Register for the 2005 USGBC Design Competition

At the EGB Forum at last year's Greenbuild in Portland, we announced the USGBC NaturalTalent Design Competition for 2005. This year we are partnering with The Boys & Girls Club of America in creating TWO design competitions; one for Existing Buildings and New Construction. We already have a number of teams registered and getting started. Check out the EGB website for more information register today!

Grow This!
With the success of the Northern California Chapter (NCC) pilot EGB Committee, we are rolling out EGB to other USGBC Chapters across the country! If you are interested in starting a local EGB committee, first contact your local USGBC Chapter. Gather together a group of interested individuals to work with the Chapter in creating an EGB Committee. Start with modest goals (an event or two) that are focused on reaching out to grow the diversity and numbers of your membership. The real strength in a local EGB committee is having a variety of people represented from across various disciplines (architecture, contracting, development, banking, community groups). This is a terrific way for young people to become integrated into the USGBC. See the EGB webpage for more information on what led to the success of the NCC- EGB committee and other resources.

Spotlight School
Architects and engineers come together in MIT's Graduate Studies in Building Technology. This interdisciplinary program bring the Departments of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering at MIT together to work on the development of better building technology. Integrated design is being brought to the classroom as students and faculty from these various disciplines work together on innovative new solutions for the built environment. For more information on this program click here. Also, don't forget to check out the EGB webpage for a list of schools and programs related to green building.
EGB Colorado

The USGBC- Colorado Chapter is excited to announce the beginning of a new local Emerging Green Builders Committee. The official launch of the Colorado EGB took place on February 7th at a Monthly Evening Program with a great turnout. Since the launch, the local EGB listserv has grown tremendously and includes students and young professionals excited to have a permanent voice within the Chapter. The EGB will organize and pursue its own objectives while remaining rooted in the Chapter community and establishing liaisons to other committees and participating in Chapter events. EGB members will benefit from the chance to develop relationships with professionals from all fields in the industry, and professionals will be exposed to the new enthusiasm and emerging trends arising in the green building movement. Click here for more detail.

Turner Supports USGBC Chapters and EGB

Turner has pledged to support the USGBC Emerging Green Builders program by coordinating EGB events with local USGBC chapters. If your chapter has a EGB Committee or is looking to start one, this is a great way to gain momentum. Click here for details and contact Meghan to get connected with your local Turner Green Champion.

New EGB Committee

The Emerging Green Builders National Committee has recently elected 5 new committee members. See below for more details on your new representatives. Also USGBC would like to extend its' gratitude to Erik Hoekstra and Mike Pulaski, EGB Committee Members for the past two years who have been invaluable in their service and dedication.

Forrest Meggers- Iowa City, IA
Joe Snider- Santa Fe, NM
Greg Spires- Columbus, OH
Emily Tsiang- Boston, MA
Marisa Wilson- Altanta, GA

Update on LEED Programs

Keep up with the current events in green building by visiting the USGBC website. Stay up to date on the different LEED Rating Systems and programs including:
- New commercial Construction and major renovation projects (LEED-NC)
- Existing building operations (LEED-EB)
- Commercial interiors projects (LEED-CI)
- Core and shell projects (LEED-CS)
- Homes (LEED-H)
- Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND)

Sustainability Workshops

Click here for a list of upcoming Sustainability workshops. Also, let us know if there is an event coming up in your area, email emerginggreen@usgbc.org with details.

Send us your EGB news

Are you involved with a group doing great work within the green building field? Have you started a student or young professional effort related to the EGB? Do you have suggestions or ideas to further the development of the EGB program? Tell us about it! Send information to emerginggreen@usgbc.org.