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[DOE awards \\$76 million for energy efficient and training](#)

DOE - Jun 17

The DOE announced awards of \$76 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support advanced energy-efficient building technology projects and the development of training programs for commercial building equipment technicians, building operators, and energy auditors.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Lights and greater building efficiency](#)

GreenerBuildings - Jun 14

When most property owners think about making a building greener, they target lighting as the low hanging fruit, often replacing bulbs and fixtures and installing smart controls and management systems. However, according to a recent webinar by [GreenerBuildings.com](#) Executive Editor [Rob Watson](#) and [Phillips Lighting](#)'s Environmental Marketing Manager Steve McGuire, those upgrades only represent one element of a larger process that can yield even greater savings, better energy performance and enhanced worker productivity in commercial buildings. The webinar is available to download, [here](#).

[Study shows plastic pipe applications in green building](#)

PPFA - Jun 21

"Green Building Technologies that Use Plastic Pipe and Tubing to Function," cites various advantages of plastic piping systems as follows: (1) durability and strength combined with chemical, weather and corrosion resistance and biological inertness; (2) extensive testing and compliance with nationally accepted consensus standards; (3) material flexibility and light weight, enabling greater design flexibility, ease of installation and lower installation time and cost; (4) ease of color coding and marking to identify safe acceptable uses; and (5) cost-effectiveness in terms of manufacturing, transportation and ease of installation.

[LEED for Commercial Interiors](#)

Mother Nature Network - Jun 17

There are 14 tips for tenants to earn LEED for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI) certification. Eligibility for LEED-CI is limited to tenants who lease commercial space and do not occupy the entire building. The tips include, (1) leasing space in a LEED certified building, (2) installing occupancy sensors, (3) furnishing the space with used, rather than new, furniture, and (4) using low-VOC adhesives, paints and coatings.

[U.S. conference of mayors' green building policy](#)

USGBC - Jun 16

The USGBC applauds the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) for embracing a green building policy agenda, including the adoption of the following five resolutions: (1) financing mechanisms to pay for energy retrofits; (2) greening

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of schools; (3) developing sustainable cities; (4) greening affordable housing and financing; and (5) adopting green building codes and the International Green Construction Code for cities.

[DOE Website for affordable, high-efficiency windows](#)

BuildingGreen - Jun 10

The DOE has created a bulk-purchasing program aimed at homeowners and builders in northern climates, to make high-efficiency windows more affordable. The DOE has 30 listed windows with insulation values of R-5 or better through a DOE website, www.WindowsVolumePurchase.org.

[Insurers encourage green building](#)

LexisNexis - Jun 14

With state regulators approving new policy endorsements and insurers offering green building discounts, "insuring properties that are green is here to stay," suggests this article. For example, on April 29, 2010, the [Pennsylvania Insurance Department approved](#) Travelers Insurance's discounts on green homeowners' products. Also, Canadian insurance company [The Co-operators recently announced](#) that it would give insureds a 10% discount for eligible Canadian LEED-certified dwellings.

[Cleantech meets green building](#)

Sustainable Industries - Jun 14

The U.S. Regenerative Network, a new business consortium founded by David Gottfried (the founder of the USGBC), is looking to provide a link between the worlds of cleantech and green building.

[Bay Area District Adopts Groundbreaking CEQA Guidelines](#)

Allen Matkins - June 24

On June 2, 2010, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District became the first regulatory agency in the nation to approve guidelines that establish thresholds of significance for greenhouse gas emissions from proposed development projects.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[Cathay Bank's green / solar HQ](#)

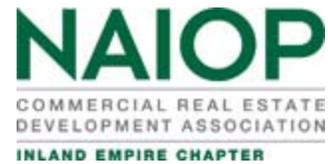
GreenerBuildings - Jun 18

California's Cathay Bank Corporate Center announced that it will install a solar photovoltaic system to supply about a third of its electricity. The building in El Monte, California, will feature 2,128 solar panels, which are expected to generate 695,181 kWh annually, cut energy costs by 40% and save the banking firm about \$9,000 a month.

[L.A. area military facility receives LEED Gold](#)

PRLog - Jun 14

The Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station in El Segundo, California, has received LEED Gold, making it the first building in El Segundo to achieve LEED Gold.



[Salesforce.com gives \\$100m to LEED Gold hospital](#)

San Francisco Business Times - Jun 17

Salesforce.com Founder Marc Benioff has given the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) \$100 million to build a children's hospital in Mission Bay. The 183-bed facility will go for LEED Gold certification, will have 45 more beds than UCSF's current children's hospital, and it will have a helipad.

[Syracuse University apartments awarded LEED Gold](#)

Market Watch - Jun 15

The student housing, owned by Education Realty Trust, at University Village Apartments at Syracuse University, was recently awarded LEED Gold for these green features: (1) native-species and drought-resistant landscaping; (2) water-efficient fixtures that save approximately 40,000 gallons of water; (3) 25 to 30% savings in energy usage over similarly constructed buildings as rated by Home Energy Rating System; (4) Energy Star rated apartments; (5) large amount of local and recycled products used in construction and finish materials; and (6) a 40% reduction in construction waste over normal situations.

[Schilling Green is awarded LEED-CS Platinum](#)

Metro Green Business - Jun 15

Schilling Green, an office building in Hunt Valley, Maryland, has been certified LEED-CS Platinum by the USGBC. It is believed to be the first speculative LEED Core and Shell project in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area to be certified Platinum.

[Muller grabs LEED Gold for 82,000 square foot building](#)

GlobeSt.com - June 24

The Laguna Hills-based Muller Co.'s 82,042 square-foot Tustin Centre II office building has been certified as LEED Gold. The four-story class A building at 1525 N. Tustin Ave. is owned by an investment client of BlackRock Inc., and the Muller Co. is the developer and property manager.

[Legacy Project Turns Brown to LEED Gold](#)

GlobeSt.com - June 24

Legacy Partners Commercial has converted a former brownfield site into 427,600 square feet of class A office space called America Center that is San Jose's first LEED Gold certified spec office development. The 427,600 square feet of new space is in two buildings of approximately 213,800 square feet each, and the project is now fully entitled for a four-building, 875,600-square-foot class A corporate office campus.