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From the Editor

The mission of The Masonry Society (TMS) is to "advance the knowledge of masonry". TMS does this in many ways - through publications, code development, seminars and workshops. Next month TMS will sponsor the University Professors Masonry Workshop - an event dedicated to providing university professors with the tools they need to teach students and prepare them for design with masonry. In addition to information about structural design, detailing and the like, attendees will also hear about the sustainable attributes of masonry. Sponsors for this event are still needed. See the link at the end of this newsletter for more information.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

The standard that forms the basis of the Green Globes green building rating system is currently undergoing revision. While Green Globes is not as widely used as the LEED rating system, the first article below points out that some builders are looking for alternatives to LEED. ~Tina

Survey shows builders want alternative green rating systems

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Forty-three percent of builders surveyed say they want an alternative green-building rating system to LEED, according to a survey by Turner Construction. That is up from 17% in 2012. Financial factors were rated as the highest reason for incorporating green building into a construction project. [Read more.](#)

Companies team up to use BIM for energy efficiency

BUILDING DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION

Schneider Electric and Autodesk plan to work together to advance building information modeling technology and principles for building lifecycle management, according to [this article](#). The goal is to make

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structures more energy efficient with the use of 3D modeling. "The journey to sustainable high performance buildings starts with taking a comprehensive holistic view of a building lifecycle, from design, construction and operation including adaptation to ever changing needs of businesses and organizations," said Jean-Luc Meyer of Schneider Electric.

Unlocking building performance and the future of sustainable buildings

CIVIL + STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

UL, a global safety science leader, recently conducted a study to learn where value and return on investment lie in the area of sustainable buildings. The study and its result is available in a free white paper titled "The Dawn of the Building Performance Era," written by UL Chief Economist Erin Grossi. [Read more.](#)

LEEDigation woes

ECOBUILDING PULSE

LEEDigation, a term coined by Chris Cheatham, is a term that describes any disputes arising from green building issues such as certification or improper construction. Read more about the topic [here.](#)

PRODUCT NEWS

LEEDv4 introduced the idea of chemical screening for building products to the masses. One common tool for such screening is the GreenScreen. Now products that have a certified GreenScreen assessment can be found in one place according to the article linked below. ~Tina

Find GreenScreen assessments easily

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The [GreenScreen store](#) is fast becoming a central repository for GreenScreen assessments. Visit the store to purchase or download free Certified assessments completed by Licensed Profilers. Assessments in the store are categorized by primary application or Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number (CASRN). GreenScreen has developed a system to help you distinguish between [assessment types](#) performed by a variety of assessors. Currently, only Certified assessments are available in the GreenScreen store.

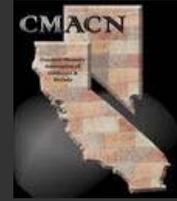
EDUCATIONAL NEWS

The Masonry Society has extended the registration deadline for the 2015 University Professors' Masonry Workshop (UPMW). The UPMW will provide professors with resources and background needed to effectively teach masonry design and construction classes at the university level. Topics include the sustainability of masonry and more. The workshop is being held March 8-10 at Penn State University in State College, PA. [Click here](#) for more information.

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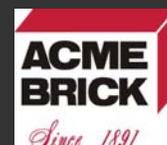


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