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WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE

Beyond Green™

Employing the WBDG to Achieve High Performance Buildings

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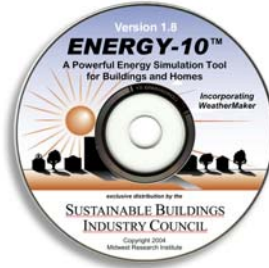
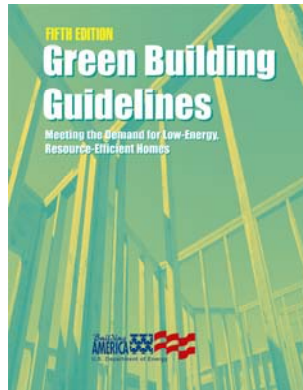
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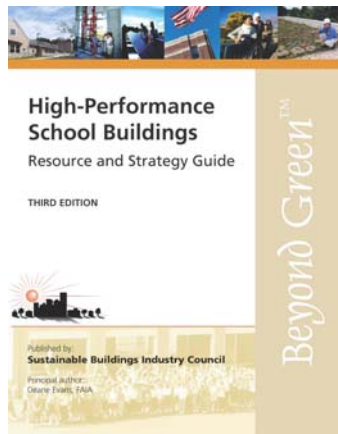
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Welcome to the

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On February 26th, SBIC will bring the winners of our 2008 Beyond Green™ High-Performance Buildings Awards Program to Capitol Hill for a special, educational briefing. We will explore the challenges and opportunities for building better buildings with the new Congress.

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Please save the date!



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A High Performance Approach to
Building Design,
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What Is a High Performance Building?

Energy Policy Act, Section 914. Building Standards

- A building that integrates & optimizes all major high-performance building attributes, including energy efficiency, durability, life-cycle performance, and occupant productivity.

Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007, Title IV, Energy Savings in Buildings and Industry, Section 401, Definitions

- A building that integrates and optimizes on a life cycle basis all major high performance attributes, including energy conservation, environment, safety, security, durability, accessibility, cost-benefit, productivity, sustainability, functionality, and operational considerations.

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High-Performance Buildings

- Achieve long-term value and performance
- Are enduring assets in their communities
- Support and enhance human performance
- Reduce operating costs
- Are safe, secure, accessible
- Protect the environment
- Are the result of using a whole building approach

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High-Performance Bldg Design Strategies

- Design and build a better building envelope
- Reduce water runoff and water pollution
- Build tight – Ventilate right
- Right-size the HVAC system (do the real calcs, not rules of thumb)
- Reduce paths of air and water penetration
- Provide daylighting and views to occupants
- Specify high efficiency HVAC equipment
- Specify plumbing fixtures that use less or no water
- Specify high efficiency lighting fixtures and controls with occupancy sensors and daylighting controls
- Specify materials that pollute less
- Investigate design alternatives with energy modeling
- Use Total Building Commissioning of all building systems
- Use proven technologies - no gadgets or high costs

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What are we getting now?

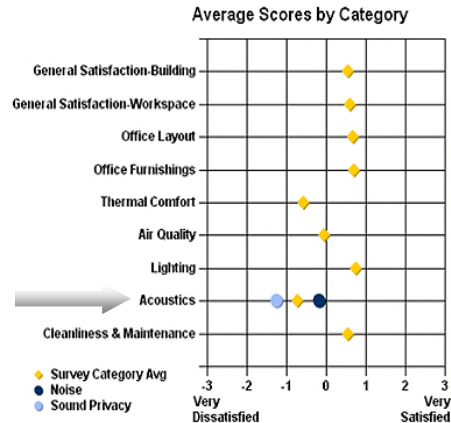
- Building codes are minimum
- One attribute is prominent while others are overlooked or trivialized
- Low Occupant satisfaction
- Lawsuits
- Premature failures of materials & systems
- Value of investment decreases while costs of operations & maintenance increase

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Acoustical Satisfaction Low

- CBE's analysis of 15 buildings by 4096 respondents
- over 60% of occupants in cubicles think acoustics interfere with their ability to get their job done



The Center for the Built Environment (CBE) at UC Berkeley

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Green buildings: What's working, what's not – HOK Post Occ. Report

Occupants of green buildings generally show a higher level of satisfaction with their built environment than do occupants of standard buildings, but their buildings fall short in some key areas.

Common complaints had to do with:

- acoustics (too noisy, not enough privacy),
- thermal comfort (limited temperature control), and
- daylighting (too much glare and light spill).

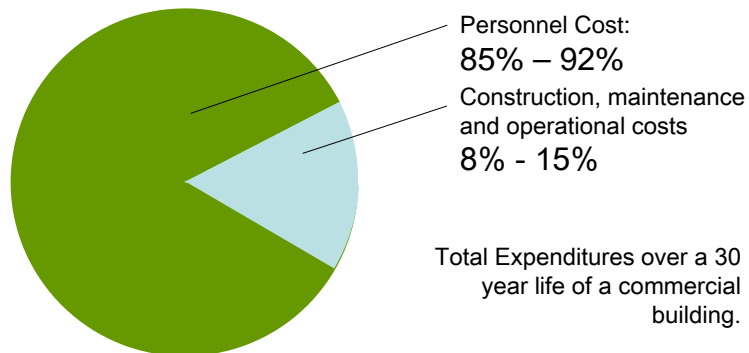
[HOK Post Occupancy Evaluation Report of 7 HOK-designed green buildings as reported in BD&C June 9, 2006]

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Business Rationale for Better Buildings

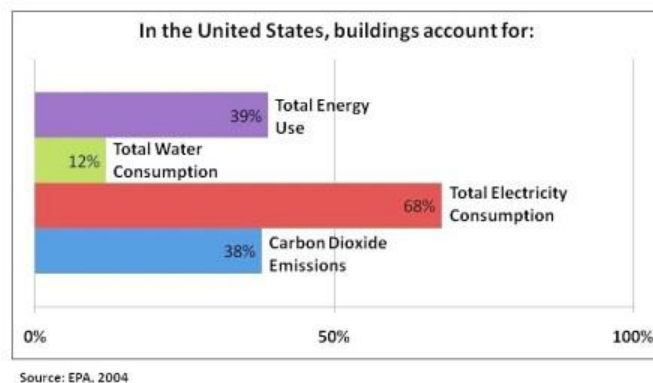
Personnel costs represent the most significant portion of total life cycle cost



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Environmental Impact of Buildings



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Goal: Reduce Environmental Impact

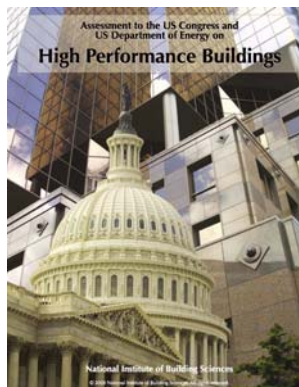
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- Optimize Energy Use
- Protect and Conserve Water
- Use Preferable Products
- Enhance IEQ
- Optimize Operational/Maintenance Practices

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High-Performance Building Council



National Institute of
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Rating Systems

How do you measure the performance of your building?

Who can you trust with confidence to certify critical aspects of your building?

