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[DOE awards \\$452 million for retrofits](#)

DOE - Apr 21

Twenty-five communities will split \$452 million in DOE Recovery Act funds for energy efficiency building retrofits. Los Angeles County's share is \$30 million. This effort is expected to save homeowners and businesses more than \$100 million annually in utility bills and create more than 30,000 new jobs.

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[AGC Plan -- Green building creates jobs](#)

South Florida Business Journal - Apr 22

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) outlined an extensive plan to increase demand for green projects, green infrastructure, and increased building efficiency. Click [here](#) to read the AGC Plan.

[USGBC Launches LEED-ND](#)

USGBC - Apr 23

The USGBC officially launched its LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) rating system on April 29, 2010. LEED-ND incorporates principles of green building, smart growth, and new urbanism. Registration for LEED-ND is now open at [LEEDOnline.com](#).

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[Program rates green neighborhoods](#) (USA Today)

[German delegates explore green buildings partnerships](#)

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Mayor Villaraigosa welcomed German delegates to UCLA's 3rd Annual Energy Efficiency Symposium. The German delegates plan to explore green building partnerships with U.S. companies.

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[Germany's insights on green building](#) (GreenerBuildings)

[Green building in Google Earth in 3-D](#)

Google - May 3

Google Earth now offers 3D tours of green buildings in the U.S. The list of buildings includes campuses, parks, offices, homes, and schools that were designed and constructed as green buildings.

[China electric car maker comes to LA](#)

Top News US - May 1

Chinese electric auto maker BYD Co. will open its first U.S. headquarters in L.A. Later this year, BYD will introduce its electric car (the e6) in China and in the U.S. Also, BYD produces solar equipment and lithium-ion batteries. Gov. Schwarzenegger said green energy programs are attracting high-tech, clean-energy companies.

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[Sony headquarters earns LEED Gold](#)

Bloomberg - Apr 22

Sony Electronics headquarters in San Diego earned LEED Gold and features (1) 47% recycled materials in construction, (2) 47% water savings below code using low flow fixtures, and (3) 5% of building energy supplied by rooftop solar panels.

[AT&T -- First ballpark to earn LEED Silver](#)

MLB - Apr 21

The San Francisco Giant's AT&T Park is the first major league park to earn LEED-EB Silver. It features enhanced building systems; Energy Star-rated flat panel monitors throughout the park; low-flush fixtures; re-commissioning of all mechanical systems; and water conservation measures.

[Bay Area firms win AIA's green building award](#)

SF Gate - Apr 27

The American Institute of Architects awarded three green building awards for 2010 as follows: (1) 355 11th St., San Francisco, historic renovation by Aiden Darling Design; (2) Woodsy Water Resources Center in Watsonville by WRNS Studios; and (3) Sacred Heart School's science center in Atherton by Leddy Maytum Stacy.

[Starbucks opens LEED building in Manhattan](#)

Epoch Times - Apr 27

A 15-year-old Starbucks store in Manhattan received LEED certification with features that include wooden wall panels made from reclaimed wood brought in from Pennsylvania and community message boards made of old coffee machine stands.

[Enermodal earns first ever LEED BD+C Platinum](#)

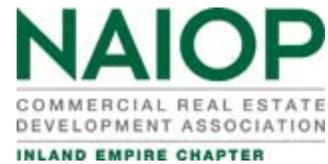
USGBC - Apr 22

Enermodal Engineering, specializing in sustainable and energy-efficient building solutions, earned LEED Platinum for its Denver office. The office is the first in the world to be certified under the new LEED 2009 BD+C (Building Design and Construction) rating system.

[Intel earns first LEED Gold building in Israel](#)

Intel - Apr 22

Intel Corp. earned LEED Gold for its Intel Design Center 9, set to open in Haifa, Israel, in June. It is the first building in Israel to receive this level of LEED certification. It features an Intel Xeon processor-based data center that significantly reduces power consumption, with expected annual savings of \$200,000; an automatic control system that regulates the flow of natural light; a rooftop garden; and a heating system that heats the building with dissipated heat from the air conditioners and data center computers.



[Green buildings from Nuns and Mormons](#)

GreenerBuildings - Apr 28

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints showed off its new green meetinghouse in Farmington, Utah, one of five models being constructed according to the LEED green building prototypes. Further, the Holy Wisdom Monastery of the Benedictine Women of Madison, Wisconsin, earned LEED Platinum certification for green elements that include a geothermal heating and cooling system.

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