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# Green Building Update

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## **Green builders await billions in stimulus dollars**

*The Wall Street Journal - Dec 16*

Billions in stimulus funds are earmarked to make government buildings more energy efficient. However, it could take months or years for spending to trickle down to contractors. \$5.5 billion was earmarked for the General Services Administration of which \$2 billion was to be allocated before 12/31/09. To date, only \$1.5 billion was appropriated and only \$89 million was paid out by the GSA. The delay in spending reflects the long lead time required for architects and engineers to design energy efficient building modifications. While private sector construction is stalled, green contractors hoped the GSA, which is America's largest landlord with a 1,500-building portfolio, would use its purchasing power to lower green costs, test emerging products and educate the industry.

## **Green Building Focus**

### **Study: Green building to triple by 2013**

*Las Vegas Business Press - Dec 14*

Even during the recession and credit freeze, McGraw-Hill found that green construction starts increased fivefold between 2005 and 2008. McGraw-Hill expects the domestic green building market to triple by 2013 for a total of \$140 billion in green construction. Public awareness, government regulations, and bottom-line advantages are fueling green building's growth.

Other: [LEED standards just the beginning](#) (Daily Commercial News)

## **Copenhagen Aftermath**

*The Wall Street Journal - December*

[Carbon-permit market slides after Copenhagen](#)

*The Wall Street Journal - Dec 22*

[Time for climate change Plan B](#)

*The Wall Street Journal - Dec 22*

[Chinese law to increase renewable energy](#)

*The Wall Street Journal - Dec 28*

## **Tool: Monitoring a building's carbon footprint**

*Software Advice - Dec 8*

Sharman and Knowledge Global created EMMA, an automated building environmental monitoring system, for property managers who want to measure, track and forecast how much energy a building is using while simultaneously educating their tenants about their carbon output.

## **San Francisco's sustainable financing program**

*Inhabitat - Dec 15*

San Francisco set aside \$150 million for residential and commercial building owners to finance improvements in energy efficiency, renewable energy, solar and water conservation. The improvements will be paid back through property taxes over the life of the financing.

## **Insurers offer discounts for green buildings**

*Environmental Leader - Dec 11*

Some commercial and residential insurers now offer discounts for green buildings because energy efficient lighting reduces the risk of fire and energy efficient windows stand up better during storms.

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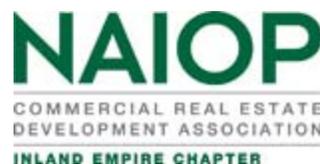
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## **Systems integration is key to green buildings**

*GCN - Dec 15*

Experts recommend that all systems that affect the operations of a building need to be networked and integrated for visibility and communications between devices. Connected buildings will lead to smarter, greener retrofitted or new buildings.

## **San Rafael's countywide green-building regulations**

*Contra Costa Times - Dec 16*

San Rafael is advocating an updated green-building law for all of Marin County that requires pre-wiring and pre-plumbing for future photovoltaic and solar hot-water systems, insulating exposed hot-water pipes and adding a radiant barrier to reroofing projects.

## **Better green design management**

*Greener Buildings - Dec 10*

Several practical suggestions should be considered as part of a comprehensive risk management strategy to increase the likelihood of achieving LEED certification on time and within budget.

## **Green building movement in Singapore**

*Government of Singapore - Dec 10*

Singapore is using its Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) masterplan to lower energy consumption, create green jobs and support environmental protection. BCA launched a roving exhibition focused on each persons part in the green building movement.

## **Notable Green Building Projects**

### **[Butler Plaza III earns LEED Gold](#)**

*CoStar Group - Dec 16*

Liberty Property Trust earned LEED Gold for its office building in Jacksonville. The 80,000-square-foot building was constructed last year and features enhanced daylight views, a highly reflective TPO roof membrane and high-efficiency mechanical systems.

### **[Midwest Research Institute earns LEED Certification](#)**

*Kansas City Business Journal - Dec 9*

Midwest Research Institute earned LEED Certification for the \$25 million renovation of its 50-year-old Kansas City headquarters featuring energy-efficient windows, high-efficiency HVAC, low-flow lab hoods, water-savings, daylighting, green building materials, etc.

### **[Ontario Realty Corporation's huge LEED Gold retrofit](#)**

*CNW Group - Dec 15*

Ontario Realty Corporation will transform the massive former Sears Canada head office, into a green, state-of-the-art workplace for the Ontario Public Service featuring a cool roof, low-emitting regional materials, and sensors which optimize energy performance.

### **[Shanghai engine first in China to earn LEED Platinum](#)**

*Aviation Week - Dec 8*

The Shanghai engine maintenance, a joint venture of Pratt & Whitney and China Eastern Airlines, is the first facility in China to earn LEED Platinum. Features include water savings, rainwater usage, high-performance conditioning and lighting, local materials, certified stewarded wood products and recycling.



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