- Green Buildings
 - LEED
 - Green Globes
 - Energy Star
- Building Security
 - PLUS/BSC
- Others



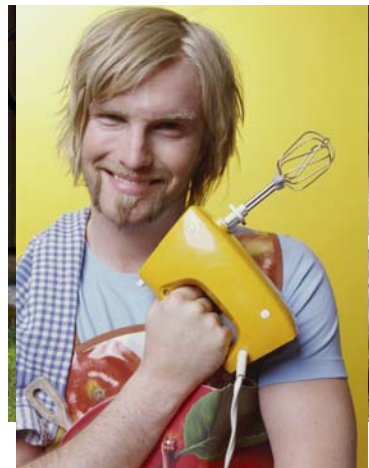
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To Do a Job Well It Takes the Right Tools

- Building a Home
- Planting a Garden
- Baking a Cake
- If You are planning, designing, constructing, operating or maintaining a building ...



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The WBDG condenses the vast amount of Web-based data on building design, products, & systems Into usable, up-to-date information.



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What is Whole Building Design?

- It is an **Integrated Design Approach** and a
- **Integrated Team Process** to achieve high-performance buildings



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'Whole Building' Approach



NREL Solar Laboratory
Golden, CO

- Materials, systems, and assemblies reviewed from many different perspectives
- Building components, sub-systems and materials are interdependent, can impact the total performance of the whole, and can perform 'double duty'

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Integrated Project Team



Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse
Portland, OR

- Comprehensive Stakeholder involvement throughout the building's life cycle
- Evaluation for cost, quality-of-life, future flexibility, energy efficiency, overall environmental impact, productivity, creativity, and how the occupants will be enlivened

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Applying the Integrated Team Process



Who needs to be at the table at the outset of your project to ensure an integrated team process?

- Architect
- Landscape Architect
- Owner, Client, Tenants
- Engineers
- Programmers
- Interior Designer
- Contractor
- Specialists (Security, Telecom, Acoustics)
- Community Members or Other Stakeholders
- Operations and Maintenance Personnel
- Others???? (Real Estate Buyer)

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Building Siting Issues

- Solar Access*
- Security (Standoff Distance, CPTED)
- Stormwater Management
- Public Transportation
- Occupant Amenities
- Compatible Functions
- Disaster Avoidance

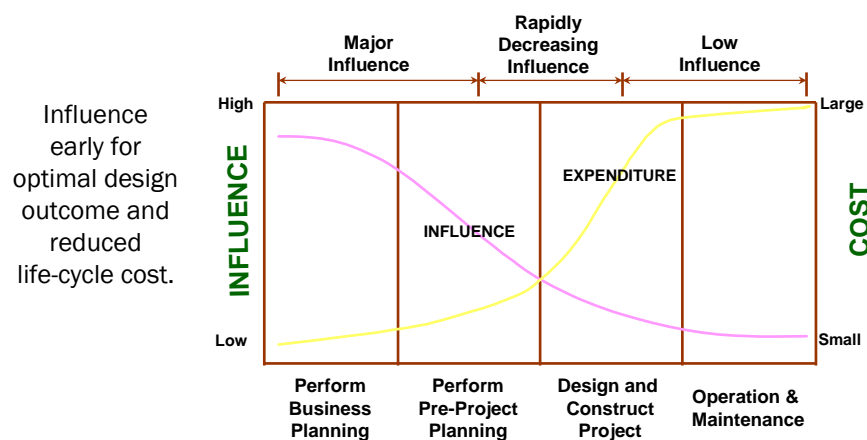


*Building orientation for passive solar heating, daylighting, natural ventilation, views
*[Real Estate Buyer **must** be informed!!!]*

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Cost / Influence Over the Quality of a Project



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WBDG Goal



... to provide centralized access and use of facility information in a knowledge based management environment, from a 'whole building' perspective.

WBDG Building Type Page on Research Laboratory

w/ direct links to: Govt. Lab; Vivarium; Therapeutic Envi. RP; **Sustainable Lab Design RP**; Security & Safety in Labs RP, etc.

CCB Documents

VA Research Laboratory Des. Guide
NIH Design Policy and Guidelines
HHS Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories

NGS

ISEA Z358.1—Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment
ANSI/AIHA—Z9.5 for Laboratory Ventilation
NFPA 45—Fire Protection for Laboratories using Chemical

