

# Green Building Update

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## [First international green building code](#)

*Sustainable Business - Nov 11*

The International Green Construction Code (IgCC) is ready for adoption by local jurisdictions in the U.S. The code applies to all new and renovated commercial and residential buildings over three stories and sets mandatory baseline standards for energy and water efficiency, site impacts, building waste and materials. Many local and state governments have adopted the IgCC, even though the final code will not be published until March 2012.

### GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

## [Green Building Market & Impact Report](#)

*Green Biz - Nov 8*

The fourth annual [Green Building Market & Impact Report](#) (free reg. required) finds that the number of LEED buildings continues to grow -- although at a slower pace than anticipated. The report looks at the rapid expansion of Green Building Councils around the globe, how LEED for Homes defies expectations and how LEED buildings save energy, cut carbon dioxide, reduce commutes and save water. Also, the report projects the number of green buildings and their impacts for the next 20 years.

## [Organizations launch Coalition for Better Buildings](#)

*U.S. Green Building Council - Nov 3*

A group led by the USGBC, The Real Estate Roundtable, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, launched a joint initiative called the "[Coalition for Better Buildings](#)." The coalition's website includes an analysis that finds more than 114,000 well-paying, domestic jobs can be created with modest federal incentives and shows how energy efficiency upgrades would have a ripple effect throughout the economy.

## [Orange County USGBC starts green classroom project](#)

*Business Wire / USGBC Orange County - Nov 9*

The USGBC Orange County chapter embarked upon a green schools project that will serve to educate students while analyzing the benefits of a green classroom environment.

## [California school opens zero-waste campus](#)

*Los Angeles Times Greenspace - Nov 7*

Muse School CA in Malibu canyon, a nonprofit private school for children age 2 through 12, unveiled a zero-waste sorting unit. The unit will not only recycle valuable commodities such as plastic, glass, metal and paper, it reuses broken electronics and office materials and upcycles pens and other classroom castoffs that are not recycled through the city's curbside system.

## [Best Buy launches energy learning centers](#)

*Best Buy - Nov 4*

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Best Buy launched its Home Energy retail concept through an [online learning center](#) and physical departments within three U.S. Best Buy stores -- Chicago, Illinois, Houston, Texas, and San Carlos, California. The program provides technology products, solutions and services that help consumers understand, control and reduce their energy consumption and costs.

### [Jones Lang LaSalle launches smart-building technology](#)

*Green Real Estate Daily - Nov 8*

Jones Lang LaSalle launched IntelliCommand, the industry's first integrated building management solution that combines cloud-based, smart-building technology with a team of engineering and operations professionals to enable 24/7, real-time remote monitoring and control. Powered by Pacific Controls, IntelliCommand monitors the performance of building systems and equipment, from HVAC to air compressors, to ensure that all systems operate at peak efficiency.

#### GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

### [Sterling Cottages earns LEED Gold](#)

*A to Z of Building - Nov 7*

[Sterling Cottages at West End](#) in Greensboro, North Carolina, earned LEED Gold for Homes, making it the only student housing community that has received LEED certification. Its sustainable features include: (1) compact fluorescent bulbs; (2) low-e argon windows; (3) high-efficiency lighting fittings; (4) high-efficiency irrigation system; (5) high-grade air filters; and (6) programmable thermostats.

### [Accident Fund's HQ earned LEED Gold](#)

*Accident Fund Holdings - Nov 9*

Accident Fund Holdings has earned LEED Gold for its new national headquarters, which is the refurbished Ottawa Street Power Station in Lansing, Michigan. The location was deemed a Brownfield site and threatening to deteriorate. The building has many sustainable features, including: (1) bicycle storage and changing rooms; (2) heat island effect (roof and non-roof); (3) water efficient landscaping; (4) water use reduction; (5) enhanced refrigerant management; and (6) storage and collection of recyclables.

### [Ronald McDonald House earns LEED Gold](#)

*PR.com / Balfour Beatty Construction - Nov 12*

The new Ronald McDonald House in Washington, D.C., earned LEED for Homes Gold certification. The building's sustainable features include: (1) energy-efficient systems and equipment; (2) high efficiency plumbing fixtures and fittings; (3) low volatile organic compound paint; (4) green label carpet; (5) high efficiency HVAC equipment; and (6) a large bio-retention pond that collects and naturally filters rainwater from the roof and parking lot.

### [DISA headquarters earned LEED Gold](#)

*Earth Techling - Nov 14*

The new Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) headquarters in Fort Meade, Maryland, earned LEED Gold. The headquarters has a "whole building



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approach to sustainability," including: (1) building automation systems to control lighting; (2) water and energy conservation measures; (3) extensive use of public transit; and (4) 30% less energy consumption than a conventionally designed building of similar size.

### [Colby College earns LEED Gold](#)

*World Interior Design Network - Nov 11*

The Goddard-Hodgkins residence hall of Colby College in Maine earned LEED Gold certification. The revamped building's green features include: (1) energy-efficient windows; (2) high-performance energy recovery systems; (3) motion sensors and timers in addition to efficient lighting fixtures and equipment; (4) low-flow faucets, showers and dual-flush toilets; and (5) spray-foam insulation.

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