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Allstate's green data center video

My Facilities.net - July 9

Allstate launched an on-line video about its green data center. The video covers daylighting, energy efficient IT hardware, and a reflective roof. More details about the data center will appear in the August issue of *Building Operating Management*, in its Critical Facilities supplement.

Green Building Focus

AIA examines green building status

Contract Magazine - July 13

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) recently surveyed how green building technology has improved over the years. The AIA survey cited several studies that found green buildings can be constructed for little or no additional cost. Further, for certain more expensive technologies, the AIA found that the payback period in savings more than offsets any additional costs. Innovative tools such as smart metering, advanced automation, green roofs, and improved alternative energy generation systems are creating a more dynamic, technologically responsive building environment.

LEED-EB may grow exponentially

CoStar Group - July 8

Currently, only about 200 buildings have been certified under LEED for Existing Buildings ("LEED-EB"), which is far behind the 1,600 buildings that are certified under the older and more established LEED for New Construction ("LEED-NC") system. However, LEED-EB registrations, which now include the Empire State Building and the Sears Tower, have increased three-fold in the past two years. Numerous high-rise towers have recently earned the certification, providing blueprints for other buildings to follow. Accordingly, the LEED-EB program appears poised for exponential growth.

Coolwall coating wins top award

Greener Design - July 13

The Burke Hogue Mills building, and its Coolwall coating system, were named a "Top Green Coatings Project" by the *The Journal of Architectural Coatings*. The Coolwall system helped the project reduce

energy demand by 21%. Coolwall coatings reflect infrared energy and UV radiation, lowering wall surface temperatures by as much as 40 degrees.

Green building demand up in South Florida

Miami Herald - July 13

Green building continues to grow in South Florida, despite the deep recession. In 2005, there were eight commercial projects registered for LEED certification in South Florida. In 2008, there were 123, and 2009 is on pace to meet or surpass that mark. Also, Pine Jog Elementary in Palm Beach County, became the first South Florida school to be certified LEED gold.

Notable green building projects...

Hall Wines -- first LEED Gold winery

Reuters - July 18

Hall Wines in St. Helena, California, became the first LEED-Gold winery. Halls Wines is one of a growing number of wineries that are greening their operations. On the grounds in St. Helena is the site of the historic Napa Valley Cooperative Winery, a key winery facility from the last century.

USGBC's new headquarters earns LEED Platinum

Building Design & Construction - July 20

The U.S. Green Building Council achieved LEED Platinum for its new Washington, D.C., headquarters. This is the first project to certify under the latest version of the LEED rating system. The project contains office space and a learning lab. Tours of the building are available.

Omega -- first LEED Platinum and Living Building

Omega Institute - July 15

The Omega Center for Sustainable Living will be the first green building to achieve both LEED Platinum and Living Building Challenge certification. Built on Omega's campus in Rhinebeck, NY, the center is a water reclamation facility and environmental education center that brings together wastewater recycling, clean energy, green architecture, and other sustainability elements. The Center will provide sustainability education for students, policy makers and developers.

AMD -- largest LEED-certified project in Texas

Sustainable Facility - July 13

Advanced Micro Devices' (AMD) new campus in Austin earned LEED Gold, making it the largest LEED-certified corporate campus in Texas. Austin-based Graeber, Simmons & Cowan served as the lead architect.

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