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[Solyndra's failure casts shadow on solar sector](#)

Reuters - Sept 22

Solyndra creates light-weight cylindrical solar panels in California. In August, Solyndra suspended operations and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In September, the FBI raided Solyndra and Congress started hearings. \$535M in USDOE loan guarantees and \$1B in private investments are at risk.

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GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Best practices for green buildings](#)

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Best practices for implementing green strategies includes hiring qualified consultants (1) to consider energy costs, employee productivity and employee sick days and (2) to pick technologies to address these problems.

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[LEED 2012 to include updates to Materials & Resources credit](#)

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LEED 2012 will modify Materials & Resources credits, focus on life-cycle analysis and increased transparency regarding green product information.

[Jobs act contains green building funding](#)

The Examiner - Sep 15

The Obama administration's [American Jobs Act](#) includes funding for sustainable building practices.

[Texas planned community has strict green rules](#)

Houston Chronicle - Sep 13

A \$10-billion planned community near Houston has set strict rules for environmental sustainability and energy efficiency for builders including (1) meeting national green building standards, (2) earning LEED Gold for certain areas, and (3) meeting federal energy-efficiency guidelines.

[N.J. may adopt green development ordinance](#)

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New Jersey is considering an ordinance requiring most developers to conduct an environmental assessment and consider offsets of their projects.

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The data center industry is moving toward the development of industry-wide design standards structured around energy efficiency.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[Empire State Building earns LEED Gold](#)

PR Newswire - Sep 13

The Empire State Building earned LEED Gold-EB for its \$550-million renovation featuring (1) energy use reduction of 38%; (2) green cleaning supplies and pest controls; (3) low-flow plumbing; (4) recycled paper; and (5) recycled content carpets, low off-gassing wall coverings, paints, and adhesives.

[Nestle Waters earns LEED Gold](#)

PR Newswire - Sep 15

Nestle Waters' headquarters in Connecticut earned LEED Gold. Nestle Waters has 3.7M square feet of LEED-certified space in the U.S., the most of any food and drink manufacturer.

[Siemens factory earns LEED Gold](#)

PR Newswire - Sep 15

Siemens Energy's manufacturing facility in Kansas earned LEED Gold and features (1) increased insulation; (2) no CFC or HCFC refrigerants; (3) water management; (4) skylights; and (5) glass systems that controls solar heat gain.

[Cornell earns LEED Gold](#)

Cornell Daily Sun - Sep 19

The \$142M Physical Sciences Building at Cornell University earned LEED Gold and features (1) a heat recovery system; (2) variable volume fume hoods to reduce airflow by a third; (3) recycling; and (4) reliance on central power plant.

[Maryland school earns LEED Gold](#)

The Daily Record - Sep 16

Fisher Hall at St. Paul's School in Maryland earned LEED Gold and features (1) rooftop solar; (2) geothermal heating and cooling system; (3) efficient HVAC; (4) a vegetative roof.

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