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[EPA starts 'Green Capitals' initiative](#)

GreenBiz - Jun 22

The EPA is offering comprehensive technical assistance to state capitals for the design and development of more sustainable neighborhoods. Called "Greening America's Capitals," the program is part of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and involves the EPA, HUD and DOT.

GREEN BUILDING FOCUS

[Solano County offers green building skills](#)

The Reporter - Jun 28

Solano County, California, is offering a Green Building Skills Program to individuals that want to learn Green Building Codes, become a Certified Green Building Professional, and receive a technical training certificate in a specialty area. Individuals must be 18 years or older, be out of work or underemployed, test at an eighth-grade level in reading and math, and have a background in construction.

[Top 10 Green Building Products of 2010](#)

Sustainable Industries - Jun 22

Sustainable Industries announced its Top 10 Green Building Products of 2010. Selections are based on design aesthetic, environmental performance, compatibility with LEED, value, scalability/market impact, and innovativeness. The Top 10 are Aqus Greywater System, Acrovyn 4000, Control4 Energy Management System, Energy Efficiency Education Dashboard, Energy Recovery Ventilator, Second Glass, Solatube Daylighting Systems, Strand Poplar Flooring, Ultimate Pervious Pavement, and Warmboard.

[Improving LEED and LEED challenges](#)

GreenerBuildings - Jun 24

Some believe appeals of LEED certification should go to an independent body and the LEED Policy Manual should be incorporated into the LEED reference manuals. In addition, LEED certification for new construction should be tied to actual energy usage. Also, the implications and liabilities created by the LEED certification challenge process should be considered.

[Upcoming green building webinars](#)

Mother Nature Network - Jun 27

The Mother Nature Network presents a list of upcoming webinars:

- [Will a Cool Roof Pay Off for You?](#) (July 7)
- [LEED Tax Incentives and Credits for Green Buildings](#) (July 14)
- [LEED Green Associate Overview & Exam Prep](#) (July 22 and July 23)

[Green computer design tool](#)

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Syracuse University received more than \$560,000 from the DOE to develop computer tools architects and engineers could use to design green buildings. They hope to develop a tool to let designers see how their choices affect a building's performance. A building performance simulator is available on the DOE's Website.

[China's market for green building materials](#)

Research and Markets - Jun 28

The "Assessment of China's Market for Green Building Materials" report provides market research for construction materials in China which reduce a building's energy load, including the following: (1) market size and share; (2) five-year projections; and (3) market structure and assessment of key suppliers.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

[City National Plaza earns LEED Gold](#)

Azo Building - Jun 22

The 2.5 million-square-foot City National Plaza in downtown Los Angeles earned LEED-EB Gold certification. The Plaza is one of the largest and oldest properties to earn LEED Gold. "City National Plaza increased occupancy by 58% . . . while electrical consumption went up only 11.8%," said James A. Thomas, Chairman and CEO of Thomas Properties.

[Baltimore Medical System earns LEED Platinum](#)

PR USA - Jun 28

The Highlandtown Healthy Living Center, operated by Baltimore Medical System, earned LEED Platinum and features low-VOC adhesives and paints, recycled content, and unique to health care solutions.

[Hines' Columbia Square earns LEED Silver](#)

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Columbia Square in Washington, D.C., earned LEED-EB Silver. The 600,000-square-foot, 13-story office building is owned by Hines in partnership with Munich Reinsurance and features bathroom sink aerators, 1.6 GPF toilet fixtures with 40% water savings, and MERV-13 high-efficiency air filters for improved indoor air quality.

