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# Green Building Update

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## [New green building tool evaluated by I.S.O.](#)

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A tool called the Common Carbon Metric, developed by the United Nations Environment Program, will be evaluated by the International Organization for Standardization or I.S.O. to become a global standard for green buildings. The tool measures both energy use and greenhouse gas emissions equivalent in buildings per meter squared or per occupant over the course of a year. The metric was launched in a pilot phase in Paris in May, 2010. Phase II of pilot testing will proceed in May to October of 2011.

### GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

## [Top 10 trends in green building this year](#)

*Nashville Business Journal - Aug 5*

Earth Advantage Institute listed the top 10 trends for green building this year. The nonprofit group talked with policymakers, builders, developers, architects, real estate brokers, appraisers, lenders and homeowners to develop the list. Leading the charge are affordable housing groups, including Habitat for Humanity, and local land trusts. The top trends include more affordable green homes, community-based energy, smart appliances and lifecycle analysis materials.

## [LEED Toyota dealership in Florida drops dealer fees](#)

*The Examiner - Aug 4*

The top Toyota dealership in Florida is opening a new "green" LEED facility and, as a result of green cost savings, is able to drop their dealer fee to pass the savings on to customers.

## [Greensburg - most LEED buildings per capita in the world](#)

*Wichita Business Journal - Aug 8*

After a tornado leveled most of the Greensburg, Kansas, in 2007, the town now has the most LEED-certified buildings per capita in the world.

### GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

## [Finland's opens first LEED Platinum building](#)

*The Guardian - Aug 8*

The Lintulahti office building is situated just over a mile northeast of Helsinki. Tenants include Aspo plc and the IT services for the Finnish tax department. The Lintulahti building was the first project in Finland to earn LEED Platinum and is registered with the European Union's GreenBuilding Programme.

## [Environmental Law Centre earns LEED Platinum](#)

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The Environmental Law & Policy Centre in Chicago has earned LEED Platinum from the USGBC. The new building retains its old facade and incorporates various sustainable features in its interior portion. The green features include installation of photo sensors which control the LED and fluorescent lighting units of the building and slashes energy consumption by 50%.

### [Canadian company earns double LEED Platinum](#)

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Enermodal Engineering's Kitchener headquarters in Ontario, Canada, has earned LEED Platinum for new construction **AND** commercial interiors from the Canada Green Building Council. The facility spans 22,000 square feet and incorporates a simple mechanical design, a variable refrigerant flow heating/cooling system, and an energy-efficient separate ventilation utilizing earth tubes.

### [Hawaii Volcano center earns LEED platinum](#)

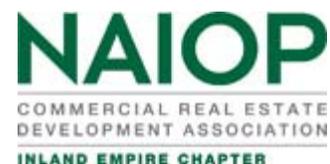
*Pacific Business News - Aug 1*

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's new emergency center has earned LEED Platinum by the USGBC. Hawaii Volcanoes' new center is the seventh building in the state to achieve the top-tier ranking, and the only federal building in Hawaii listed at that level. The 4,896-square-foot center achieved savings for lighting, energy use, water and material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

### [OU residence hall earns LEED platinum](#)

*Sustainable Business - Aug 3*

Western Oregon University's newest residence hall earned LEED Platinum certification, making Ackerman Hall the first large-scale, new construction residence hall in the nation to receive LEED Platinum. Ackerman Hall serves 330 students at the Monmouth, Oregon, campus.



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