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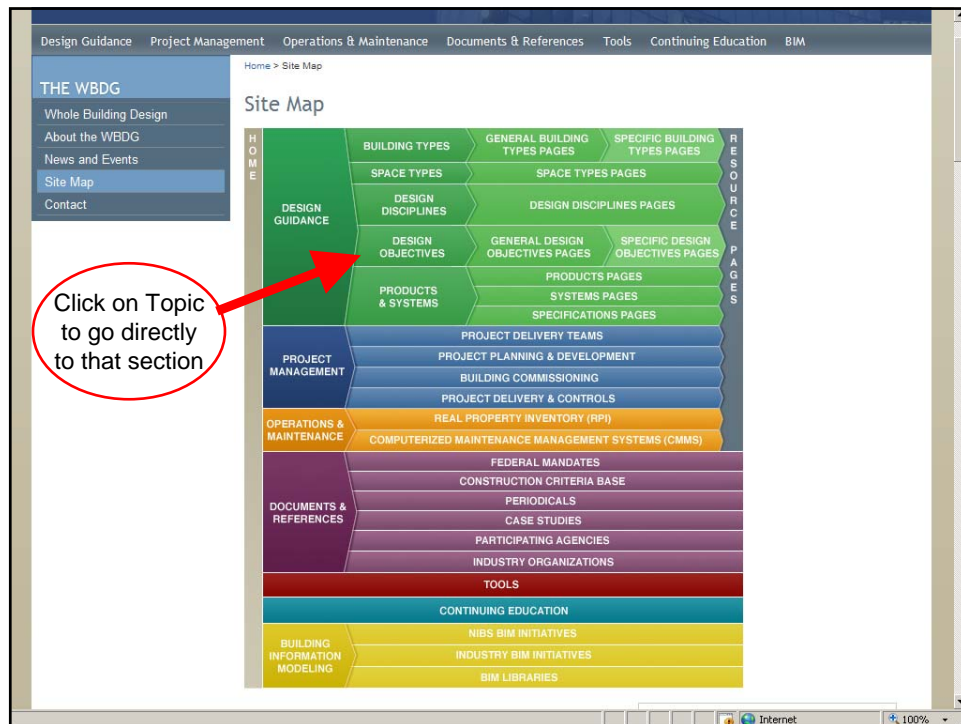
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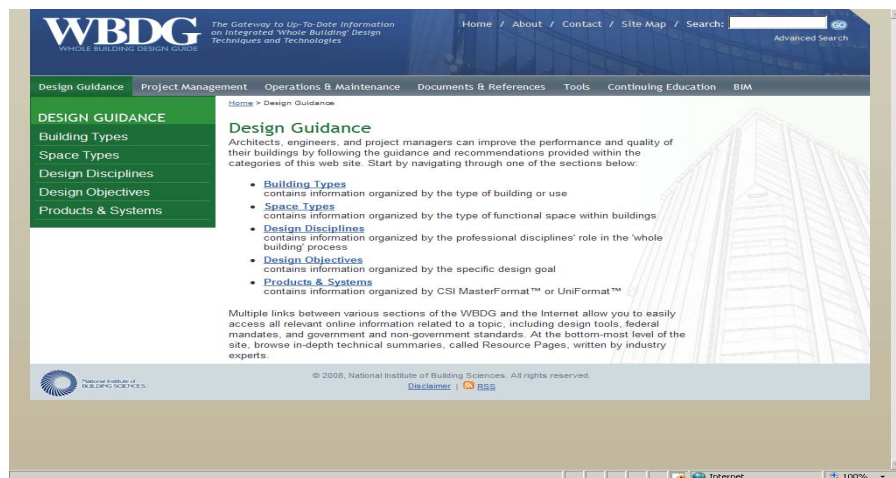
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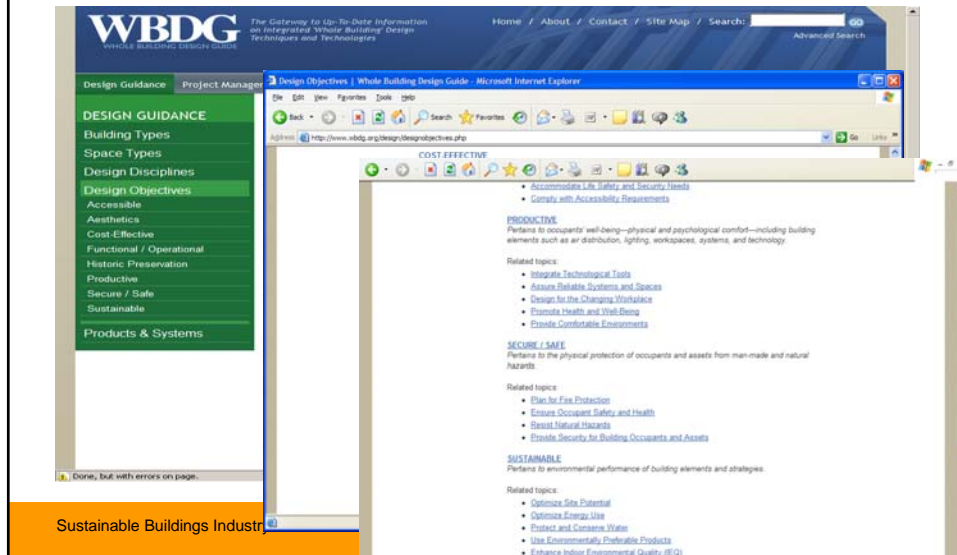
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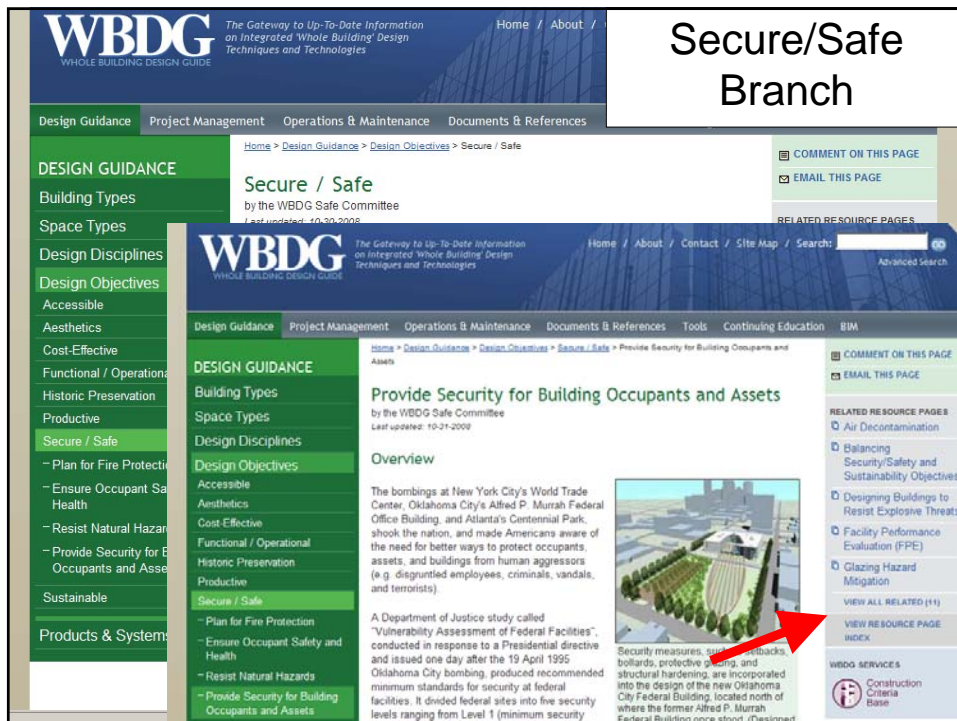
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Resource Pages

- Concise summaries
- Written by industry experts
- Format:
 - Introduction
 - Description
 - Application
 - Relevant Codes & Standards
 - Emerging Issues
 - Additional Resources



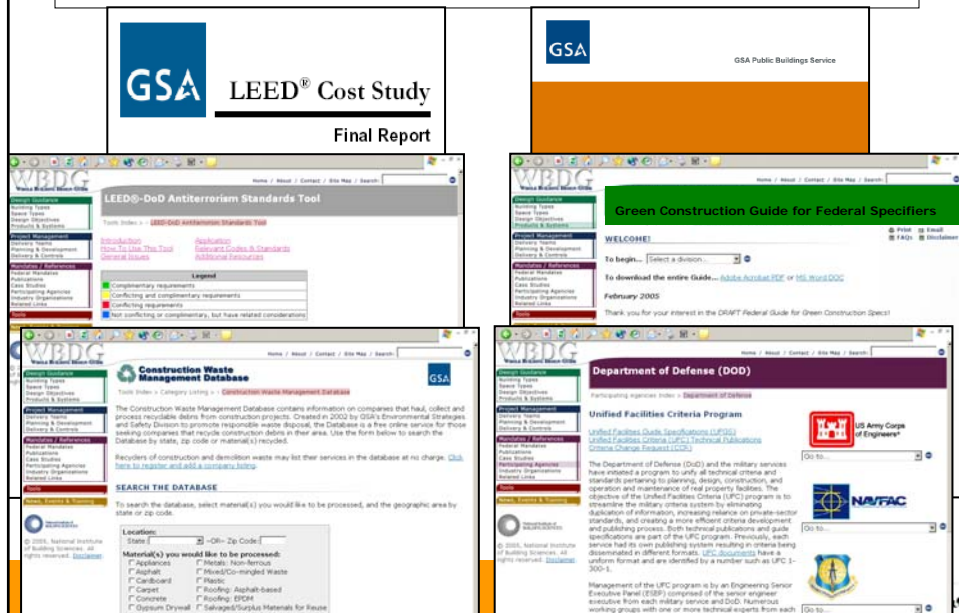
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| • Building Integrated Photovoltaics | Mold and Moisture Dynamics |
| • Cost Impact of the ISC Security Criteria | Security and Safety in Laboratories |
| • Daylighting | Sun Control and Shading Devices |
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| • Distributed Energy Resources | Sustainable O&M Practices |
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Legend

■ complementary requirements

■ Conflicting and complementary requirements

■ Conflicting requirements

■ Not conflicting or complementary, but have related considerations

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UFC 4-010-01

DoD MINIMUM ANTITERRORISM STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS

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Sustainable

by the WBDG Sustainable Committee

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Overview

Building construction and operation have an enormous direct and indirect impact on the environment. As illustrated in the figure below, buildings not only use resources such as energy and raw materials, they also generate waste and potentially harmful atmospheric emissions. As economy and population continue to expand, designers and builders face a unique challenge to meet demands for new and renovated facilities that are [accessible](#), [secure](#), [healthy](#), and [productive](#) while minimizing their impact on the environment.

