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PRODUCT NEWS

Another article explaining environmental product declarations (EPDs). Read more below. ~Tina

PCRs, LCAs and EPDs: Spelling it Out

INTERIORS AND SOURCES

From seating to flooring, PCRs, LCAs and EPDs work together to help you compare and specify green products. [Here's what you need to know](#) about the process.

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Washington, DC is taking a leap... from the 2006 to the 2012 IBC, including the 2012 International Green Construction Code (IGCC). Public comment is currently being solicited on the proposal. The change skips over the 2009 IBC and results in big steps in energy efficiency as compared with their current building code. ~Tina

Report: Education Sector to Continue Green Investments

edc MAGAZINE

Both K-12 and universities plan to continue investments in green schools, citing financial and social benefits, according to a new study by McGraw-Hill Construction. [Read more](#) in this article.

Sustainable Building Goes Far Beyond Energy Efficiency

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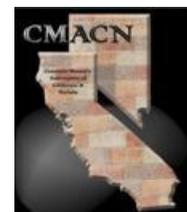
Green building is fine, but sustainable building is better. That's the consensus of some who saw how poorly many buildings fared in recent natural disasters. "The new green is about protection from the dangers around us -- and ahead of us," writes Chris Sullivan in [this blog](#). "The underlying message offers freedom from the blunders of big utilities, government agencies and corporate builders, whose time horizon only extends to their quarterly profit report."

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D.C. Plans Greener Building Codes

BIZ JOURNALS

A revised set of codes for public comment has been released by Washington, D.C., which reflects the district's "commitment to being a national and global leader in sustainable building practices." Among the proposals are requiring the recycling of half of construction waste and that 40% of materials used contain recycled content. The comment period ends Jan. 25, with rules taking effect one year after the expected spring approval by the D.C. Council. [Read more.](#)

Call For Proposals and Reviewers

USGBC

USGBC is currently accepting proposals from industry experts eager to share their knowledge and expertise with audiences at Greenbuild. This is your chance to shape the content of education sessions! [Submit a proposal or learn more about the process.](#) The deadline for submittals is Friday, Jan. 11 at 4:59 pm ET.

USGBC is also seeking peer reviewers to evaluate session proposals. Reviewers are eligible to present at Greenbuild and receive \$100 discount off a Greenbuild full conference registration. [Learn more about volunteering as a reviewer.](#)

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

"First, do no harm" is Key to Good CSR

STANFORD SOCIAL INNOVATION REVIEW

Companies that want to be better at CSR should first make sure they aren't making things worse for society and the planet, writes Peter Karoff [in this blog](#). "If a business is not successful in satisfying that imperative, no amount of charitable giving, employee volunteerism, or creative ideas around social innovation is going to matter," Karoff writes.

Recycling Helps Get People Hooked on Sustainability

SMART BRIEF

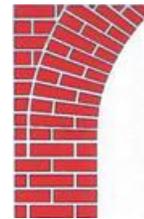
Recycling alone won't save the planet -- but it's a "gateway activity" that makes people more aware of and committed to sustainability in general, writes Erika Diamond. "While we're waiting for better regulation and private-sector participation, we can bring individuals and communities into this movement through the things that interest them most," she writes [in this blog](#).

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