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Cities move forward as federal legislation stalls

Business Green - Feb 10

As the administration's energy and climate change bill stalls in the U.S. Senate, individual cities are moving forward with incentives for clean energy. For example, San Francisco and Austin, Texas are offering subsidized loans and monetary incentives for individuals and businesses to invest in efficient and renewable energy projects.

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[San Francisco launches largest PACE program](#) (Greener Building)
[Cities to tap muni bonds For green-building loans](#) (WSJ)

Green Building Focus

Bloom Box -- holy grail of energy?

Mapawatt - Feb 21

Unveiled this week, Bloomenergy believes it has invented an economical fuel cell to power homes and businesses. Traditional fuel cells require the use of platinum, palladium and other expensive materials. A patented Bloom Box half the size of a bread box could power your entire home and costing around \$3,000. The Bloom Box converts fuel from almost any source into electricity.

Related: [60 Minutes report on the Bloom Box](#)

TeleBriefing -- CA's New Green Building Code

Law Seminars - Feb 22

On Thursday, February 25, 2010 at noon, a panel of experts will discuss California's new green building code. The Panel includes Bryan Jackson of Allen Matkins, Marc Cohen of MVE, Jane Taylor of the CBSC and Enrique Rodrequiz of the CBSC.

Buildings find savings with Energy Star

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The EPA's *Energy Star Leaders* for 2009 listed outstanding growth in the number of buildings that earned Energy Star labels, and listed major improvements in emissions reductions from energy efficiencies.

Energy Star will soon apply to data centers

PC World - Feb 5

The EPA will apply its Energy Star program to data centers in June, 2010. The EPA hopes this move will incentivize data center to become more energy efficient.

Green business opportunity in China

Green Biz - Feb 5

Green business opportunities exist in China because (1) in the next 20 years China expects to build 50,000 new skyscrapers, (2) by 2010 China hopes to build a new smart grid; and (3) by 2020 China expects 15% of its energy coming from renewable.

Blog: working in a green building feels good

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An EPA employee blogs about working in a green building. She believes the green building gives her more energy and good feelings for lowering her impact on the environment.

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Net-zero buildings becoming reality

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Net-zero energy buildings may be the next big push in green design. The DOE, ASHRAE, and the AIA have all rallied around the idea of making net-zero energy the standard over the next 20 years.

Green building courses available in Spanish

Mother Nature Network - Feb 10

The USGBC's Green Building Basics and LEED courses are now available online in Spanish.

California installing network of GHG monitors

Cnet News - Feb 3

California is the first state to establish a network of greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring stations. The monitors will be used by the Cal Air Resources Board to measure methane emissions as part of the Board's mandate under AB 32.

SF investing \$19.2 M for energy efficiency

Green Beat - Feb 4

San Francisco will invest \$19.2 million in state funds to make the city more energy efficient, creating up to 22 new jobs and generating \$3 million in energy savings every year. Since 2001, conservation initiatives have reduced SF's energy consumption by 29 megawatts — enough to power 29,000 households.

Notable Green Building Projects

Hines' 5700 Canoga receives LEED Silver

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Hines' building at 5700 Canoga Avenue earned LEED-EB Silver and features alternative transportation options; energy efficient lighting; environmentally sensitive cleaning; reduced nighttime light pollution; reduction of indoor potable water use; a bee removal and relocation system; a recycling program with a 94% waste diversion rate; and the Hines GREEN OFFICE which promotes sustainability in tenants spaces.

Santa Barbara office earns LEED Platinum

City of SB - Feb 11

City of Santa Barbara's office building at 630 Garden Street has been awarded LEED-EB Platinum for its optimized use of energy and water, purchase of environmentally preferred products, recycling programs and system upgrades.

KPMG building earns LEED Gold

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KPMG's building at 55 Second St., San Francisco, earned LEED-EB Gold. The 25-story building features 75% waste diversion rate; high-performance green cleaning; reduced heat island effect, reduced nighttime light pollution; 25% reduction in indoor potable water use; comprehensive commissioning; low-mercury lamps; MERV-13 air filters; and alternative transportation options.

Solar Orchard earns LEED Gold

CaliforniaFarmer.com - Feb 15

Limoneira Company's solar orchard in Santa Paula earned LEED Gold for its 6,400 photovoltaic modules and observation deck on 5.5 acres, the first private sector LEED Gold project in Ventura County.



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