

# Green Building Update

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## **Will green construction laws stall housing recovery?**

*Bloomberg - August 7*

The U.S. Senate may require new homes to have added insulation, efficient doors, dual pane windows and other energy-saving features. Some worry that these requirements will increase the construction cost of new homes and threaten the housing market recovery.

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## **Green Building Focus**

### **LEED projects grow rapidly outside the U.S.**

*Hospitality Design Magazine - August 13*

International projects now comprise 27% of all square footage registered under LEED. Projects outside the U.S. went from eight in 2004 to 1,120 in 2008 in 114 of the world's 195 nations.

### **New LEED energy and water usage reporting**

*Business Review West Michigan - August 5*

New LEED 3.0 requires energy and water usage reporting for five years. Ways to comply: (1) Recertify the building every two years using LEED - Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance (EBOM); (2) Provide energy and water usage data for the building on an annual basis; or (3) Authorize the USGBC to access the building's energy and water usage data directly from the building's utility provider.

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## **Clinton challenges universities to green campuses**

*Chicago Breaking News- August 13*

Former President Clinton challenged the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, which includes 250 university presidents looking to green their campuses. Clinton highlighted the green retrofitting of the super-tall Willis Tower, the 4.2-million-square-foot Merchandise Mart in Chicago, and the Empire State Building.

## **Green building task force for NJ**

*Forbes - August 10*

Recently introduced legislation would establish a New Jersey green task force to review the feasibility of implementing green technology. The task force would have 13 members from the Environmental Protection, Community Affairs, Transportation and Education departments.

## **South Africa -- Green buildings attract better tenants**

*Engineering News - August 13*

The Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) said that even in a global economic slowdown, the trend towards sustainable development and green building continued to gain momentum. Green buildings attract better tenants, can be effectively tracked with solid performance metrics and do not always come at a premium.

## **CGP designation continues to grow**

*NAHB - August 13*

The number of construction and real estate industry members who are Certified Green Professionals (CGP) now tops 4,000. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center reports over 350 homes have been certified with 4,500 projects in the certification pipeline.

## **West Coast Green conference returns to San Francisco**

*West Coast Green - August 17*

West Coast Green, one of the largest green building conferences, is set for San Francisco's Fort Mason Center with more than 14,000 expected attendees. The October 1-3 conference will spotlight 125 speakers, 104 education and networking sessions and 333 exhibits.

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

#### **[UCSB's Bren Hall first to be double LEED Platinum](#)**

*UCSB - August 10*

Bren Hall, which houses the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UC Santa Barbara, is the nation's first building to earn two LEED platinum certifications. Bren Hall's energy use is approximately one-third that of similar buildings.

#### **[Hilton and Kimpton Hotel chains go green](#)**

*Environmental Leader - August 11*

Energy-efficient features, recycling programs and water conservation are among sustainable features adopted by Kimpton Hotel Group and Hilton Hotels Corp. Kimpton has its first LEED registered hotel and Hilton has its LEED Gold certified headquarters.

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#### **[From shell to LEED Platinum in 15 days](#)**

*CoStar Group - August 11*

[Leggat McCall Properties](#) earned LEED Platinum honors for its headquarters office in Boston. Leggat McCall spent five months planning the project, which was to be complete in just 15 business days. Just as impressive, the Platinum rating was achieved without raising construction costs. See a time-lapse video of the project [here](#).

#### **[La Posada to build green retirement community in Arizona](#)**

*La Posada - August 14*

La Posada is on the cutting-edge of retirement community construction through its use of green building practices. La Posada's new Park Centre Homes will use grey water systems, environmentally-sensitive concrete slabs and structural insulated panels.

#### **[Aurora St. Luke's "healing garden" earns LEED certification](#)**

*Reuters - July 29*

A healing garden at Aurora St. Luke's hospital in Milwaukee earned LEED certification. The garden has wide walkways that can accommodate hospital beds. The garden includes storm water management, optimal energy performance, construction waste management and the use of low-emitting materials.

#### **[Standard Plaza earns LEED-EB designation](#)**

*Business Wire - August 10*

Standard Plaza in Portland is the second building to earn LEED-EB Gold. Standard reduced its water and power consumption and improved its indoor environment for employees.

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