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Non-Green Building Tax Enacted

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From the Editor

In my last editorial, I mentioned I would be attending the 16th International Brick and Block Masonry Conference. The research being conducted around the world was really encouraging. From research on masonry units made with wood fiber to investigations on fire and blast resistance of masonry, there were many new ideas shared. For information on the proceedings of the conference, email info@16ibmac.com. If you have research or other ideas to share, consider submitting a paper to the 13th Canadian Masonry Symposium using the link at the end of this newsletter. Abstracts are due August 31st.

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

Over the years we have seen local jurisdictions adopt requirements for LEED certification of certain buildings and give tax breaks for achieving green building certification. However the recent adoption by Miami Beach is a first - a tax on buildings that do not achieve LEED gold certification. Read more in the link below. ~Tina

Miami Beach's New Green Building Tax

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

A recent enactment by the City of Miami Beach is not being so widely applauded. On February 10, 2016, the City Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Sustainability and Resiliency ordinance which imposes a new tax for the failure to achieve LEED Gold certification or Living Building Challenge certification on new constructions over 7,000 square feet or ground floor additions to existing structures that encompass over 10,000 square feet of additional floor area. [Read more.](#)

Making Strides Toward the Next National Model Energy Code

ECO-BUILDING PULSE

The next version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is under development. What do proposed code changes mean for you? [Read more.](#)

Top 5 Things You Need to Know about the Recent Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Overhaul

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

On June 7, by a voice vote of the United States Senate agreeing to changes approved by the House of Representatives on May 24 (voting 403 for and 12 against), Congress has passed the "TSCA Modernization Act of 2015" that will amend the Toxic Substances Control Act, sending the 66 page bill to the President. [Continue reading.](#)

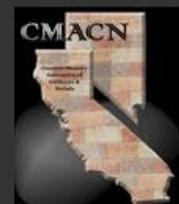
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Construction Industry Looking to Sustainable Materials

ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD

Sustainability has become almost ubiquitous in construction projects, and manufacturers of building materials now are using advances in chemistry and materials science to create even more sustainable building materials according to [this article](#).

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

We've mentioned the SITES landscape rating system here before. According to the author in the article below, provisions in SITES may become part of green building programs from ASHRAE 189.1 to LEED - a plausible outcome based on how codes and standards are developed. Revisions in one generally feed into others, and having been involved in the ASHRAE 189.1 development myself for the past year and a half I can affirm that SITES provisions are being considered there. ~Tina

You Need to Review a SITES® Scorecard, Now

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

SITES® is a sustainable landscape rating system modeled after the LEED green building rating system. While it is unlikely you will find yourself working on a SITES project, according to [this article](#), the larger influence will be that SITES credits are now being incorporated into and influencing the next version of the ASHRAE 189.1 green building standard that is the announced precursor to the next version of the International Green Construction Code, all that will provide the technical basis of the next version of LEED. Because of the deep and widespread influence SITES will have on the next generation of green building standards, codes and rating systems, you should familiarize yourself with the scorecard and accompanying version of the rating system.

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

SDG Compass: New Resources Available

WBCSD.ORG

Developed jointly by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the UN Global Compact and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the SDG Compass is a tool which helps companies to align their strategy and operations to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and measure and manage their contributions. New resources have now been added to the SDG Compass. [Download the guide](#).

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Call for Abstracts for 13th Canadian Masonry Symposium

The 13th Canadian Masonry Symposium (CMS) has announced a call for abstracts. The CMS will be held June 4-7, 2017 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information visit the symposium website at <http://www.13thcms.com/>. The abstract deadline is August 31, 2016.

Call for Papers for Masonry 2018 Symposium: Innovations in Collaborative Research, Development and Applications

ASTM.ORG

The objective of Masonry 2018 Symposium is to gather and disseminate the latest information on all aspects of the innovations in masonry materials, design, specification, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation. It will emphasize the application of ASTM standards to those areas, and their coordination with building codes, project specifications, and international standards. The symposium will be held June 26, 2018 in San Diego, CA. For more information, please visit <http://www.astm.org/C07CFP062018>.

BIM Guide for Masonry Contractors

NCMA FOUNDATION

The BIM-M initiative with funding assistance from the NCMA Foundation, the International Masonry Institute, the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, the Masonry Contractors Association of America, and TMS has developed a guide for the masonry contractor to understand

Concrete Masonry Association of California & Nevada



Gold Level





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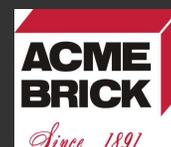


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Silver Level







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Bronze Level



the digital classification of units and assemblies. The BIM Deliverables Guide for Masonry Contractors is available [here](#). Mason Contractors Association of America will be holding a webinar on July 20 for mason contractors that will highlight the benefit of using the guide. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar. Learn more about the BIM-M initiative at www.bimformasonry.org.

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