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\$256M for industrial sector energy efficiency

U.S. Department of Energy - June 1

The DOE plans to fund \$256 million to support energy efficiency in the U.S. industrial sector. Funding will target reductions in energy consumption by U.S. manufacturing and information technology (IT) industries. Click [here](#) for more information.

Green Building Focus

Report: water savings and green buildings

Environmental Leader - June 2

Over the next five years, water efficiency and conservation will be critical factors in green design, construction and product selection, according to McGraw-Hill Construction's SmartMarket report. The report finds that 85% of industry believes water efficiency will be an extremely important aspect of green building by 2013.

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Kodak announces new green goals

GreenBiz - June 4

Kodak released its fourth set of sustainability goals, which include helping employees incorporate sustainability into their daily work, increasing the number of Energy Star-certified products it sells, and tracking and reducing its global water use. As a result of the previous goals, Kodak reduced its energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by 40% since 2006. Its 2009 Responsible Growth Goals call for an overall energy and emissions reduction of 50% over 2002 numbers.

California pushes towards net zero energy

Ventura County Star - May 26

The Santa Barbara Summit on Energy Efficiency focused on energy efficiency, production, storage, and design. Strategies for energy savings included: (1) by 2020, new homes should achieve zero net energy; (2) by 2030, new commercial buildings should achieve net zero; (3) significant advances should come from the HVAC industry; and (4) significant advances should come in creating energy-efficient, low-income

homes.

The expanding definition of renewables

New York Times - May 24

Solar energy and wind turbines are obvious renewable energy sources. However, with billions at stake, other industries are vying for the "renewable" label including nuclear power plants and the burning of garbage, tires, waste from coal mines, etc. Federal tax credits, quotas in 28 states, grants, loans and other economic advantages add to the lure of being labeled a renewable. Legislation pending in Congress may establish national quotas for renewable energy sources, including the climate bill.

LEED '09 to reduce gap between goals and performance

CleanTech - June 1

The new LEED rating system aims to reduce the gap between energy efficiency goals and building performance. Establishing energy performance goals during design and improving energy models are two ways to improve performance. Also, the revised LEED system includes a new set of ratings for health care facilities which might improve staff retention and reduce patients' stays.

USGBC/BOMA Event in Philadelphia

USGBC - June 4

On June 29th, the USGBC national and chapter members are invited to a free event held as a complement to the BOMA International meetings in Philadelphia.

\$100M for sustainable development in Mexico

SustainableBusiness - June 5

WWF, along with the Fundación Carlos Slim and the Mexican Federal Government announced an initial \$100M investment to help make Mexico a global model for sustainable development.

Economy: reductions in development fees

CBLA - June 1

The California Building Industry Association announces that the city of Menifee and the Scotts Valley Unified School District are the latest California jurisdictions to significantly cut homebuilder fees. Other jurisdictions that reduced fees include Fremont, Dublin, Oakley, Irvine, Beaumont, Corona, San Diego

County, Thousand Oaks, and Woodland. [Related Story](#)

Notable green building projects...

AT&T Center earns LEED Gold

LBA Realty - April 21

LBA Realty spent \$35 Million renovating the iconic AT&T Building. The green renovation attracted significant leases with Fox Entertainment and Patina Group. Perry Schonfeld, principal of LBA, indicated that modernizing and upgrading the AT&T Building resulted in the "first LEED Gold office building in downtown LA." The project earned an Energy Star award and BOMA's TOBY award. The project features advanced building monitoring systems, energy and water conservation, extensive landscaping, low VOC products, recycled products, green janitorial chemicals, waste recycling, and public transportation access. The project team included Gensler, Howard S. Wright Construction and Matt Construction.

Six LEED buildings for Tower Co.

NY Inc. - June 5

The Tower Companies' headquarters in Rockville, Indiana, earned LEED Platinum for Commercial Interiors. Also, The Tower Building earned LEED Silver. Tower now has six buildings rated LEED Silver or better.

Arizona Game earns LEED Platinum

Sedona.biz - June 5

The Arizona Game and Fish headquarters in Phoenix earned LEED Platinum. This is the fourth building in Arizona to reach LEED Platinum. The building uses design and technology to reduce artificial light, control temperature and cut water usage.

New York condo earns LEED Platinum

greenbuildingsNYC - June 3

The Albanese's 35-story [Visionaire condominium](#) earned LEED Platinum. Believed to be the only east coast condominium project rated Platinum, the Visionaire earned all 10 of the energy optimization credits available under LEED.

W.U. in St. Louis meets Living Building Challenge

The Chronicle - June 2

Washington U. in St. Louis unveiled its Living Building Challenge project. Living Buildings exceed current LEED building standards. The Living Learning Center features a roof that collects rainwater and supports wind turbines and solar panels. [Related Story](#)

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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 complete list of speaking engagements can be found [here](#).

[Pacific Coast Builders Conference \(PCBC\)](#)

June 17 - San Francisco, CA

Managing Risk on Green Building Projects

June 29 - PLI WEBINAR

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