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[DOE regulations for Obama's Executive Order](#)

Sustainable Business - Jun 1

In October 2009, President Obama signed E.O. 13154 that included green building standards for the construction and renovation of all federal buildings. The DOE is proposing regulations to comply with E.O. 13154. The regulations include details concerning green design, siting, construction, on-site renewable energy generation, solar water heaters, minimum daylight levels in work areas, and indoor air quality requirements. The federal government is the largest energy consumer in the U.S. The DOE is creating a web-based tracking system so the public can monitor agency progress in achieving energy and water use reductions.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Database of NYC green retrofit savings](#)

New York Times - Jun 1

How much energy and money do green retrofitted buildings save? Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation is financing the creation of a public database of several hundred green retrofitted buildings in New York City and a companion report to determine their savings.

[LEED certified buildings surpass 5,000](#)

AnnArbor.com - Jun 3

The USGBC reports it has 19,000 members, 120,000 accredited professionals, 5,000 LEED certified commercial projects, and 20,000 LEED registered projects.

[DOE proposes 3% cost ceiling for green projects](#)

The Daily Reporter - Jun 1

The DOE is proposing a 3% cost ceiling on green building projects worth more than \$2.6 million. Some experts warn that a hard limit could force federal agencies to cut from projects green-building features that could have generated savings over time. More expensive features, such as solar water heaters, could bump budgets past the 3% ceiling, but also could pay for themselves by cutting the federal government's cost of using the building.

[Keeping "PACE" with green building projects](#)

Green Homebuilder

Commercial and residential green retrofits can be financed in many jurisdictions by using "PACE" programs whereby the local jurisdiction provides low-interest rate loans for green improvements that are paid back through the property tax billing process.

[A deeper look at LEED-ND](#)

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In late April, the USGBC launched LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND). This article provides a current review of LEED-ND.

[Singapore to green 80% of its buildings by 2030](#)

ZDNet Asia - May 26

Singapore aims to green 80% of its building stock by 2030 resulting in projected annual energy savings of \$1.1 billion.

[Kyocera to manufacture solar panels in U.S.](#)

IndustryWeek - Jun 3

Japan's Kyocera will begin manufacturing solar panels in San Diego to serve the U.S. market's growing demand for clean, sustainable solar electricity. Kyocera's solar energy business hopes to manufacture 1,000 megawatts of solar cells per year by March 2013.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[U.S. Bank earns LEED Gold](#)

Metro Green Business - Jun 1

U.S. Bank earned LEED Gold certification for its new branch in Burnsville, Minn., which features drought resistant landscaping; low VOC emitting paints, sealants, adhesives and carpet; programmable thermostats and occupancy sensors; and high solar reflective roofing material.

[Washington's Pacific Plaza earns LEED Platinum](#)

Tacoma Daily Index - Jun 3

The \$35 million Pacific Plaza building in downtown Tacoma, WA, earned LEED Platinum. Pacific Plaza is the first building in the region to be certified Platinum. The building has high-efficiency lighting, recycled carpet, bamboo floors, the ability to collect rainwater for use in the building's toilets, and has irrigation for the rooftop garden.

[BofA's LEED Platinum building with VOC sensors](#)

TIME Magazine - Jun 6

The new LEED Platinum Bank of America building in midtown Manhattan is equipped with volatile organic compound (VOC) sensors, cool steel-and-glass face, onsite energy generators, and a rain-water collection system.

[Toyota Center arena earns LEED Silver](#)

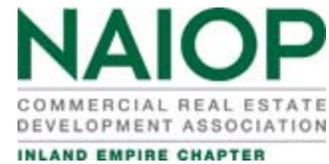
Houston Business Journal - Jun 3

The Toyota Center is the first professional sports arena in Texas to earn LEED-EB Silver and the fourth LEED NBA arena in the country.

[Middle East's five best green buildings](#)

Construction Week Online - Jun 2

Construction Week Online lists five Middle East buildings with unique green features: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Waagner Biro Labour Camp, Charles Hostler Student Centre, King Hussein Mosque and Esab Middle East Office and Warehouse.



[Tallest & greenest building in Chile coming in 2011](#)

TreeHugger - May 26

Chile's Green Building Council named the Costanera Center the greenest building project in the country and the tallest at 70 floors. The Costanera Center is aiming for LEED Gold and features recycled steel and a 30 thousand sq. meter green roof.

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