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[Google's green building strategy](#)

Google Blog - Aug 17

Google aims to provide "the healthiest work environments possible." Google has a purchasing program that shuns environmentally-harmful materials, and requires its buildings to meet or exceed LEED standards. Google's Anthony Ravitz says Google is advocating for higher industry standards.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[USGBC tracks green building legislation](#)

USGBC - Aug 17

USGBC released a report tracking more than 400 pieces of green building legislation across the country.

[DOE adopts ASHRAE energy-efficiency standard](#)

ThomasNet News - Aug 17

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has ruled that all commercial high-rise and residential buildings, including federal buildings, must meet the energy efficiency requirements put forth in the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings.

[SF's 'green grade' could boost home values](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - Aug 17

San Francisco officials are developing a certification system that could boost the resale value of energy-efficient homes. The city would place the "green grade" on the property records of homes that meet certain energy efficiency standards.

[U of W named greenest college](#)

Sierra Club - Aug 18

The University of Washington climbed from number four in 2010 to number one in the Sierra Club's annual ranking of environmentally-friendly colleges, due to the following: (1) every campus building completed since 2006 is LEED-certified; (2) all appliances bought by the school are EnergyStar-rated; (3) the campus runs mostly on renewable energy; and (4) the school employs a comprehensive waste recycling program.

[NYC awards \\$1.25M to city's first energy-positive building](#)

DNAinfo - Aug 17

New York City awarded \$1.25 million to Solar One to help construct a building that produces more energy than it uses. The building will return 8% of the energy it generates through solar PVs to NYC's grid.

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[Santa Clara data center earns LEED Platinum](#)

Business Wire - Aug 22

Vantage Data Centers' V3 building earned LEED Platinum certification. The building's sustainable features include: (1) lighting with a 41% improvement over the state energy code; (2) advanced lighting controls; (3) HVAC design based on the New Building Institutes Core Performance Guide; (4) use of Energy star equipment and appliances; and (5) 91% construction waste diversion from landfills.

[GE data center in Kentucky earns LEED Platinum](#)

Smart Planet - Aug 18

GE Appliances & Lighting's data center in Louisville, Kentucky, earned LEED Platinum and features: (1) 34% more energy-savings than peer buildings; (2) space-saving servers and cooling technology that boosts 50% more floor space; (3) lower water consumption by 42%; (4) diversion of 85% of the construction waste; and (5) 50% of materials sourced locally.

[Miami hospital earns LEED Gold](#)

City Biz Real Estate - Aug 15

West Kendall Baptist Hospital in Miami is the second hospital in Florida to earn LEED Gold and features: (1) open landscaped areas and water retention lakes for 100 percent irrigation; (2) energy efficient lighting and air conditioning systems; (3) automatic building controls; and (4) low-flow plumbing fixtures. In addition the hospital was built to withstand Category 5 hurricanes and provide uninterrupted power services for seven days.

[St. Elizabeth Hospital earns LEED Silver](#)

The Enumclaw Courier Herald - Aug 16

St. Elizabeth Hospital, part of the Franciscan Health System, in Enumclaw, Washington, earned LEED Silver.



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