

# Green Building Update

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## **Senate likely to amend ACES**

*CPN - July 2*

The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES) is headed for the Senate at the end of July. However, most experts believe there will be several amendments before the bill goes to a Senate vote.

Related Story: [USGBC to participate in ACES discussion](#)

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## **Green Building Focus**

### **Book: The Greening of IT**

*GreenBiz - July 7*

John Lamb, an IT architect with IBM, wrote "The Greening of IT," a guidebook for optimizing IT infrastructure. The book offers strategies for making IT systems as energy efficient as possible. A podcast is offered when you click on the headline, above.

### **SF green datacenter conference**

*DatacenterDynamics - July 13*

Green leaders will discuss the impact of data centers and current legislation at the seventh annual "San Francisco: DatacenterDynamics" conference on July 17, 2009. The conference will discuss how containers, modularity, high-density zones and mixed-use infrastructure are changing the way data centers are built.

Related Story: [Green building conference in Alabama expects 1,500 attendees](#)

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## **When LEED certification fails**

*Nashville Post - July 13*

As the number of LEED buildings rises, so does the number of failed LEED projects. The potential liabilities involved in failed LEED projects covers new legal ground, largely because there has yet to be a court ruling to set a precedent. LEED projects require clear communication and unambiguous allocations of contractual risks to be successful.

## **CRA ups green building standards in L.A.**

*L.A. Downtown News - July 2*

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) voted to set more stringent green requirements: developers receiving \$1 million or more in CRA funding must meet higher environmental standards than the Green Building Program calls for through water- and energy-saving systems, recycled building materials and other strategies.

### **Navitas Attracts Green Investors and Leaders**

*PRWeb - July 13*

A new board of advisors assists Navitas Capital in investing in sustainable building materials and technologies. Navitas' advisors include **Andy Cohen**, Executive Director and Architect, Gensler; **Peter Cushman**, Vice President, Development, Bancroft Capital; **Goodwin Gaw**, Founder and Managing Principal, Gaw Capital; **Dr. Malcolm Lewis**, P.E., President and Founder, CTG Energetics; **John Picard**, Founder and CEO, John Picard Associates; **Nellie Reid**, Director of Sustainable Design, Gensler; **Danny Rimer**, Managing Partner, Index Ventures; **Brandon Tinianov**, CTO, Serious Materials; and **Phil Williams**, VP of Sustainability and Systems Engineering, Webcor Builders.

### **LEED for schools updated**

*USGBC - July 7*

Under LEED 2009, more rigorous standards will apply to LEED certification of schools.

### **Trend: Green renovations to retain tenants**

*The Huffington Post - July 5*

Many building owners are implementing green building upgrades in hopes of attracting new tenants and retaining existing tenants. For example, the Empire State Building and the Sears Tower have already begun extensive green renovations.

### **"LEED-Like" terminology being used**

*Globe and Mail - July 3*

In Canada, some developers are using terms such as "LEED-like" to describe projects that may aim to be green but have not achieved LEED certification. Those using such terminology without permission will receive a call from the [CaGBC](#) to either register the project or remove references to LEED. Since February 2002, 154 buildings across Canada have gained LEED certification. However, CaGBC found about 10

projects using the LEED wording without permission.

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**Notable green building projects...**

**[Hotel Indigo San Diego designated San Diego's first LEED-certified hotel](#)**

*InterContinental Hotels Group - July 13*

Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter is the first LEED certified hotel in San Diego - one of only 19 in the U.S. It is also the only new hotel scheduled to open in downtown San Diego in 2009.

**[Chipotle -- first LEED Platinum restaurant](#)**

*Greener Buildings - July 9*

Chipotle Mexican Grill earned LEED Platinum in Illinois. Using the LEED for Retail pilot program, Chipotle is the first restaurant to receive Platinum certification. Its green features include LED lighting, water-saving faucets and toilets, and energy Star-rated kitchen equipment.

Related: [Two restaurants and a bank make this week's LEED list](#)

**[Center for Architecture earns LEED Platinum](#)**

*Portland Business Journal - July 2*

The Center for Architecture in Portland, Oregon, generates its own energy, increases lighting efficiency, and uses recycled materials to reduce its carbon footprint by 82%. These features helped the center earn LEED Platinum.

**[Greening of IT in hotels is gaining attention](#)**

*Greener Buildings - July 7*

The Fairmont Hotels & Resorts is adding eco-friendly IT strategies to its green program. The IT component is intended to conserve energy, promote responsible purchasing, cut waste and help shrink the company's carbon footprint.

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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:

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**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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