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[Calls for certification reforms](#)

GreenerBuildings - Aug 10

The GSA is pushing the USGBC to reform its LEED rating system to account for building performance. Also, Autodesk VP Phil Bernstein urged the federal government to overhaul its procurement system to ensure improved building energy performance.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Spray on solar cell](#)

Business Green - Aug 12

The Norwegian company EnSol and scientists at the University of Leicester successfully tested a thin-film photovoltaic cell that can be painted onto everyday flat surfaces. The patented design uses metallic nanoparticles.

[San Diego adding solar to 20 more schools](#)

Sunpluggers - Aug 9

San Diego Unified School District will add solar panels to 20 more schools to produce 5.2 megawatts in addition to the District's existing 4.17 megawatts of solar power produced at 28 schools. Under the program, the District hopes to save \$13 million to \$20 million on utility costs. Amsolar Corp. will build, own, operate and maintain the solar arrays and sell the power back to the District.

[Tenants healthier, more productive in green buildings](#)

Michigan State University - Aug 11

The American Journal of Public Health reports that people believe they are healthier and more productive after moving into a "green" building. Researchers surveyed employees before and after moving from conventional office buildings to LEED-certified buildings in the Michigan area. Employees believed that they called in sick less often and were more productive in the green buildings. The study estimated that employees could each work 39 more hours a year due to better light, air quality and ventilation.

[Tips for green roof design](#)

Environmental Leader - Aug 10

Weston Solutions listed key factors for designing a commercial green roof, including type (intensive and extensive), weight, maintenance, irrigation, plant choice, cost, maintenance, high wind potential and storm water retention.

[EDF's map of green companies](#)

Green Biz - Aug 10

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) mapped more than 3,500 green companies and workplaces in every major metropolitan area. The map includes businesses in (1) low-carbon energy, (2) energy efficiency, (3) transportation, (4) green building, and (5) carbon markets. Los Angeles County leads with

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[Students perform green building assessments](#)

The Californian - Aug 11

At Hartnell College's Center for Sustainable Construction, located in Salinas, California, students are learning to perform green building assessments. Approximately 59 student interns assessed eight local buildings to help them improve building performance, energy and water efficiency, waste diversion, and indoor environmental quality.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[New CSUS dorm earns LEED Gold](#)

The Modesto Bee - Aug 11

California State University, Sacramento's new dormitory earned LEED Gold and features green building materials; ozone-friendly refrigerants; efficient lighting and HVAC; water saving fixtures; low polluting boilers and solar water heaters.

[Hines' 10100 Santa Monica earns LEED-EB Gold](#)

Hines - Aug 11

Hines' 10100 Santa Monica earned LEED-EB Gold and features 58% monthly landfill diversion through recycling and e-waste disposal; green cleaning; 10% power savings; 20% water savings; metering; and indoor air quality systems.

[Five most important green buildings](#)

Forbes - Aug 13

Forbes listed the five most important green buildings constructed since 1980 as follows: (1) the Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies in Oberlin, Ohio; (2) the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, which is a LEED Platinum facility with a 1.7 million plant green roof; (3) the Genzyme Center in Cambridge, Mass., a LEED Platinum-certified building sited where a coal gasification plant once stood; (4) the Beddington Zero Energy Development in London; and (5) the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Philip Merrill Environmental Center in Annapolis, Md.

[Katrina ravished site earns LEED Gold](#)

Green Building Elements - Aug 13

Mississippi's Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center, located at a site covered by ten feet of water during Hurricane Katrina, become the first state government-owned LEED Gold building in Mississippi. The 20,000 square-foot building will serve as a center for environmental research and education.

[J.C. Penney HQ earns LEED Gold](#)

Dallas Business Journal - Aug 10

The corporate headquarters of The J.C. Penney Company, located in Plano, Texas, earned LEED Gold. After a five-year retrofit, the 1.9 million square-foot building features efficient lighting, occupancy sensors, water saving fixtures and green cleaning.

[South Carolina BofA earns LEED Gold](#)



WIS10 - Aug 10

In Columbia, South Carolina, the Bank of America Plaza earned LEED Gold and features 18% energy savings, 40% water savings, upgraded HVAC, and automatic faucets and flushers in the restrooms.

[Penn. Governor's Residence earns Gold LEED-EB](#)

Metro Green Business - Aug 16

The Pennsylvania Governor's Residence earned Gold LEED-EB. The 42-year-old building features an automated energy management system, a geothermal ground-source heat pump system, a humidification system, high-efficiency ventilation motors and efficient lighting.

[PNC adds 7 more to its 84 green branch locations](#)

Trading Markets - Aug 9

Seven more of PNC Bank's Green Branch locations have been LEED certified bringing the total of PNC's LEED-certified green buildings to 84. The newly certified Green Branch locations are in three states: Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey.

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