



News Roundup

April 16, 2011

News

£540m insulation scheme targets fuel-poor households (April 11, 2012)

UK Deputy prime minister Nick Clegg announced today a series of measures designed to help alleviate [fuel poverty](#) and drive demand for insulation and other [energy efficiency](#) improvements.

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Expert Voices: Jane Henley, Chief Executive, World Green Building Council in National Geographic City Solutions (April 6, 2012)

Jane Henley reports on the C40 Sustainable Communities Workshop convened and hosted by the City of Melbourne, Australia, highlighting a close working relationship between WGBC and C40.

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Our Mission

The GLOBE Alliance (Global Leadership in Our Built Environment) is a broad-based international action network of environmental, business, industry, financial, faith-based, academic and community organizations around the world who share a commitment to advocating for sustainable building practices as a key strategy for combating climate change.

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Study Reveals Progress on Implementation of IEA Energy Efficiency Policy Recommendations (April 5, 2012)

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has published a working paper on "Progress Implementing the IEA 25 Energy Efficiency Policy Recommendations." The paper reveals significant policy developments since the 2009 progress report.

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On Facebook, some friendly energy rivalry (April 3, 2012)

So, would you stop washing your clothes in warm water if your best friend tried doing it in cold water and said her jeans were coming out clean? Would you be more likely to weatherize your house if your college roommate said that it had cut her heating bill by 30 percent? Facebook users can use an Opower app to compare notes on how much energy they consume.

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Environmental campaigners wary of revised EU energy efficiency plans (April 3, 2012)

Environmental campaigners have this week claimed that the latest proposals put forward by the Danish EU presidency to improve the EU's record on energy efficiency are too weak to achieve the 20 percent energy savings goal set for 2020.

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New White Paper Released: Modifying How Energy Costs Are Treated for Business Tax Purposes in Order to Decrease Subsidies and Increase Energy Efficiency (March 29, 2012)

In considering tax reform, it is important to consider how the current code, and potential changes to the code, provide incentives or disincentives for desirable actions. In this paper, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) focuses on business tax reform and in particular on how businesses account for energy costs when computing their taxes.

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New rules mean developers must go green by 2014 (March 23, 2012)

Dubai: Green building codes will be mandatory for private sector developers in Dubai from 2014, a top government official has told Gulf News.

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IEA unveils new initiatives on sustainable energy policies and technologies in the buildings sector (March 16, 2012)

Recognizing that buildings represent around 40% of primary energy consumption in most IEA countries, the IEA a Launches Building Energy Efficiency Policies Database, Signs MOU with WBCSD in effort to work towards reducing demand in buildings.

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Member News

Vote Now! USGBC's Comstock Leading in UNEP Rio +20 Blog-Off Competition (April 16, 2011)

Earlier this year, UNEP and [TreeHugger](#) invited green bloggers across the world to write an article for the World Environment Day competition. The prize is a fully paid round trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to blog for World Environment Day on 5 June 2012. The UNEP-TreeHugger jury has narrowed the submissions down to the Top 10 bloggers, including USGBC's very own Maggie Comstock.

[Vote now for Maggie's First Entry!](#)

[Vote now for Maggie's Second Entry!](#)

Discussion round-up: how can business enable energy access for all? (April 11, 2012)

This Guardian Sustainable Business Live Discussion sponsored by WBCSD explores the role of business in providing solutions to global energy access challenges.

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Survey: What are the Right Policies for Driving Investment in Energy Efficient Buildings? (April 10, 2012)

Government decision-makers need to hear from businesses on the right market conditions that will drive global investment in clean energy solutions. Share your perspective about the policy drivers that enable a strong market for building efficiency services and technologies! This survey is being conducted by the Institute for Building Efficiency at Johnson Controls in partnership with the Alliance to Save Energy, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, U.S. Green Building Council, World Green Building Council and Center for Clean Air Policy.

[Take Survey >>](#)

New Rapid-Response Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Analysis and Design Tool Available (April 10, 2012)

A new release of the free-of-charge rapid response tool suite, the [Transport Emissions Evaluation Models for Projects](#) (TEEMP), is now available online to support transport project evaluation.

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Green companies earn more 'green,' new study shows (March 26, 2012)

Using LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings increases revenue generated by bank branches even when they offer the same products and services, according to a new study co-authored by University of Notre Dame management professors [Edward Conlon](#) and [Ante Glavas](#).

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Upcoming Events

The Role of National Development Banks in Mobilizing International Climate Finance

When: April 18-19

Where: Washington, DC (Closed to public but Live Webcast Available)

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ACCO: Defense, National Security and Climate Change Workshop

When: June 25-26

Where: Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC

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World Eco Construct

When: April 22-25

Where: Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, UAE

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