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First LEED Platinum hanger unveiled

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Shangri-La Construction unveiled its LEED Platinum Hanger 25 at Burbank Airport. Speakers at the unveiling of the first green and sustainable hanger in the world included (1) L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa, who outlined what his administration is doing to make L.A. a green as sustainable city; (2) Rick Fedrizzi, President and Founding Chair of the USGBC; (3) Andy Meyers, president of Shangri-La Construction, the developer, financier and contractor for Hanger 25; (4) Tony Thompson, chairman and CEO of Thompson National Properties, who will partner with Shangri-La to establish a \$100 Million green fund; and (5) John Picard, the lead sustainability adviser for Hanger 25 who also helped "green" the White House.

Green Building Focus

Army discloses its carbon footprint

New York Times - Dec 3

The U.S. Army's carbon footprint is the subject of its first annual Sustainability Report. Using the reporting framework of the Global Reporting Initiative - the multinational group based in Amsterdam that provides guidance to companies seeking to analyze and publicly report their environmental practices - the 60-page report assesses the Army's green efforts from 2004 to 2007. "The Army is at the very early stages of its sustainability journey," the report states. "Although we applied the G.R.I. reporting framework for this first report, there is still much progress to be made and still much to learn." Amazingly, in 2007, 78% the Army's new construction projects met LEED Standards.

S.C.Edison starts first of 150 solar projects

AHN - Dec 2

Southern California Edison launched the first of 150 solar rooftop projects. The first building Edison outfitted with solar panels is owned by ProLogis Incorporated. The project features 33,700 solar panels spread on its 600,000 square-foot warehouse rooftop. When all 150 buildings have been outfitted with solar panels by Edison, they could generate 250 megawatts of electricity, sufficient to power 160,000 homes.

Enterprise invested \$9 billion in green housing

Fast Company - Nov 25

Edward Norton, the two-time Oscar nominee, encouraged Enterprise to embrace green building - a shift that has enabled Enterprise to remain strong despite the housing crisis and mortgage meltdown. Enterprise, a for-profit/not-for-profit hybrid has invested \$9 billion in equity capital, predevelopment lending, mortgage financing, and development grants to

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house low- and moderate-income Americans. Enterprise revitalized some of the country's poorest neighborhoods, from Fort Apache in the Bronx to the Tenderloin in San Francisco.

Napa adopts green building ordinance

Press Democrat - Dec 3

The Napa City Council unanimously adopted a mandatory green-building ordinance for nonresidential projects. The ordinance requires LEED Silver rating for all new commercial, institutional and public projects larger than 30,000 square feet.

Portland scales back green home plan

The Associated Press - Dec 4

The Portland plan subjects commercial construction to a fee and rebate system: buildings that simply meet energy and water standards would be charged a fee while buildings that are more efficient could receive a payment. However, Portland is scaling back part of its green building plan for housing as a result of opposition from struggling builders. The plan will not be imposed on housing construction if at least 20% of new homes meet green standards.

California to rank buildings by efficiency

Globe St. - Nov 30

In January 2009, California's new AB 1103 will require utilities to maintain records of the energy consumption of all their nonresidential buildings. Upon request of an owner, the utilities will upload those records to a secure online interactive energy management tool maintained by the EPA that tracks and assesses energy and water consumption. In January 2010, anyone who buys, finances or leases an entire building will be entitled to obtain the building's Energy Star Portfolio Manager benchmarking data and ratings.

Green skyscraper movement in Manhattan

Earth News - Dec 3

Manhattan property owners are moving full speed ahead with energy-efficient upgrades, looking to minimize rising energy costs they expect in the future. For example, CHB Industries, is beginning a two-month project to completely replace the old window tinting on a 42-story tower at 600 3rd Avenue, with a better material. The new material, a polyester-based clear film manufactured in Palo Alto, California will block 55 percent of the sun's heat. CHB Industries has already replaced the glass tinting at several buildings in Manhattan with this newer high-tech clear film. The Smithsonian Institution recently installed the same material in Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum.

Notable green building projects...

USGBC founder retrofits Platinum bungalow

Modern Architecture & Design News - Dec 8

USGBC founder David Gottfried recently finished the green renovation of his 1440 square foot Craftsman bungalow, a home that was originally

built in 1915. The LEED Platinum home is designed to be net-zero energy and utilizes technology such as solar photovoltaics and a solar- and hydronic-powered water heating system.

Louisville aiming for platinum status

WHAS11 - Dec 1

A development in Louisville is aiming to become the first LEED Platinum commercial building in Louisville. Owner and film producer Gill Holland said the building will be home to a new restaurant called 732 Social. Office space, event space, and an art gallery will also be under the green roof on East Market.

Atlanta YMCA becomes LEED certified

Hardin Construction Company - Dec 3

LEED certification has been awarded to the Villages at Carver Family YMCA in Atlanta, a landmark community project. Hardin Construction Company was the general contractor. The Carver YMCA project also was cited last year in Southeast Construction magazine's annual construction and design competition as Best Health/Fitness project for 2007.

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