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Cuts in 'green building' stimulus package

Market Watch - Feb 7

\$2 billion from a program for energy-efficient federal buildings was among the cuts in a compromise economic stimulus package reached by Senate negotiators. The compromise reached this week cut billions in spending from an earlier version of the \$800 billion-plus economic recovery package.

Green Building Focus

New LEED concrete calculator

Associated Construction Publications - Feb 4

The [National Ready Mixed Concrete Association](#) has introduced the Recycled Content and Regional Material Calculator, an Excel-based program which calculates concrete's contribution to the LEED 2.2 and LEED 2009 Recycled Content and Regional Material credits. The calculator allows input on project details, concrete producers and other applicable information. The program provides the results in a single page letter which can be provided to the LEED Accredited Professional, project manager or building owner.

ANSI approves "Nat'l Green Building Standard"

NAHB - Jan 29

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the NAHB Research Center learned on Jan. 29, 2009 that the National Green Building Standard™ for single-family homes, apartments and condos, residential remodeling and renovation has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This establishes the NAHB's National Green Building Standard as the first and only ANSI-approved green building rating system, making it the benchmark for green homes.

New IT energy efficiency metrics

BusinessGreen.com - Feb 5

Green Grid, a consortium of technology companies focused on energy efficiency metrics for the IT industry, will launch Datacenter 2.0, as a design guide for energy-efficiency computing facilities. The Green Grid also recently released a white paper, called "[Proxies for Estimating Data Center Productivity.](#)"

Paper: Economics of LEED-E B

Smart Brief - Feb 6

This [2008 annual white paper](#) from the nonprofit Leonardo Academy examines the cost of implementing LEED for Existing Buildings and the cost of operating such buildings. This study found that total costs were about \$1.50 to \$2.00 per square foot for LEED certification but that operating costs tended to be lower than average based on BOMA statistics.

Loan program to boost green building

DJC - Feb 5

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A new loan program aims to get more developers working on sustainable projects. ShoreBank Pacific, a Pacific Northwest bank, has introduced the Green Building Loan [Program](#) which offers up to \$10 million to applicants that meet its sustainability guidelines in addition to its other lending criteria.

Dark Days for Green Energy

The New York Times - Feb 3

Wind and [solar power](#) have been growing at a blistering pace in recent years, and that growth seemed likely to accelerate under the green-minded Obama administration. However, because of the [credit crisis](#) and the broader economic downturn, current installations of wind and solar power is plummeting.

Green-washing in building industry

CoStar Group - Feb 4

Experts allege that certain buildings registered for LEED or similar certification are increasingly being promoted as green using exaggerated or misleading claims. Examples include claiming that a property has earned LEED certification when it has not, or implying that certification is guaranteed when it may be uncertain. Further, sometimes certified buildings are depicted as environmentally and financially superior to other buildings without credible evidence.

Green building codes use LEED

U.S. Green Building Council - Feb 5

More cities across the U.S. are attempting to reduce carbon emissions and their environmental impact by instituting green building codes. For example, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington D.C. have all introduced green building mandates. Although each mandate is somewhat different, most have settled on the USGBC's 'LEED' certification as the standard for defining green and sustainable construction.

Are green jobs low pay?

US News - Feb 7

According to [this report](#), many green jobs may gather wages below the national average and lack union representation. Also, green materials may be manufactured offshore.

Seminars

'Carbon Credits' Seminar

The Seminar Group - Feb 12

The '[Carbon Credits](#)' seminar is scheduled for March 6, 2009 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The conference will provide a historical perspective on carbon management legislation, an overview of the current climate, and a prospective on where carbon management legislation may be heading in the future.

Webinar: "Green Building Incentives 2009"

Green Building Elements - Feb 2

On March 19, 2009 a webinar entitled "Green Building Incentives 2009: Where and How to Get Them", will be presented by [Tree Hugger Consulting](#). For reservations, [click here](#). This webinar discusses where to find and how to apply for tax credits and rebates available for energy saving building techniques and materials in the U.S. for both commercial and residential projects.

[Indiana Building Green Symposium](#)

Indiana Living Green - Feb 9

The [2009 Indiana Building Green Symposium](#) is set for March 12 and 13, 2009 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Over 400 designers, owners, operators and developers are expected to attend. This year's event will highlight how green thinking is quickly becoming the norm.

Notable green building projects...

[REI Boulder awarded LEED Gold Rating](#)

U.S. Green Building Council - Feb 5

REI, an outdoor gear and clothing retailer, learned that its prototype store in Boulder, Colorado has been awarded LEED Gold certification from the USGBC. REI Boulder is a remodeled store, and serves as REI's first prototype location, designed to improve the in-store experience and reduce its environmental footprint by focusing on energy efficiency, water conservation, and the use of recycled and renewable materials, among other things.

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