In the United States, buildings account for:

Category	Percentage
Total Energy Use	39%
Total Water Consumption	12%
Carbon Dioxide Emissions	38%
Total Electricity Consumption	68%

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...s to this challenge call for an [integrated, synergistic approach](#) that addresses the facility life cycle. This "sustainable" approach supports an

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Sustainable Design Objectives

- Optimize Site Potential
- Optimize Energy Use
- Protect & Conserve Water
- Use Environmentally Preferable Products
- Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)
- Optimize Operational & Maintenance Practices



EPA's [New England Regional Laboratory \(NERL\)](#) achieved a LEED Version 1.0 Gold rating. From conception the project was charged to "make use of the best commercially-available materials and technologies to minimize consumption of energy and resources and maximize use of natural, recycled and non-toxic materials." Chelmsford, MA

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RELEVANT CODES AND STANDARDS

- [ASTM E2432—Standard Guide for the General Principles of Sustainability Relative to Building](#)
- [Energy Policy Act of 2005](#) (PDF 1.9 MB, 550 pgs)
- [Executive Order 13423, "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management"](#)

Major Resources

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BUILDING / SPACE TYPES

Applicable to most [building types](#) and [space types](#).

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

Information in these Sustainable pages must be considered together with other [design objectives](#) and within a total project context in order to achieve quality, high—performance buildings.

PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS

[Building Envelope Design Guide—Sustainability of the Building Envelope](#)
Federal Green Construction Guide for Specifiers:

- [01 10 00 \(01100\) Summary](#)
- [01 30 00 \(01300\) Administrative Requirements](#)
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Optimize Energy Use

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Overview

On an annual basis, buildings in the United States consume 39% of America's energy and 68% of its electricity. Furthermore, buildings generate 38% of the carbon dioxide (the primary greenhouse gas associated with climate change), 49% of the sulfur dioxide, and 25% of the nitrogen oxides found in the air. Currently, the vast majority of this energy is produced from nonrenewable, fossil fuel resources. With America's supply of fossil fuel dwindling, concerns for energy supply security increasing (both for general supply and specific needs of facilities), and the impact of greenhouse gases on world climate rising, it is essential to find ways to reduce load, increase efficiency, and utilize renewable fuel resources in federal facilities.

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 - Protect and Conserve Water

SUSTAINABLE LEVEL 4 – OPTIMIZE ENERGY USE

- Protect and Conserve Water
 - Use Environmentally Preferable Products
 - Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)
 - Optimize Operational and Maintenance Practices
- Products & Systems

During the facility design and development process, building projects must have a comprehensive, [integrated perspective](#) that seeks to:

- Reduce heating, cooling, and lighting loads through climate-responsive design and conservation practices;
- Employ renewable energy sources such as [daylighting](#), [passive solar heating](#), [photovoltaics](#), and geothermal;
- Specify [efficient HVAC](#) and [lighting systems](#) that consider part-load conditions and utility interface requirements;
- Optimize building performance by employing energy modeling programs and optimize system control strategies by using [occupancy sensors](#) and air quality alarms; and
- Monitor project performance through a policy of [commissioning](#), metering, and annual reporting.

Recommendations

Reduce Heating, Cooling, and Lighting Loads through Climate-Responsive Design and Conservation Practices

- Use [passive solar design](#); orient, size, and specify [windows](#); and locate landscape elements with solar geometry and building load requirements in mind.
- Use high-performance building envelopes; select walls, roofs, and other assemblies based on long-term, insulation, and durability requirements.

Employ Renewable or High-Efficiency Energy Sources

- Evaluate the use of common, on-site renewable energy technologies such as [daylighting](#), [solar water heating](#), and [geothermal heat pumps](#).
- Investigate the use of emerging, on-site renewable energy technologies such as [photovoltaics](#) and wind turbines.
- Evaluate purchasing electricity generated from renewable sources or low polluting sources such as natural gas.

Efficient HVAC and Lighting Systems

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Energy Analysis Tools

- Energy Codes and Standards
- Energy Efficient Lighting
- Energy Master Planning for HVAC Systems in New and Existing Buildings
- Extensive Green Roofs
- Facility Performance Evaluation (FPE)
- Fuel Cell Technology
- High-Performance HVAC
- Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)
- Microturbines
- Mold and Moisture Dynamics
- Natural Ventilation
- Passive Solar Heating
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Windows and Glazing

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Introduction

Windows have long been used in building design. Many studies have shown that windows can improve indoor environments and access to natural light. Windows also represent a major source of energy loss in buildings. High-performance windows can reduce energy used to offset unwanted heat gain in residential and commercial buildings. In the United States \$20 billion (one-fourth of total energy consumption) is spent on space heating and cooling).

In recent years, windows have undergone a revolution. High-performance, energy-efficient glazing systems are now available that can reduce energy consumption and pollution, reduce heat loss, less air leakage, and warm interiors. High-performance windows feature double or triple panes, specialized transparent coatings, insulating gas between panes, and improved frames that reduce air leakage, thereby cutting energy costs.

This page covers basic concepts of energy-efficient windows.

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OVERVIEW

Given the choice, nearly everyone would prefer to work in an office with a view of the exterior space. But what is that window view "worth?" Does a more "productive" worker in the form of regular attendance, reduced stress, and job satisfaction, and more effective work?

Do windows in work spaces contribute to higher productivity?
(Courtesy of Perkins & Will)

- Assure Reliable Systems and Space
- Design for the Changing Nature of Work
- Promote Health and Well-Being
- Provide Comfortable Environments

DESCRIPTION

Window systems are comprised of glass panes, structural frames, spacers, and sealants. In recent years, the variety of glass types, coatings, and frames available for use in window systems has increased dramatically, as has the opportunity to fine-tune and optimize window selection on a project-by-project basis.

Factors affecting window performance
(Courtesy of Energy User News)

Careful specification of window and glazing systems is essential to the energy efficiency and comfort of all buildings. In residential, skin-load dominated structures (such as housing) optimum window design and glazing specification can reduce energy consumption from 10%-50% below accepted practice in most climates. In internal-load dominated commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings, properly specified fenestration systems have the potential to reduce lighting and HVAC costs 10%-40%.

Window and glazing choices should be considered holistically. Once the design team and owner agree on the design problem, window and glazing options can be evaluated. Issues to consider include:

- Heat gains and losses
- Visual requirements (privacy, glare, view)
- Shading and sun control
- Thermal comfort
- Condensation control
- Ultraviolet control
- Acoustic control

Optimum choice of window and glazing systems will depend on many factors including the...

