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[San Francisco passes green building law](#)

SF Environment - Feb 8

The San Francisco passed a law to improve energy efficiency in large existing buildings, cut greenhouse gas emissions, make electricity cheaper, and create green jobs. The law requires large buildings to submit energy-use benchmarks to an EPA-administered website and allow annual energy-use audits. This law will include smaller commercial buildings over the next two years.

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[CTG, USGBC, Noblis launce green building tool](#)

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A new web-based [tool](#) funded by the GSA will help green small private and public projects. Developed by USGBC, CTG Energetics and Noblis, the tool features planning, case studies, and 3-D walkthroughs to help project managers green projects under 10,000 sq. ft.

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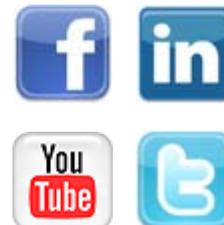
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White House - Feb 3

President Obama's Better Building Initiative to improve building energy efficiency by

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20% over the next ten years gained the support of the USGBC. Obama already committed \$20 billion to improving building energy efficiency through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

[LEED lawsuit amended](#)

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A federal court suit filed against the USGBC in 2010 alleged that the LEED rating system falsely guaranteed energy savings in LEED certified buildings. The suit was [amended](#) to dismiss damages alleged by building owners and taxpayers and now focuses on damages suffered by building professionals from lost business due to the alleged false energy savings guarantees.

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[USGBC to fund school's sustainability officer](#)

Sacramento Bee - Feb 9

The USGBC will fund a full-time sustainability officer for the Sacramento City Unified School District to help green the district's schools. The officer reports to the USGBC and the school district and will provide quarterly reports.

[Santa Monica's 8th annual AltBuild Expo](#)

Online PR News - Feb 11

The City of Santa Monica announced that the city will host the [8th Annual AltBuild Expo and Conference](#) on May 6th and 7th at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. The Expo will feature over 150 exhibitors specializing in fields related to green construction, alternative energy, water conservation and green plumbing. Speakers include USGBC co-founder Bill Reed, Senator Pavley, and former California EPA Secretary Tamminen.

[Otis Elevator's new green mandate](#)

Hartford Courant - Feb 8

Otis Elevator launched "[The Way to Green.](#)" a company-wide initiative to green every aspect of their business from manufacturing to recycling. For example, Otis' Gen2 elevator uses 75% less energy than conventional elevators.

[Report: aluminum use in green projects](#)

YourStory / RNCOS - Feb 14

A recent [study](#) from RNCOS suggests that demand for aluminum will expand as the number of green projects and products grow. Aluminum's light weight, strength, and recycling boost its appeal in the green building industry.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[LEED Gold project at Playa Vista completes Phase II](#)

Horizon at Playa Vista, a LEED Core & Shell Gold office development, recently completed Phase II: 5- and 6-story office buildings totaling 300,000 sf.

[Mexico's Coke - first LEED-EB Gold](#)

Coca-Cola's corporate building developed by Hines is the first building in Mexico to earn LEED-EB Gold. The project features low-mercury lighting, re-scheduling of power loads, replacement of high-efficiency motors, re-balancing of electric panels, natural light, 28 waterless urinals, low-flow aerators in restrooms, use of rain water for irrigation, green



cleaning, green pest control and recycling programs.

[SF's InterContinental Hotel earns LEED-EB Gold](#)

InterContinental Hotels Group - Feb 8

The InterContinental Hotel San Francisco earned LEED Gold for Existing Buildings, making it the largest hotel in California and the third-largest in the nation to earn LEED-EB Gold. The hotel features (1) floor-to-ceiling windows that maximize natural light; (2) 95% of the staff use public transportation; (3) energy-efficient appliances; (4) lighting motion sensors in public spaces; and (5) green cleaning strategies. Also, the hotel offset its carbon footprint by 100% through the purchase of renewable energy credits.

[Santa Cruz building gets \\$4M green renovation](#)

Santa Cruz Patch - Feb 11

Santa Cruz' 40 year-old Sentinel Building received a \$4-million green makeover featuring (1) windows and skylights for improved air flow; (2) 216 solar panels; (3) a rainwater catcher; (4) on-site composting; and (5) low-water landscaping.

[University of Texas building earns LEED Platinum](#)

University of Texas at Dallas - Feb 10

The Student Services Building at the University of Texas become the first academic building in the state to earn the LEED Platinum and features local materials, daylight harvesting, enhanced mechanical systems, and low operating costs.

[Duke's green parking garage](#)

ForConstructionPros - Feb 8

Duke University's Research Drive Garage Project earns LEED-certified. The \$35 million, 1,900-space parking facility was (1) cost-neutral compared to conventional parking structures; (2) 50% more energy-efficient ; (3) watered landscaping using two 10,000 gallon rainwater cisterns; (4) used LED lighting; (5) preferred parking for low-emission and carpool vehicles; and (5) reduced car idling strategies.

[GlaxoSmithKline leases LEED Platinum building](#)

Robert A. M. Stern Architects - Feb 8

GlaxoSmithKline signed a 15-year lease for a 205,000 sq. ft, four-story building LEED Platinum property to be developed in Philadelphia.

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