



A memorandum of understanding was signed by the Green Building Initiative and the American Institute of Architects, agreeing to work together to promote the design and construction of energy efficient and environmentally responsible buildings. The agreement calls for the two to promote the design of buildings that are energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally responsible. They will provide the following: (1) education and training; (2) educational opportunities; and (3) research economic and environmental performance of green buildings.

## **Sunnyvale approves green building ordinance**

*San Jose Mercury News - March 25*

A new green building ordinance was adopted by Sunnyvale, California. The ordinance will phase in requirements and incentives for environmentally sustainable building practices for homes, condominiums and commercial buildings. The green standards will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2010. After meetings with homeowners, property owners, businesses and design professionals, the city delayed the rollout of the ordinance for a year to reduce its impact during the recession.

## **Green material company launches US operation**

*Bellingham Herald - March 28*

[Deltalok](#), a global company that focuses on green building materials, recently launched its U.S. operations in Ferndale, Washington. The company manufactures a soft soil bag and interlocking units that allow vegetation growth for slopes and walls, providing a green solution to erosion control. Deltalok says it's an alternative for builders and landscapers who currently have to choose between temporary biodegradable material or permanent solutions such as concrete or wire mesh.

## **RI wants all new municipal buildings energy efficient**

*Providence Journal - March 27*

Providence RI Mayor signed an order requiring all new municipal buildings to be certified as green facilities. The order mandates that buildings meet one of two nationally recognized standards in energy-efficient construction: (1) LEED certification or (2) the certification under the Collaborative for High Performance Schools ("CHPS").

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### **Notable green building projects...**

#### **1st LEED certified animal shelter**

*Mercury News - March 29*

The Humane Society Silicon Valley's new 48,000-square-foot shelter in Milpitas will be the first animal shelter in the U.S. to be certified gold under the LEED rating system. As much as 40% of its energy needs will be met by solar panels that will be installed over the summer, and a reflective "cool roof" is expected to reduce the amount of air conditioning needed. The green features added \$2.5 M to the cost of construction, but officials at the center expect to recoup these costs in savings on water and power.

#### **Green home makes an impact**

*San Francisco Chronicle - March 29*

Helmut Schmidt turned his Sunset District house into one of the greenest, most energy-efficient homes in San Francisco. Schmidt created a [web site](#) to help others learn how to incorporate more sustainable features into their homes when building or remodeling. Also, the web site serves as a forum for the latest techniques in sustainable construction.

#### **1st High Desert LEED gold warehouse**

*Daily Press - March 23*

An industrial building at Southern California Logistics Airport recently became the first LEED-certified project in the High Desert, recognizing the "green" elements included in the warehouse. It is only the 4th industrial warehouse in California to be awarded LEED Gold certification from the USGBC.

#### **LEED for InterContinental San Francisco**

*Hotels Magazine - March 26*

The InterContinental San Francisco plans to achieve LEED certification by early 2010. The InterContinental San Francisco is applying for LEED certification in the "existing build operations and maintenance" category (EBOM) and will be evaluated on every facet of the property from construction and design elements to the amenities used in guestrooms.

## [LEED-EB Gold for Segerstrom Towers](#)

OC Weekly - March 27

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Segerstrom Co. announced its Plaza Tower, Center Tower and Park Tower in Orange County all achieved LEED-EB Gold Certification, the first multi-tenant buildings in California and 3 of the first 4 buildings in the U.S. to receive that particular USGBC distinction. According to Segerstrom, the three towers will reduce CO2 emissions by more than 9.5 million pounds annually and reduce water consumption by more than 3 million gallons yearly.

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