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## **AIA, Schools and the Stimulus Package**

*Greentech Media - April 30*

The AIA is holding its annual conference and the hot topic is schools. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) \$4.5 billion will be spent green retrofitting federal buildings, \$6.3 billion will be allocated in grants for improving the energy efficiency of state agencies and \$95 billion will be spent on schools.

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## **Green Building Focus**

### **Senate proposes clean energy investment agency**

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The U.S. Senate may establish a new agency for clean energy investments. The bipartisan bill would establish a Clean Energy Deployment Administration within the Energy Department. The agency would provide various forms of credit including loans and loan guarantees to support green technologies that diversify the nation's energy supply and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

### **ASHRAE green building draft under review**

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On May 1, 2009, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) is starting its third public comment period of the U.S.'s first green building standard. The proposed Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings, except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, is being developed by three agencies, including the USBGC. When completed, it will address energy efficiency, a building's impact on the atmosphere, sustainable sites, water-use efficiency, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality, among other high-performance green building issues. For a copy of the public review draft, click [here](#).

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## **LEED-ED for Hotels**

*Green Lodging News - May 5*

According to [REthink Development](#), hotel operators have long known the value of incorporating green practices into their operations. Some seek certification to add a level of green credibility. While programs specializing in hotel operations such as Green Seal have the benefit of being customized for hotels, REthink believes LEED-EB has the advantage of being internationally recognized and the new LEED EB O&M program is more affordable and rewarding. REthink consulted on the first-ever LEED EB certified hotel, the Ambrose Hotel in Santa Monica, CA.

## **Event: LEED Core Concepts and Strategies**

*USBGC Northern California - May 11*

On June 1, 2009, in San Francisco, a LEED Core Concepts and Strategies workshop will provide essential knowledge of LEED Rating Systems and sustainable building concepts for those seeking a better understanding of LEED. Click here to register. Document hosted at JDSUPRA™  
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## **Debate over LEED-ND**

*Greener Buildings - May 7*

The USGBC says LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) integrates the principles of smart growth, urbanism and green building into the first national system for neighborhood design. Others argue that LEED-ND takes decision making away from elected officials and puts it into the hands of private developers. However, some believe homeowner associations long ago took neighborhood decision making out of governmental hands. LEED-ND is simply a tool that will assist governments, developers and homeowner associations in making neighborhood planning decisions.

## **NY may pass sweeping green building law**

*The Epoch Times - May 7*

LEED, ASHRAE, NYSEERDA, EPA, USGBC, PlaNYC, etc., are changing the way cities move into the future and how buildings need to function. It is difficult to stay atop of all the new rules, agencies and government regulations regarding green buildings. New York is about to pass the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan. If adopted, the Plan will have a major impact on development in the Big Apple.

## **Arizona, a leader in the green economy**

*The Arizona Republic - May 3*

Arizona has been engaged in the new green economy since 2001 when a handful of people joined together to spur innovation and ingenuity in the design and construction of green buildings. In just eight years, [USGBC Arizona](#) has grown to more than 1,200 members who represent every facet of the built environment, from architects to xeriscapers. Today, Arizona has 52 LEED-certified projects and 355 LEED-registered projects that are advancing toward LEED certification. Finally, Arizona was chosen to host [Greenbuild '09](#).

## **UK networking site for green executives**

*BusinessGreen.com - May 6*

BusinessGreen.com launched its first group on social networking site [LinkedIn](#), which gives UK green business executives the chance to exchange ideas, best practices and green product recommendations. Executives can track daily green business news and discuss corporate sustainability. Also, Editor James Murray will tweet at [http://twitter.com/James\\_BG](http://twitter.com/James_BG).

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## **Notable green building projects...**

### **UC Santa Cruz earns LEED certification**

*UCSC - May 6*

The "Engineering 2" building at UC Santa Cruz has earned LEED Silver. The LEED process translated into a savings of \$44,000 per year.

### **SAP building Platinum office building**

*SAP - May 1*

SAP AG's new 200,000-square-foot office building is being built to LEED Platinum standards. At present, there are 125 office buildings in the U.S. that have obtained USGBC's highest environmental rating.

### **Platinum David Brower Center**

*Jetson Green - May 4*

The [David Brower Center](#) is expected to receive LEED Platinum certification and hopes to bring together environmental and social interests. The 24,000 square feet of office space will house nonprofits. Located in Berkley, tenants can take public transportation or bike and enjoy bicycle parking and showers.

## [Broadway's first LEED theater](#)

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*Sustainable Business* - May 5

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The Durst Organization and Bank of America have completed the Henry Miller Theater, New York's first LEED-rated theater. 25% of the building materials were locally sourced and 45% of the foundation cement was replaced with blast furnace slag. Other: [NY's Henry Miller theatre earns LEED Gold](#)

## [Shanghai Center to conserve energy](#)

*Greentech Media* - May 5

Shanghai Center, set to open in 2014, will be the world's second tallest building. It will be a set of neighborhoods stacked on top of each other. Part of a three-skyscraper development designed by Gensler, the Center will use far less energy and water than conventional buildings and will feature wind turbines to run exterior lights.

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