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[Bill: lenders would use energy savings in home valuation](#)

NBC Universal - Nov 23

A bill pending in Congress would require mortgage lenders to factor expected energy-costs savings into (a) the value of the home and (b) the borrower's ability to make the mortgage payments. The bill's sponsors call it a win-win for the economy and the environment.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Group files \\$1B tax initiative to fund green projects](#)

The Sacramento Bee - Nov 21

Californians for Clean Energy filed a ballot initiative to raise \$1.1 billion in sales taxes from out-of-state companies. The sales tax proceeds would fund clean energy retrofits for schools and buildings.

[Study: Energy, leasing, expenses impact sales prices](#)

Fisher Center Working Papers

This study analyzes 15,133 U.S. building sales from 2001 to 2010 and examines energy factors, leasing structures, sales prices, operating expenses, net operating income, and CAP rates to create a building pricing model.

[SCIenergy's app will support USGBC's App Lab](#)

SCIenergy - Nov 22

SCIenergy, provider of cloud-based energy management solutions, will provide the first application to support USGBC's App Lab Campaign. The App Lab automates the LEED certification process, making it faster and easier to use.

[USGBC Northern California Chapter celebrates 10 years](#)

USGBC Northern California - Nov 21

USGBC Northern California Chapter (NCC) has 1,300 members and will host USGBC's 11th annual GreenBuild Conference in 2012.

[Standardizing green certification for wood products?](#)

Woodworking Network - Nov 23

Wood products may soon be subject to standard environmental certification. Life cycle analysis (LCA) and environmental product declarations (EPD) have both been in use for decades but application to the wood products industry is relatively new.

[Scientists working to remove VOCs from indoor air](#)

EETD - Nov 22

To improve building energy efficiency, ventilation is often reduced which may increase indoor air pollution. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is evaluating a synthetic catalyst to reduce indoor formaldehyde and activated

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carbon fiber filters to reduce other volatile organic compounds.

[A Grander View wins Livable Building Award](#)

Morning Post Exchange - Nov 22

[A Grander View](#), the headquarters of Enermodal Engineering, won the 2011 Livable Building Award from the Center for the Built Environment at the University of California, Berkeley.

[D.C. Council set to vote on green building act fixes](#)

Washington Business Journal (paid subsc. required) - Nov 25

The D.C. Council will take up emergency fixes to the Green Building Act in early December, hoping to stave off what developers warn could be a crushing blow to the District's construction pipeline. The final phase of the five-year-old law kicks in Jan. 1, affecting all nonresidential new construction and major renovations larger than 50,000 square feet.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[UCI earns LEED Platinum](#)

UC Irvine Today - Nov 22

UC Irvine earned its first LEED Platinum certification with its Humanities Gateway building. UCI already has eight LEED Gold certifications for other buildings on campus. The project features (1) a cool roof; (2) high-efficiency elevators; (3) construction waste recycling; (4) natural ambient lighting; and (5) ultra-low energy use.

[L.A.'s Aircraft Rescue facility earns LEED Gold](#)

World Interior Design Network - Nov 22

The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting facility at Los Angeles International Airport in California earned LEED Gold certification and features (1) low-flow plumbing; (2) a high-performance HVAC; (3) occupancy-sensor lighting; (4) low VOC paints, adhesives and sealants; (5) use of recycled materials; and (6) recycling 99% of construction waste.

[Santa Clara University earns LEED Gold](#)

Business Wire / Santa Clara University - Nov 21

Santa Clara University's [Paul Locatelli Student Activity Center](#) earned LEED Gold and features (1) trellises and overhangs to reduce direct solar gain; (2) use of mortar-free pavers and decomposed granite to reduce water runoff; (3) low VOC paints, coatings and adhesives; (4) green certified carpets; and (5) recycling, waste and composting bins.

[Sammons Cancer Center earns LEED Gold](#)

World Interior Design Network - Nov 25

The Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center at Baylor University Medical Centre in Dallas, Texas earned LEED Gold and features (1) 14% less energy consumption; (2) 30% less water consumption; (3) a white roof; (4) 21% reclaimed materials for the core shell; and (5) low VOC materials.



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[Frito-Lay earns LEED NC Gold in Hawaii](#)

Frito-Lay - Nov 22

Frito-Lay's distribution facility in Oahu, Hawaii earned LEED Gold and features (1) energy management systems; (2) photovoltaics; (3) energy efficient windows and skylights; (4) light colored paving to reduce the heat island effect; (5) reserved parking for carpools; and (6) high efficiency LED lighting.

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