A. Specifying Windows and Glazings

To fully specify a window system, it is necessary to specify the following characteristics:

- Window U-value
- Window Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC), or shading coefficient (SC)
- Glass Visible Transmittance ($T_{vis-glass}$)

For specific aesthetic and performance objectives the specifier may also wish to specify:

- Tints (colors) and Coatings

U-Value

U-value indicates the rate of heat flow due to conduction, convection, and radiation through a window as a result of a temperature difference between the inside and outside. The higher the U-factor the more heat is transferred (lost) through the window in winter.

- The units of U-value are: Btus per hour per square foot per °F ($Btu/hr \cdot ft^2 \cdot ^\circ F$)
- U-factors usually range from a high of 1.3 (for a typical aluminum frame single glazed window) to a low of around 0.2 (for a multi-paned, high-performance window with low-emissivity coatings and insulated frames).
- A window with a U-factor of 0.6 will lose twice as much heat under the same conditions as one with a U-factor of 0.3.
- Total (or net) window U-factors can be considerably higher than the center-of-glass U-factors.

Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)

SHGC indicates how much of the sun's energy striking the window is transmitted through the window as heat. As the SHGC increases, the solar gain potential through a given window increases.

- The SHGC is a ratio between 0 and 1. SHGC = 0 means none of the incident solar gain is transmitted through the window as heat and SHGC = 1 means all of the incident solar energy is transmitted through the window as heat.
- A window with a SHGC of 0.6 will admit twice as much solar heat gain as one with a SHGC of 0.3.

Windows with low SHGC values are desirable in buildings with [high air-conditioning loads](#) and windows with high SHGC values are desirable in buildings where [passive solar heating](#) is used.

SHGC" is relatively new and is intended to replace the term "shading coefficient (SC)." The terms are related, the shading coefficient of glass is defined as the ratio of the solar heat

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B. Representative Glass Specifications

Glass Type (Product)	Glass Thickness (inches)	Visible Transmittance (% Daylight)	U-factor (Winter)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)
Single Pane glass (standard clear)	0.25	89	1.09	0.81
Single White Laminated w/Heat Rejecting Coating (Southwall California Series [®])	0.25	73	1.06	0.46
Double Pane Insulated Glass (standard clear)	0.25	79	0.48	0.70
Double Bronze Reflective Glass (LOF Eclipse [®])	0.25	21	0.48	0.35
Triple Pane Insulated Glass (standard clear)	0.125	74	0.36	0.67
Pyrolytic Low-e Double Glass (LOF Clear Low-e [®])	0.125	76	0.33	0.71
Soft-coat Low-e Double Glass w/Argon gas fill (PPG Sungate [®] 100 Clear)	0.25	73	0.26	0.57
High Efficiency Low-e (Solarscreen 2000 VEI-2M [™])	0.25	70	0.29	0.37
Suspended Coated Film (Heat Mirror [™] 66 Clear)	0.125	55	0.25	0.35
Suspended Coated Film w/ Argon gas fill (Azurite [®] Heat Mirror SCT5)	0.125	53	0.19	0.27
Double Suspended Coated Films w/ Krypton (Heat Mirror [™] 77 Superglass)	0.125	55	0.10	0.34

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C. Other Attributes

Other important attributes of window and glazing systems include:

- **Gas Fills**—Inert gases such as argon and krypton are often injected between panes of glass to reduce conductive and convective heat transfer. These low-cost, gas fills reduce U-values without affecting shading coefficients or visible transmittance.
- **Fritting**—Baked on ceramic coatings, or frits, can be applied to the surface of glass in many different patterns, colors, and densities.
- **Safety and Security Glass**—Visit the [North American Laminated Glass Information Center](#). It provides information on the applications and benefits of laminated architectural glass.
- **Retrofit Films**—For information on the pros and cons of retrofit films, visit [Florida Solar Energy Center](#) and [Austin Energy](#).

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Glazing Hazard Mitigation

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Introduction

While windows and glazing are important architectural and functional components of a building (e.g., for daylighting) glass fragments caused by accidents, natural disasters, or intentional events such as terrorist attacks can lead to serious injuries to building occupants. In order to mitigate glass fragment hazards, designers must consider a multitude of factors, including a building's occupancy, functional requirements, and anticipated threats and risks to people and mission. As a result



Fig. 1. Las Vegas Federal Courthouse used one-inch thick insulating glass panels.

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Case Study

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A building's function strongly influences its design and construction. Consequently, the WBDG provides a branch of information and guidance organized by building use types. For each general Building Type there is a discussion of the attributes and requirements of the type as well as links to information on more specific uses. Each of the specific building types is then linked to a series of Resource Pages explaining standards, technologies and emerging issues relevant to that specific use topic.

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Fire Station

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Overview

A fire station supports the needs of the fire department and the community in which it is located. It must accommodate extremely diverse functions, including housing, recreation, administration, training, community education, equipment and vehicle storage, equipment and vehicle maintenance, and hazardous materials storage. While it is usually only occupied by trained personnel, the facility may also need to accommodate the general public for community education or outreach programs.

Fire stations will vary somewhat in design depending on specific mission, i.e., the types of emergencies that will be responded to or the types of fires that will be fought. Usually, the facility differences relate to the size of the firefighting apparatus and facility location. The location of the facility is largely driven by the need to minimize response time. For example, aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) stations provide fire protection to flight lines and aircraft and are located adjacent to the runways on airport property. Similarly, stations with hazardous waste response teams are located near likely spill sites, etc.

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The two primary drivers for facility layout and functional space adjacencies in a fire station are the following:

1. Ensure that internal response times can be met (time for a firefighter to reach the apparatus and be ready to depart).
2. Separate the diverse and sometimes conflicting functions such as industrial maintenance spaces and residential spaces.

Sample adjacency diagram for a fire station.
Developed by DMJM Design, Arlington, VA

APPARATUS BAYS

By placing the apparatus bay between the maintenance and support functions and the residential and administrative functions, both primary layout goals can be accomplished. Some of the adjacencies shown above may be accommodated through a hallway rather than a direct entrance/exit from one space to another. This is particularly true with the apparatus bay and the day room as many facility spaces require an adjacency with these two spaces.

This approach to the layout can also accommodate expansion of the apparatus bay on the other side of the support and maintenance areas, although care must be taken to ensure that internal response times can be met after any expansion.

Sizing the apparatus bay is critical, and it should be designed to accommodate variable

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A. Types of Spaces

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Representative Example

[Shanghai-Jahwa Research Laboratory](#), Shanghai, China
Architect: Perkins & Will Size: 97,000 gsf

The Jahwa Research Facility, in Shanghai, China, demonstrates the Chinese government's new desire to provide researchers with safe, world-class labs to enhance China's position in the international R&D market.

The new Shanghai-Jahwa research facility is part of a master plan at the firm's manufacturing campus in Shanghai. This facility contains pharmaceutical, cosmetic, fine chemistry, and basic research laboratories, combined with an administrative and creative development and exhibition component. The building is intended to provide closure and definition to the campus front lawn, creating a sense of place by reinforcing the southern edge of the site. The architectural

Shanghai-Jahwa Research Laboratory—Shanghai, China

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Child Care

by WBDG Staff

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Overview

The Child Care space types, described herein, are the facilities required for child care services permitted within federal facilities. Child Care space types include all space sub-types, including [toilets](#), [food preparation and service](#), [office space](#), and meeting space, as well as [security features](#) required in compliance with codes and regulations.

