

Green Building Update

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The USGBC will introduce several new products this year including LEED 2009, LEED-ND (Neighborhood Development), [LEEDuser](#) (a web-tool for LEED certification), and performance reporting. For details on these roll-outs, click on the following articles:

[The 2009 version of LEED starts this week](#)

New York Times - June 28

[LEED-ND rolling out in late summer](#)

Sustainable Facility - July 1

[LEEDuser launching in October](#)

BuildingGreen - July 1

[Performance reporting for LEED buildings](#)

USGBC - June 25

Green Building Focus

[Study: value of green commercial buildings](#)

Cascadia GBC - June 29

This study by [Cascadia Region Green Building Council](#) examines how green and sustainable features impact costs, savings, investment income and capital value of commercial buildings.

[Top 10 green building products of 2009](#)

Sustainable Industries - June 24

Sustainable Industries announced its top 10 green building products for 2009. Products include windows, woods, and water efficient fixtures. The list includes details relating each product to the applicable LEED credits.

[House bill may create green building opportunities](#)

USGBC - July 1

The U.S. House recently passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act which includes several initiatives that, if approved by the Senate, would support green building initiatives including (1) the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program; (2) the GREEN (Green Resources for Energy

Efficient Neighborhoods) Act (H.R. 2336); (3) the Building Energy Performance Labeling Program; (4) the EPA's WaterSense program; and (5) an extension of power purchasing authority for federal agencies. To view a summary of the Act click [here](#).

Related stories: [Green buildings get boost in cap-and-trade bill](#) and [Obama Administration passes climate change bill](#)

Software manages "energy drift" in buildings

GreenBiz.com - June 29

[Scientific Conservation Inc.](#)'s new SCIwatch software helps buildings cut energy use by up to 25% annually. SCIwatch manages "energy drift" by continuously collecting data, diagnosing faults and prioritizing solutions.

In bankruptcy, Six Flags initiates green savings

GreenBiz.com - June 18

[Six Flags](#) announced a green initiative ranging from solar panels to LED lights to reduce costs and impacts at its 20 theme parks in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. After recently filing for bankruptcy protection, Six Flags hopes its green initiative will save significant amounts of money.

San Francisco's new trash ordinance and LEED

USGBC Northern California - June 17

Starting this fall, San Francisco will require residents and businesses to use three color-coded bins for waste: blue for recycling, green for compost and black for trash. This ordinance will facilitate the LEED Material & Resources credits for building occupant recycling systems.

West Sacramento drafts green building rules

Sacramento Business Journal - June 26

Mandatory green building may be coming to West Sacramento. Under the proposed rules, new homes, shopping centers and office buildings may be required to use energy-saving features such as water-efficient landscaping or environmentally sensitive wood products.

Brandywood -- a model for green schools

Delaware Journal - June 21

10 states now require LEED certification of their schools and government buildings. Delaware's state government awarded a \$950,000 grant to help make Brandywood Elementary School a LEED demonstration project and a model for the nation.

2009 Greenbuild Conference & Expo

USGBC Northern California - June 29

Greenbuild 2009 is set for Phoenix on Nov. 11-13, 2009. Speakers include Daniel Wildcat, Sylvia Earle, Peter Gleick, Arthur Rubinfeld and Josh Bernstein. Topics include corporate responsibility, indigenous populations and climate change.

Notable green building projects...

Sears Tower aims for world's greenest retrofit

CoStar - June 28

The 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago plans to reduce its electricity use by 80% and water use by 40% through a \$350-million retrofit, which includes replacing 16,000 windows and installing solar water heaters.

Walgreens' first LEED drugstore in the U.S.

FoxBusiness - June 24

Walgreens' new store near San Diego, will be the first drugstore in the US to meet LEED standards. The store features solar tubes, LED lights, adaptive plant species, etc.

LEED-EB Platinum EcoDorm

Warren Wilson College - June 18

From sun analysis to toilet water usage, the [Warren Wilson College](#)'s EcoDorm is designed for maximum sustainability. The EcoDorm is the first college facility to obtain LEED Platinum for an existing building and features a 10,000-gallon rainwater collection tank.

Utah building earns LEED Platinum

The Salt Lake Tribune - June 22

The [Swaner EcoCenter](#), a new 10,000-square-foot facility in Park City, Utah focuses on innovative design in water, air, earth and sun and earned LEED Platinum certification.

Optima's office building -- LEED Platinum

CoStar Group - July 1

Optima Engineering's new office building in Charlotte, North Carolina is rated LEED Platinum. The offices use bamboo flooring, straw wood, skylights, lighting sensors and an efficient HVAC system.

[New World Home achieves LEED Platinum](#)

Mother Nature Network - June 29

New World earned LEED Platinum for a factory-built home in Georgia featuring spray foam insulation, sensory fixtures, efficient windows, EnergyStar fixtures, etc. Click [here](#) for a virtual tour.

[Oregon building earns 4 Green Globes](#)

Building Design and Construction - July 2

Columbia Square, a 313,000 square foot office building in Oregon, received 4 Globes by the [Green Building Initiative](#) (GBI). This the first existing building in the nation to receive 4 Globes.

[PepsiCo opens green plant in China](#)

GreenBiz.com

PepsiCo opened a new green manufacturing plant in China. PepsiCo expects the plant will use 22% less water and 23% less energy than similar plants and features a green roof.

[LEED Platinum for Indiana's Sweetwater Sound](#)

Sweetwater - June 29

[Sweetwater Sound](#)'s \$35 million headquarters was honored as the first commercial business in Indiana to earn LEED Platinum certification.

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Events

Our attorneys speak at many conferences and seminars on green building topics. The upcoming events are below.

Bryan Jackson's list of recent speaking engagements can be found [here](#). Upcoming presentations include the following:

[Change Order Basics](#)

July 14 - CSI WEBINAR

Dealing with The New Green Building Laws
July 22 - WPL WEBINAR

Please **let us know** if you will be attending any of these presentations!

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