

Green Building Update

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Green Building market expected to double by 2012

Earth Times - May 13

Research by McGraw-Hill Construction on "green" home building, focuses on changes in green building activity between 2001 and 2007 and predicts the following:

- In 2008, the residential green building market is expected to reach \$12 to \$20 billion.
- In 2012, the residential green market is expected to reach \$40 to \$70 billion.
- 40% of builders think "green" helps market their homes in a down market.
- Quality in this down market is seen as the most important reason for building green.

Green Building Focus

State of Green Business 2008

In this landmark report, Joel Makower and the editors of GreenBiz.com answer the question: How are U.S. businesses doing in their quest to be more environmentally responsible? GreenBiz answers with its 20 indicator index of progress, tracking resource use, emissions, and business practices of U.S. companies including carbon, materials, energy, and toxics intensity, clean-tech investments, e-waste recovery, paper use, employee commuting, and more. [Download FREE Report](#)

U.S. Green Building Council opens LEED 2009 for public comment

CSE Live - May 19

USGBC opened LEED 2009 for public comment. LEED 2009 is a new version of the rating system that measures key environmental and human health impacts. The new version is coupled with expanded third-party certification and LEED Online enhancements. Changes include an initiative to integrate LCA (lifecycle assessment) into LEED credits. The complete memo can be viewed [here](#).

San Diego community named "Mixed Use Development of the Year" for green features

NAHB - May 12

Primarily because of its green features, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) named the Del Sur community in San Diego, California, "Mixed Use Development of the Year." The 3,000-home, 1,800-acre community, which is 20 percent complete, will save over 100 million gallons of water and over five million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year when finished. These electricity savings are equivalent to nearly 9,000

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barrels of crude oil.

Sierra Club California opposes "weak" green building rules

California Progress Report - May 19

California environmentalists are disappointed with the Building Standards Commission (BSC). The California Progress Report indicates that rather than adopting stronger, industry-wide rules as environmentalists hoped, BSC only modified a few energy conservation and public housing rules in amendments to the 2007 California Building Standards Code, and its draft Green Building Standards.

eBay announces largest solar project in San Jose

GreenBiz - May 12

eBay announced San Jose's largest solar installation with a system that spans 60,000 square feet atop multiple buildings. The system will have 3,248 solar panels in a 650-kilowatt system that will supply 18 percent of the power for e-Bay's San Jose campus, saving eBay about \$100,000 in electricity in its first year of operation. Also, through a special deal with SolarCity, which installed the e-Bay system, employees will be able to implement solar energy in their homes through a SolarLease financing option.

Australian government announces \$90 million Green Building Fund

The Green Building Council of Australia - May 14

The Government of Australia earmarked \$90 million for its Green Building Fund in the 2008-09 Budget. The Green Building Council of Australia advocated that governments provide more green incentives for the property sector.

Middle East developers increasingly focus on sustainability

AME Info - May 19

Middle East developers are increasingly pursuing more sustainable developments, according to an article by AME info. Masdar in Abu Dhabi is the obvious example, with its plans to be a zero waste, carbon neutral city. The \$15 billion project is years away from completion but in the mean time, there are plenty of buildings that fall into the sustainable bracket under construction or in the final phases of design. Examples include the Bahrain WTC which includes three wind turbines which will generate 15% of the building's energy needs. In addition, the Dubai Lighthouse is considered even more energy efficient, having attained Platinum LEED status.

Florida developer Ryan Cos. increases LEED Building effort with new program

Tampa Bay Business Journal - May 14

Ryan Cos., a developer with revenue of more than a \$1 billion in 2007 and with offices in Chicago, Phoenix, San Diego, and Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Des Moines, Iowa, plans to increase its LEED-certified projects to 15 percent and retain more than 100 LEED accredited

professionals by the end of 2008. Employees will participate in a weeklong program to learn how they can adopt the policy individually and as a company.

Notable green building projects...

[SoFlo industrial project awarded LEED silver in San Antonio](#)

SoFlo Studios, a renovated industrial project that houses the offices of Alamo Architects and OCO Architects in San Antonio, was awarded the city's first LEED Silver designation by the U.S. Green Building Council.

[Gulf Trace school in Pasco County becomes Florida's first LEED certified school](#)

A Pasco County Florida school was the first in Florida to receive LEED certification, according to the USGBC. The \$13 million Gulf Trace Elementary School in Holiday now carries a LEED Silver designation.

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