Space Attributes

Child Care spaces should be [secure](#) environments that provide a variety of learning experiences and meet the physical [needs](#) of the children. See WBDG [Child Development Centers](#) for more information on the unique attributes of spaces designed for child development and care. Typical features of Child Care space types include the list of applicable design objectives elements as outlined below. For a complete list and definitions of the design objectives within the context of whole building design, click on the titles below.

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Introduction

Successful project management requires team leadership and coordination, diligent project planning, and effective oversight of the delivery process. Recognizing the importance of these qualities in satisfying clients' expectations, the Project Management section offers guidance for the entire delivery team to successfully and effectively carry out a high performance building project.

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- [Project Delivery Teams](#)—Contains guidance on assembling and effectively managing the project team.
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Building Commissioning

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Introduction

Building Commissioning is a rapidly emerging A-E-C project management practice that is being embraced by public and private organizations because of its benefits in improved project delivery results.

This section of WBDG organizes commissioning information, guidance, and resources under three broad principles, including [Determine Project Performance Requirements](#), [Plan the Commissioning Process](#), and [Document Compliance and Acceptance](#). It is important to note that all three principles are applied over the life-span of a capital design and construction project, and that it takes a multi-disciplined effort involving owners, design professionals, constructors, and commissioning providers to achieve optimal results from the commissioning process.

This WBDG page provides an overview of commissioning drivers, benefits, goals, and principles and general commissioning guides, standards, and resources.

Definition

ASHRAE Guideline 0, *The Commissioning Process*, defines commissioning as "a quality-oriented process for achieving, verifying, and documenting that the performance of facilities, systems, and assemblies meets defined objectives and criteria". Commissioning is therefore an "umbrella" process for all the planning, delivery, verification, and managing risks to critical functions performed in, or by, facilities. Commissioning uncovers deficiencies in design or installation using peer review and field verification. Commissioning also accomplishes higher energy efficiency, environmental health, and occupant safety and improves indoor air quality. Commissioning is a quality assurance-based process that delivers preventive and predictive maintenance plans, tailored operating manuals, and

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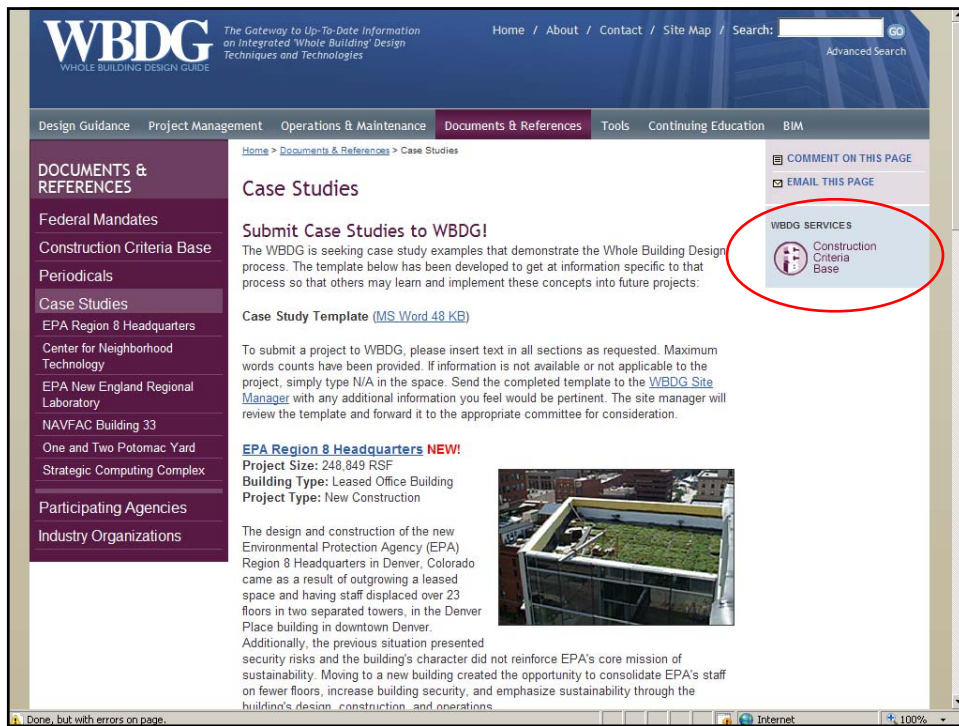
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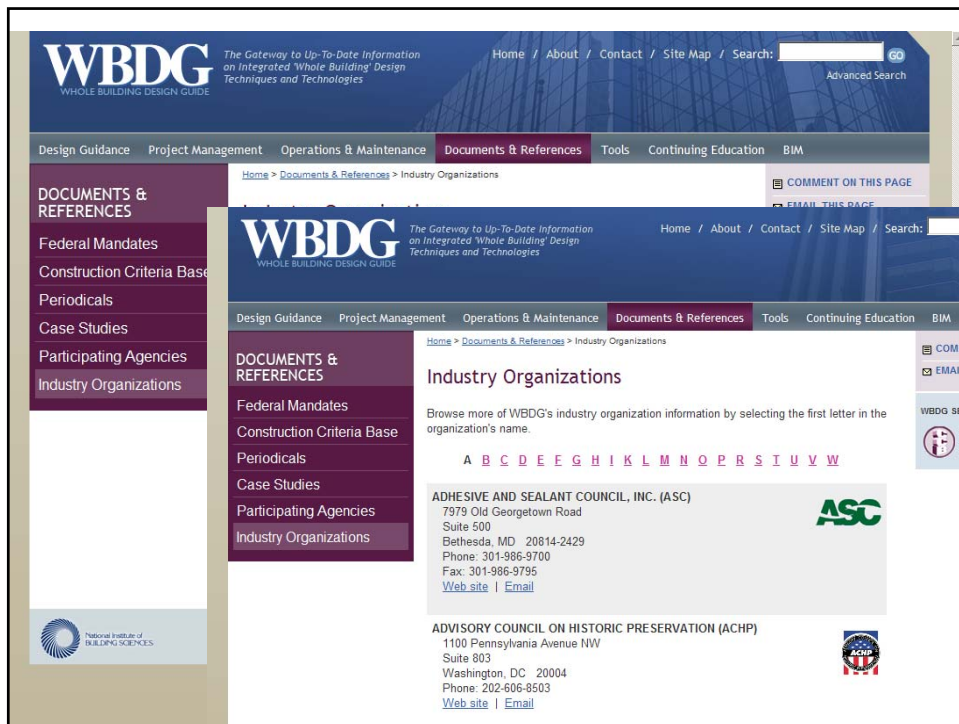
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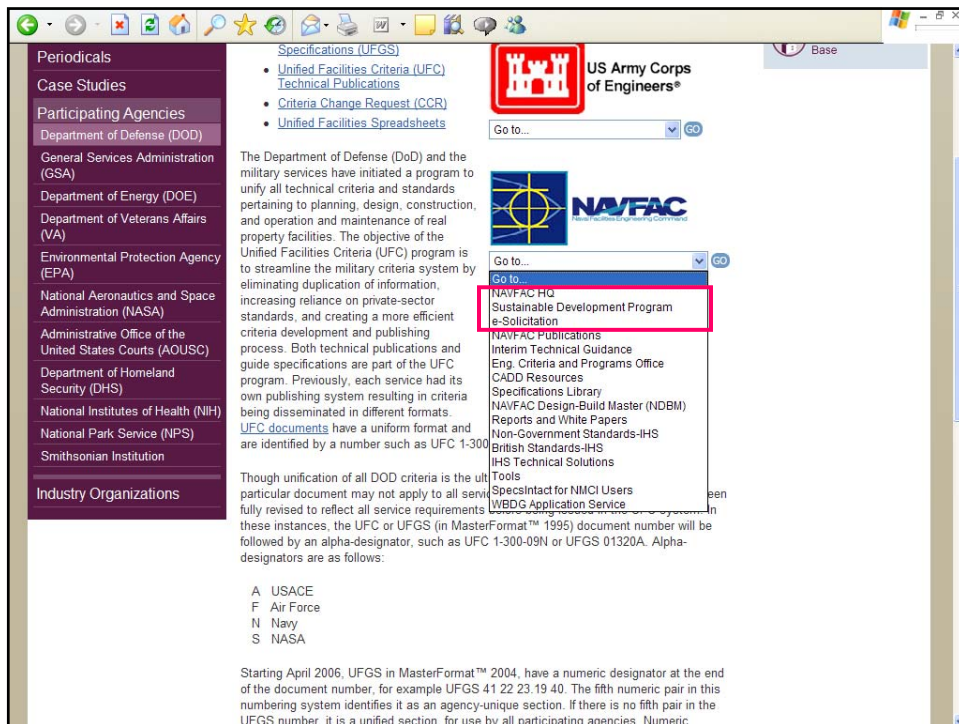
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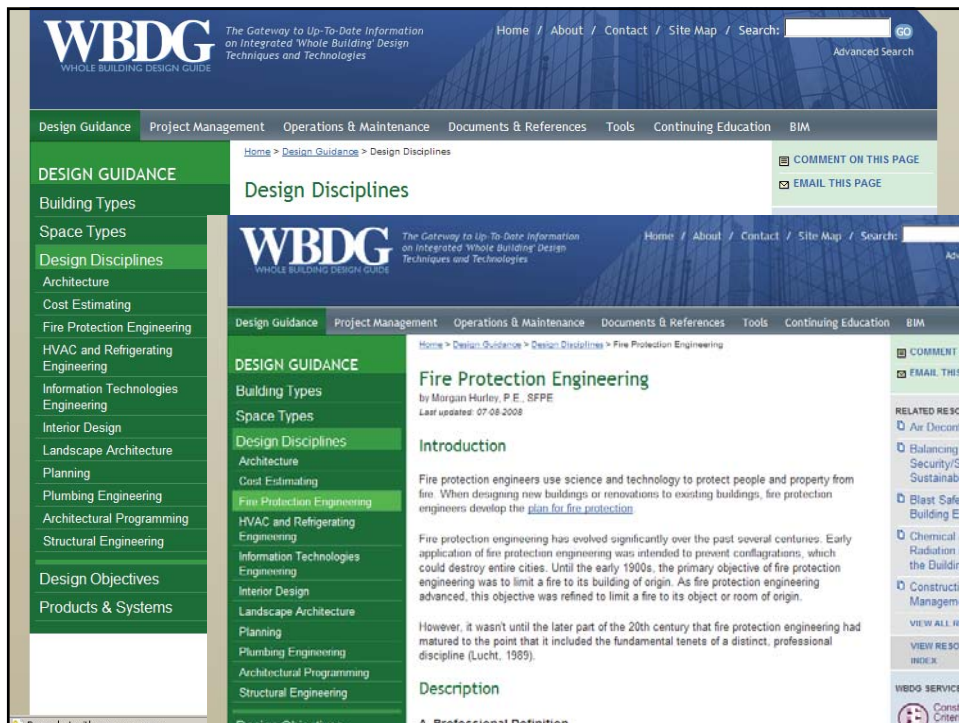
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- Advocate environmental and sustainability goals during project planning and programming



