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[Ten Million Solar Roofs bill moves ahead](#)

Clean Technica - Jul 26

Although the Federal energy bill is dead, the U.S. Senate voted the "[Ten Million Solar Roofs](#)" bill out of the Energy Committee. Aimed at getting 10 million new solar systems on U.S. roofs over the next 10 years, the bill would create hundreds of thousands of jobs and materially cut emissions. The bill offers \$250 million in grants in 2012 and \$500 million a year thereafter until 2021.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Report: U.S. retrofits could save \\$41B yearly](#)

Environmental Leader - Jul 23

Pike Research reported that a 10-year retrofit program for the U.S. could create \$41.1 billion per year in energy savings, and promote reduced emissions, energy independence, green branding, increased property values, and productivity.

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[California receives \\$22M in grants for clean tech](#)

Mercury News - Jul 13

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) awarded \$92 million for 43 clean-energy research projects in the U.S., including 11 projects worth \$22 million in California. The projects include \$1.6 million to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for energy storage and more than \$5 million to HRL Laboratories in Malibu to develop low-cost battery chargers for electric cars. The funding comes from the DOE's ARPA-E program, which aims to cut emissions and improve energy efficiency.

[Indianapolis unveils green building incentives](#)

IndyStar - Aug 2

A new program in Indianapolis, Indiana, gives green projects built after Aug. 1, 2010, a 50% rebate on building permit fees to encourage sustainable design and practices.

[Vancouver passes greenest building policy in U.S.](#)

City of Vancouver - Jul 22

After January 31, 2011, Vancouver will require all new buildings to earn LEED Gold. The policy could result in 20 to 30 new green buildings annually.

[Green disaster plans](#)

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Before a natural disasters occur, government and private building owners should have a green building disaster plan in place. In the wake of hurricane Katrina and the Haiti earthquake, the USGBC has developed guidelines for green post-disaster construction programs.

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Many buildings have "leak-guzzle-hide" syndrome. Some leaky buildings lose billions in energy dollars. Some hide energy problems with poor metering and management systems. New energy mandates and disclosure laws will uncover "leak-guzzle-hide" buildings.

[High-rise waste water generates power](#)

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A student at the UK's Leicester's De Montfort University envisions using in-line turbines to generate electricity from falling waste water in high-rise buildings.

[Engineering Green Buildings Conf., Sept. 23-24 in Baltimore](#)

Engineering Green Buildings Conference & Expo - Aug 3

Set for Sept. 23-24, 2010, in Baltimore, this seminar focuses on green engineering applications for commercial mechanical systems.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[Rady Children's Hospital earns LEED status](#)

PRLog - Jul 23

The new 279,000-square-foot, \$260 million, Acute Care Pavilion in San Diego, is the first acute care facility in the state to meet Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) standards and earned LEED-Certified status.

[Office Depot plans green stores](#)

GreenerBuildings - Jul 28

Office Depot opened its first LEED commercial interiors (LEED-CI) store in Austin, Texas. By designing store interiors to LEED-CI standards, Office Depot extends its green building program to existing structures.

[Port of Portland recognized for its green building](#)

Mother Nature Network - Jul 22

Forbes.com recognizes The Port of Portland as one of the most high-tech green office buildings in the world. The Port features an advanced wastewater treatment and water re-use system.

[TD Bank opens green call center](#)

PRNewswire - Jul 30

TD Bank opened its "world-class" call center in Auburn, Maine. The environmentally friendly call center features multiple lines of public transportation, green landscape, plumbing fixtures designed to use 33% less water and a recycling program.

[Facts about green roofs](#)

The Daily Green - Jul 26

Green roofs and living walls offer many benefits, 13 of which are listed in this



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