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## **\$1 trillion to invest yearly in China's green sector**

*The Associated Press - September 10*

China Greentech Report projects investment in China's green technology sector to reach \$1 trillion annually with 300 potential green technology options in energy, water, building, transportation and industry. The report details market, financial, technological and regulatory challenges.

## **Green Building Focus**

### **Fedrizzi pushes building labels**

*The Post-Standard - September 13*

USGBC President Rick Fedrizzi told the Healthy Buildings 2009 conference that there should be "labels on the side of every building," disclosing the building's air and water use, and other environmental factors.

### **International code guided by Aspen's green building code**

*Aspen Daily News - September 11*

The International Code Council (ICC), a 50,000 member group, is developing the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) for commercial buildings and is using Aspen's green building code as a guide. When finished, municipalities can adopt the IGCC.

### **Reports: Green is economic driver with West in the lead**

*Business Facilities - September 14*

The 2009 Business Facilities report finds the West Coast as the backbone of the U.S. green movement, with California, Washington and Oregon ranked in the top tier. Another report, "Building a Greener Economy," revealed that the movement for sustainable development, smart growth and green building is now a key driver of overall economic development.

## **Schwarzenegger orders renewable energy**

*L.A. Times - September 16*

By executive order, Governor Schwarzenegger required California's electric companies to obtain a third of their electricity from renewable resources by 2020. Instead, Democrats wanted Schwarzenegger to sign a pair of bills that limit the amount of renewable energy that electric companies can purchase from out-of-state sources.

## **SF strengthens green building standards**

*San Francisco Chronicle - September 9*

San Francisco may tie certification of green buildings to meeting specific energy savings. Studies by the USGBC suggest that 25% of the new LEED buildings do not save as much energy as designed. Therefore, in June 2009, the USGBC announced a new LEED requirement -- new LEED buildings must provide utility information for five years.

## **Interest in green buildings grows in Wisconsin**

*Central Wisconsin - September 13*

Sustainable buildings are increasing in popularity. For example, the [Mead Wildlife Area Education & Visitor Center](#) is the second building in Wisconsin to

receive LEED platinum, joined by the [Aldo Leopold Legacy Center](#).

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## **Corps create green building education team**

*USACE Europe District - September 8*

With less than 70 LEED-accredited professionals in all of Germany, the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Europe District formed a team to educate employees and contractors on how to satisfy LEED requirements during design and construction.

## **Florida's green building movement lags behind trend**

*Orlando Sentinel - September 7*

Florida's green building movement is lagging behind national trends. Only the University of Florida Athletic Association's stadium expansion has attained LEED Platinum. Also, only a handful of buildings in Orlando have earned LEED gold.

### **Notable green building projects...**

#### **First LEED silver football stadium**

*Hines - September 17*

Hines developed TCF Bank Stadium, the first LEED silver football stadium. The 50,805-seat stadium was developed on a brownfield site atop a former rail yard for the University of Minnesota. Green features include: a reflective roof; a 50% reduction in landscape irrigation; a 30% reduction in indoor water use; a waste diversion program; low-emitting materials; and 98% recycling of construction waste.

#### **Redwood City homeless facility earns LEED silver**

*The Almanac - September 9*

Saint Francis Center in Redwood City, a non-profit homeless refuge with funding from The Almanac's Annual Holiday Fund, earned LEED silver. The 10,400 square-foot, three-story, building contains a recycling station, rainwater system, water-conscious garden and smart mechanical systems with 35% of materials manufactured in the region.

#### **Atlanta's first LEED platinum building on tour**

*Reuters - September 2*

Edgewood Offices, Atlanta's first LEED platinum building, will soon open its doors to the public.

#### **Seattle's Olive 8 hotel earns LEED silver**

*Reuters - September 10*

The 39-story Hyatt at Olive 8 earned LEED silver - a first for Seattle and one of only 20 LEED hotels in the U.S. It features a 100% glass exterior and a living rooftop.

#### **Arizona's first LEED silver shopping center**

*PR Newswire - September 9*

[Vestar Development](#) announced that one of its shopping centers, [Oro Valley Marketplace](#), earned an Arizona first -- LEED silver.

#### **First LEED Gold certified hotel in Chicago**

*Hotels Mag - September 9*

The [Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza](#) earned LEED-EBOM Gold, making the hotel the first LEED Gold certified hotel in Chicago. The 521-room hotel is part of the 2.25 million square-foot, 25-story 350 West Mart Center which has also been awarded LEED Gold.

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#### **Hines' EcoLogistics 1 in Mexico earn LEED-CS**

*Hines - September 10*

Hines earned LEED-CS (Core & Shell) for its 258,000 square-foot EcoLogistics 1 office in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The third LEED building in Mexico, it features bicycle storage, changing rooms, preferred parking for fuel-efficient

vehicles, open-grid pavement for reduced heat-island effect, use of low-emitting materials, a 20% reduction in water use and a 19% reduction in energy use.

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