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This is a guidance document with sample specification language intended to be inserted into project specifications on this subject as appropriate to the agency's environmental goals. Certain provisions, where indicated, are required for U.S. federal agency projects. Sample specification language is numbered to clearly distinguish it from advisory or discussion material. Each sample is preceded by identification of the typical location in a specification section where it would appear using the SectionFormat™ of the Construction Specifications Institute; the six digit section number cited is per CSI Masterformat™ 2004 and the five digit section number cited parenthetically is per CSI Masterformat™ 1995.

SPECIFIER NOTE
This section includes requirements for IAQ management during construction. Coordinate with requirements of other sections, verify that products and installation methods specified in other sections are environmentally appropriate. Edit to suit location and project.
For more information on IAQ, refer to the U.S. EPA Green Indoor Environments Program <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/greenbuilding/index.html>
Also, refer to the American Lung Association, a voluntary health organization that

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Executive Order 13423 Technical Guidance for Implementing the Five Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings

Introduction

As directed in [EO 13423](#), the Interagency Sustainability Working Group has developed this technical guidance to assist agencies in meeting EO goals and statutory requirements. This technical guidance includes clarification of requirements; related mandates; additional recommendations and considerations; and resources for implementation, including model contract and specification language per the [Federal Green Construction Guide for Specifiers](#).

The ISWG shall review the *Guiding Principles* and Technical Guidance periodically for updates and to consider adopting additional principles or goals addressing issues such as conservation plantings, integrated pest management, deconstruction, and siting.

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New guidance on High Performance Federal Buildings was issued December 5, 2008. It includes revised Guiding Principles for new construction, new Guiding Principles for existing buildings, clarification of reporting guidelines for entering information on the sustainability data element (#25) in the Federal Real Property Profile, and an explanation of how to calculate the percentage of buildings and square footage that are compliant with the Guiding Principles for agencies' scorecard input. The WBDG will be updated in the coming months to reflect these changes.

A set of answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) on this guidance, is also provided below. These FAQs are based on comments received during the development of this guidance, and will be updated as necessary.

- [High Performance and Sustainable Buildings Guidance](#) (PDF 192 KB)
- [High Performance and Sustainable Buildings Guidance - Comment Resolution Summary](#) (PDF 88 KB)

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E.O. 13423 Technical Guidance Five Guiding Principles

The five Guiding Principles address:

- Employing integrated design;
- Optimizing energy performance;
- Protecting and conserving water;
- Enhancing indoor environmental quality; and
- Reducing the environmental impact of materials.

To build from this and other accomplishments and to pave the way for future success, the President signed **Executive Order 13423 "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management"** on January 24, 2007. This Executive Order (EO) consolidates and strengthens a number of prior EOs by establishing new and updated goals, practices, and reporting requirements for environmental, energy, and transportation performance and accountability.

In the area of sustainable design and high performance buildings, **the new EO makes mandatory the five Guiding Principles of the MOU for all new construction and major renovations** and sets an aggressive goal for applying these practices to existing capital assets over the next decade.

