)

Detroit Free Press - Aug 31

Tata Technologies moved its North American Headquarters to a LEED Silver building in Novi, Michigan. The building features a 2.3-acre wooded site and maximum amounts of natural light.

© 2008-10 Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP. All rights reserved. This email is intended for general information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or legal opinions on any specific facts or circumstances. This email was sent by: Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, 515 S. Figueroa Street, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. To stop receiving this publication, click on the "unsubscribe" button.