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From the Editor

This time of year signals back-to-school for many. And with school comes assessments of all sorts. Assessing post-construction building performance is a growing field. The first link below discusses one aspect - post-occupancy evaluations. Such evaluations can be tied to building commissioning to provide improved building performance. In the realm of energy use, "outcome-based" performance assessment, or energy compliance measured post-occupancy, is gaining traction. These and other measures focus on the performance of the occupied building, rather than on predicted performance.

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GREEN BUILDING NEWS

One of the shortcomings of building modeling is often buildings don't perform as expected. Whether it is resource use or occupant comfort, sometimes things don't measure up. One way to address this is with post-occupancy evaluation. The article linked below provides some insight on how to achieve the expected performance. ~Tina

The Feedback Loop

ARCHITECTURAL RECORD

Post-occupancy evaluation, or POE, is a diverse practice that can feed back data into the design process on everything from energy and water consumption to workplace satisfaction and even occupants' sleep cycles. According to [this article](#), POE is a prerequisite to closing the all-too-frequent gap between predicted and actual performance.

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

The article below makes a point I love to repeat, sustainable practices need to make good business sense to be considered truly sustainable.

~Tina

Why the Private Sector Should Embrace Green Construction

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The private sector should embrace sustainable construction, both to help the planet and to boost bottom lines through energy savings and other efficiencies, says World Green Building Council chief executive Terri Wills in [this article](#). "When sustainable construction makes good business sense, then there is no reason not to come on board," she said.

PRODUCT NEWS

Health Product Declaration - Is It Essential?

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EDUCATION NEWS

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The Green Schools Conference & Expo, formerly the Green Schools National Conference, is accepting proposals from industry experts eager to share their knowledge and efforts to create green, healthy, sustainable teaching and learning environments. The Green Schools Conference & Expo will be held March 31-April 1, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA. Submit a proposal or learn more [here](#). The deadline for submittals is Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, at 5:00 pm EDT.

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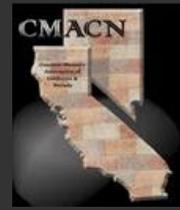
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