

Initiating a Green Building Program

In addition to reading the ICC Green Building White Paper, the following links may prove to be useful initial resources to those interested in forming a green building program in their jurisdiction (note that some links may require that you cut and paste the address into your browser):

- 1) The United States Green Building Council (USGBC), which produces the LEED series of green building rating systems: <http://www.usgbc.org/>
 - LEED Initiatives in Government and Schools: <https://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=691>
 - LEED for New Construction: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=220>
 - Local and Regional Green Homebuilding Programs in the U.S. (PDF): <http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=2001>
 - LEED for Homes: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=147>
 - The Green Globes green building evaluation system for commercial buildings: <http://www.thegbi.org/greenglobes/ratingsystem.asp>
- 2) The Green Building Initiative (GBI), which produces the Green Globes rating system for commercial structures: <http://www.thegbi.org/greenglobes/>
- 3) The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which produces the Model Green Home Building Guidelines: <http://www.nahb.org/default.aspx> (Note that ICC, in association with NAHB, is currently in the process of producing an ANSI accredited green building standard based upon the NAHB Model Green Home Building Guidelines.)
 - NAHB general green building page: <http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/category/sectionID=222>
 - NAHB Model Green Home Building Guidelines: http://www.nahb.org/publication_details.aspx?publicationID=1994§ionID=155
- 4) The American Institute of Architects (AIA), which has a number of programs which promote green and sustainable building: <http://www.aia.org/>
 - AIA COTE (Committees on the Environment): http://www.aia.org/cote3_template.cfm?pagename=cote%5Fdefault
 - Architects Call for Fifty Percent Reduction by 2010 of Fossil Fuel Used to Construct and Operate Buildings : http://www.aia.org/release_121905_fossilfuel
- 5) The Development Center for Appropriate Technology (DCAT), which strives to promote a shift to sustainable construction and development through leadership, strategic relationships and education: <http://www.dcat.net/>
 - Green building resource links on the DCAT site: <http://www.dcat.net/resources/links.php>