

September 28, 2009

## **Blunt words from world leaders at UN and G20**

[President Obama tells UN time is running out before "irreversible catastrophe."](#)

[EU tells G20 to finance poor states to curb emissions or no deal at Copenhagen.](#)

[China tells UN it will adopt four measures to curb emissions.](#)

[Canada ties climate change initiatives to US.](#)

[Congress at odds with Obama over climate change issues.](#)

## **Green Building Focus**

### **International Code looks to California's Green Building Code**

*Facilities Net* - September 21

The International Green Construction Code (IGCC) uses the California Green Building Standards Code as a key reference document. The IGCC will seek public comment in 2010 and be published in 2012.

### **Study: Fireman's Fund lists green building benefits**

*Reuters* - September 16

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company states that "building green" increases building value, decreases operating expenses, and increases the ability to attract and retain quality tenants. Choosing not to build green risks may result in obsolescence as more buildings are LEED certified.

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

*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* - September 19

Green building has gone from good marketing to good business. More owners are building green to attract tenants, cut operating costs and qualify for tax breaks. By 2013, green buildings will double to 25% of all new commercial and institutional construction starts.

## **Chicago has the most green buildings**

*Chicago Tribune* - September 17

Chicago is first in the Nation with 88 LEED-certified projects, Portland, Oregon is next with 73 and Seattle is third with 63.

## **Greening the White House**

*Environmental News Network* - September 11

The White House is seeking LEED-certification with energy management systems, automatic light sensors and low-flow water valves, etc.

## **SF's green jobs and projects**

*Reuters* - September 16

San Francisco has over 120 architects, engineers and construction managers who are LEED Accredited Professionals, over 40 LEED registered municipal projects in the works and more coming, including projects in the SF International Airport, the Port of SF and Golden Gate Park.

## **USGBC promotes National Green Schools**

USGBC - September 15

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The USGBC is promoting its National Green Schools Campaign, for policy makers, teachers, parents and students who want green and sustainable schools.

<http://www.jdsupra.com/post/documentViewer.aspx?fid=ab7e5882-94f3-4091-8d7b-1434c8529441>

## **USGBC revising Forest Certification**

USGBC - September 15

Comment until October 14, 2009 on the LEED forest certification system. The proposed system abandons the all-or-nothing approach for prerequisites and credits.

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

#### **Mumbai hospital seeks LEED Platinum**

*Express Health Care Management - September 21*

Mumbai-based Kohinoor Hospitals Private Ltd., a specialty 175-bed hospital, is anticipating LEED-platinum certification, making it the first such hospital/healthcare facility in India.

#### **Steelcase earns LEED Platinum**

*Globe Newswire - September 15*

Steelcase's Grand Rapids, Michigan WorkLab earned LEED Platinum, making it the first showroom in the office furniture industry to achieve Platinum.

#### **Hines' Expedia Tower earns LEED Gold**

*Eastside Business Journal - September 18*

Hines' Expedia Tower earned LEED Gold Core & Shell. The 20-story office building is the first newly constructed office building in Bellevue to achieve such certification.

#### **CityCenter earns LEED Gold in Las Vegas**

*Las Vegas Sun - September 18*

Aria and Vdara — hotels and convention space within the new CityCenter project in Las Vegas—earned LEED Gold.

#### **Herbalife earns LEED certification**

*Herbalife - September 15*

Herbalife's Los Angeles office earned LEED certification and minimizes the company's carbon footprint through careful use of materials and design.

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