Green Building Update

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Construction starts on ultra-green building

Los Angeles Times - Aug 29

Touted as the largest green and sustainable office building ever built, the sixstory Bullitt Center in Seattle includes a large solar array and other energyefficiency features designed to enable the building to use half as much energy as a typical LEED Platinum building. The building will create 94 construction jobs and 141 direct permanent jobs.

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Bank's cost-benefit analysis of LEED branches

Bank Technology News - Sep 1

Arkansas-based Arvest Bank is performing a multi-year cost-benefit analysis to test LEED concepts at its own branches. In order to determine actual savings achievable through buildings constructed to LEED specifications, Arvest is building four branches, each of which conforms to a different level in the LEED rating hierarchy. The bank will then weigh the construction cost of each building against the efficiencies they achieve over time.

USGBC certifies 10,000th LEED building

USGBC - Aug 31

The Live Oak Family Resource Center, a community center in Santa Cruz, California, has become the 10,000th building to earn LEED certification, earning LEED Platinum on Aug. 31.

California city rolls out green building incentives

The Beach Reporter - Aug 31

As of Sept. 1, the administration of Hermosa Beach, California, will launch several incentives intended to steer the city's residents and businesses toward constructing greener homes and commercial buildings.

USGBC adds nine credits to LEED Pilot Credit Library

USGBC - Aug 29

The USGBC's LEED Pilot Credit Library and the public comment version of LEED 2012 will include nine new pilot credits for Integrative Process and Materials & Resources. The nine credits are: (1) Pilot Credit 4: EQ - Ergonomics Strategy; (2) Pilot Credit 45: SS - Site Assessment; (3) Pilot Credit 46: EA - HVAC Commissioning; (4) Pilot Credit 47: EQ - Acoustic Comfort; (5) Pilot Credit 48: IP - Discovery - Analysis to Support Integrative Process; (6) Pilot Credit 49: IP - Implementing Synergies (7) Pilot Credit 52: MR - Environmentally Preferable Non-Structural Products and Materials - Prescriptive Attributes; (8) Pilot Credit 53: MR - Responsible Sourcing of Raw Material; and (9) Pilot Credit 54: MR - Avoidance of Chemicals of Concern in Building Materials.

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Ohio snack food factory first to earn LEED Platinum

Packaging World - Sep 2

Shearer's Foods' 110,000 square-foot Millennium Manufacturing Facility in Massillon, Ohio, is the first snack food factory in the world to earn LEED Platinum and features (1) high-efficiency lighting; (2) automatic light dimmers; (3) heat-recovery systems; (4) a gas oven that uses 47% less fuel than ovens used at Shearer's five other manufacturing facilities; and (5) diversion of 98.75% of the factory's waste from landfill.

First public high school to earn LEED-ED Gold

Buffalo Grove Patch - Aug 31

A.E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Illinois, is the first public high school in the nation to earn LEED Gold for Existing Buildings and features (1) recycling bins distributed throughout the campus; (2) use of beet juice instead of salt as a road de-icer; (3) low-water water fixtures; (4) switch from paper to mostly online documentation; and (5) energy-efficiency measures that include a schedule for the school's boilers, chillers, and lights.

Colorado office building earns LEED Gold

Northern Colorado Business Report - Aug 29

The Mitchell Block, four-story office building in Fort Collins, Colorado, has earned LEED Gold and features (1) a 23.8kW solar rooftop solar array; (2) diversion of 94% of construction waste from landfills; (3) energy-efficient equipment and lighting; (4) improved indoor air quality; and (5) strategies to reduce water consumption.

PSU cancer institute earns LEED certification

World Interior Design Network - Sep 1

The Penn State 176,000 square-foot Hershey Cancer Institute earned LEED certification and features (1) two green roofs with vegetation that requires 50% less water than conventional plants; (2) all wood used in the building's construction from certified sustainable sources; (3) an air quality monitoring system; (4) use of low-VOC finishes; and (5) compliance with state waste-reduction regulations.

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