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[Siemens foresees €40B annually from green infrastructure](#)

The Wall Street Journal - Mar 25

Siemens is radically restructuring to capture more of the green infrastructure market. Siemens seeks to earn €40B annually by 2014 from green infrastructure products and services, up from €28B in fiscal 2010.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Report: Green building grows in North America](#)

Sustainable Rhythm - Apr 1

Participants in surveys from Ohio, North Carolina and Alberta, Canada, indicate that (1) 80% have "somewhat embraced" green building concepts; (2) almost 100% identify energy efficiency and cost reduction as the most vital incentives for green building; and (3) nearly 60% see a significant cost premium to build green instead of traditional construction.

[USDA promotes wood as green building material](#)

USDA - Mar 30

The USDA plans to promote domestic wood as a green building material by (1) selecting wood for new projects; (2) supporting certified green building standards; (3) promoting R&D in green building materials; and (4) demonstrating innovative uses of wood.

[Ground-breaking green lease in NYC](#)

GlobeSt.com - Apr 5

WilmerHale signed a major green lease at 7 World Trade Center in New York City. The green lease devised by the Bloomberg administration and real estate professionals is intended to overcome a key hurdle for property owners considering green retrofits -- the "split incentive," where landlords bear all the cost of green retrofits and tenants reap all the benefits.

[Green building education grants](#)

NBC Los Angeles - Apr 1

Some of California's 200,000 unemployed construction workers have high praise for the green building training they received that was funded by the Recovery Act. Green construction techniques are helping some find work.

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[Nevada County officials praise green building training grant program](#)

[California city adopts stricter green building code](#)

Mountain View Patch - Apr 1

Mountain View, California adopted a green and sustainable building code that is stricter than CALGreen, California's new green building code. The city encourages centrally-located, multifamily sustainable housing.

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U.C. San Diego will host the [Green Business Summit](#) on April 16. Keynote speaker Will Marre will explore strategic sustainability.

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The [Green California Summit](#) will be held April 18-20 in Sacramento.

[Push for 50% carbon reduction in construction materials](#)

Reuters - Mar 31

The [2030 Challenge](#) proposes carbon footprint reductions for building materials by 30% in 2014 and by 50% in 2030. The movement is endorsed by the USGBC, Green Standard, Southface Green Building Services, BuildingGreen and the Carbon Leadership Forum.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[Hines honored with EPA's top award](#)

Hines - Apr 4

On April 12, Hines will receive the EPA's highest honor, the 2011 ENERGY STAR® Sustained Excellence Award. Hines has earned the EPA's Partner of the Year award seven times and the Sustained Excellence Award four times. Hines' portfolio includes 154 facilities with energy savings that are 36% more efficient than the average facility and 100 million sq. ft. that is LEED certified.

[California winery earns LEED Silver](#)

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Niner Wine Estates in Paso Robles, California, earned LEED Silver with improved energy efficiency, water saving and recycled building materials.

[New Mexico State University earns LEED Gold](#)

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[Houston building earns LEED-EBOM Gold](#)

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Houston's Phoenix Tower earned LEED-EBOM Gold. The 34-story, multi-tenant building features (1) a fully-automated building management system; (2) high efficiency lamps and ballasts; (3) variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the rooftop cooling tower and air handling units throughout the building; (4) water-saving plumbing fixtures; (5) recycling; and (6) MERV-13 air filters.

[Illinois school earns LEED Silver](#)

Naperville Sun - Apr 3

The Ann Reid Early Childhood Center in Naperville, Illinois, earn LEED Silver and features (1) perimeter landscaping with bioswales; (2) rain gardens with indigenous plantings; and (3) windows designed to maximize natural light.



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