Sustainable Buildings Industry Council



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by Don Sapp, Plexus Scientific
Last updated: 06-13-2008

Introduction

The operations and maintenance (O&M) of facilities covers all that broad spectrum of services required to assure the built environment is available to and will perform the [functions](#) for which they were designed and constructed. O&M is comprised of the day-to-day activities necessary for the built entities to perform their intended function. Operations and maintenance are combined into the one term O&M because an entity cannot operate without being maintained; therefore the two are discussed as one.

At this time the Operations and Maintenance section offers guidance in the following areas:

- [Real Property Inventory \(RPI\)](#)—Provides an overview on the type of system needed to maintain an inventory of an organization's assets and manage those assets.
- [Computerized Maintenance Management Systems \(CMMS\)](#)—Contains descriptions of procedures and practices used to track the maintenance of an organization's assets and associated costs.

Future updates to the Operations and Maintenance section will provide additional guidance in the areas described below.

The scope of [O&M](#) includes the activities required to keep the entire built environment as contained in the organization's [Real Property Inventory](#) of buildings and structures and their supporting facilities such as utility systems, parking lots, roads, drainage structures and grounds in condition to be used to meet their intended function during their life cycle. These activities include routine and breakdown maintenance and repairs, operations of utility systems and grounds care. It varies from O&M of a single building to a complex of many buildings and structures or groups of complexes. As the number of buildings and

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Real Property Inventory (RPI)

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Introduction

Know Your Assets and What They Cost!

A system to maintain an inventory of an organization's assets/real property is required not only to know what assets the organization has that must be maintained but also to manage those assets and meet asset record and reporting requirements placed on an organization. At one time inventory records were maintained only in paper files with a list of assets, their value and limited other information maintained for ready reference. With the dawn of the Computer age things have changed. Inventory records for ready reference have become easier to prepare and maintain as they are recorded in a computer database. These ready reference records have grown to include more information on each asset. As the inventory database/records have grown their use has expanded because the information can be more easily included in manage reports and other management documents and can be made available for use in other databases such as an operations and maintenance organization's [Computerized Maintenance Management Systems \(CMMS\)](#). Because of the expanded use of real property inventories (RPIs) they have become an important part of an organizations asset management. In fact in the federal government all agencies are required by [Executive Order 13327](#), Federal Real Property Asset Management, to identify and categorize all real property owned, leased, or other-wise managed by the agency.

Description

In today's business environment RPIs are or should be maintained in computer databases

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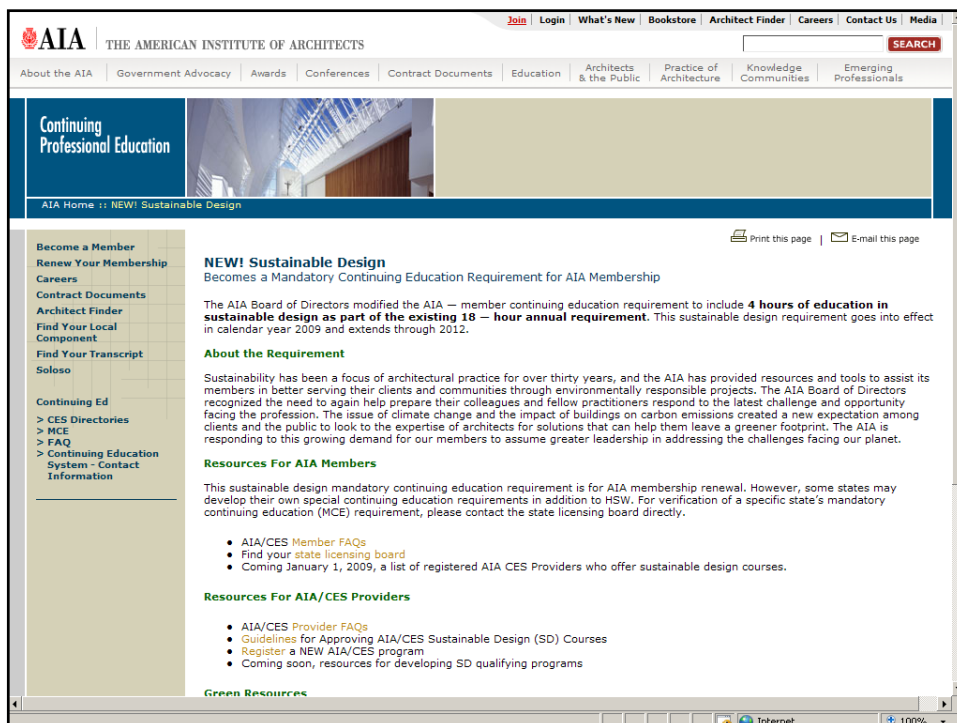
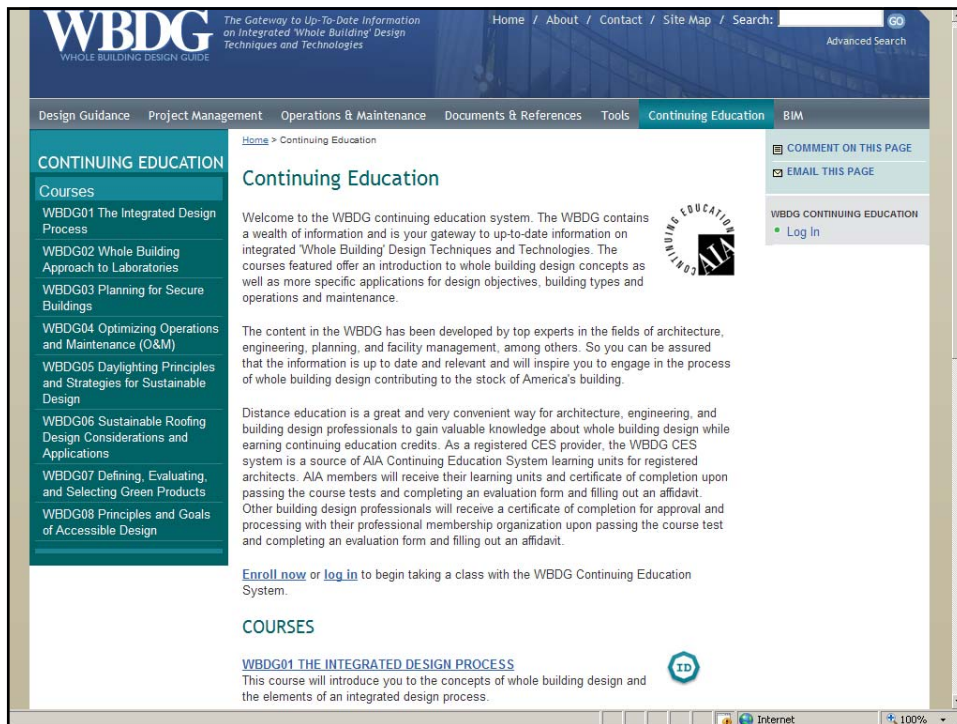
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Charrettes/Project Team Meetings

- A high-performance building cannot be achieved unless the integrated design approach is employed.
- Conduct charrettes & project team meetings from concept through planning, design & construction (include O&M folks)
- Use the Whole Building Design Guide as a tool to achieve high-performance buildings





Emerging Issues

- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Design for deconstruction
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- Focus on Existing Buildings
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Thank you for your time!
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