



Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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Green Guide Tips

Simple How-To's for using the Guide effectively

How To Use the Green Guide™ and LEED® in Concert

Join the Pilot and take part in the on-line Forum. Joining the Pilot is free! Work out solutions to barriers to implementation for certain strategies with your peers in a private, anonymous list-serve. Participation in the Pilot gives design teams, facility managers, and owners access to the on-line Forum, an interactive list-serve designed to allow participants to share implementation strategies, ask questions, and build knowledge about each credit. There is no similar list-serve for health care projects in the LEED program.

Don't reinvent the wheel. A number of LEED credits have been modified in the Green Guide to address issues specific to hospitals. One simple example of this is the Green Guide credit dealing with monitoring Indoor Air Quality during Construction. While the credit intent and requirements are the same as in LEED, the documentation requirements have been modified to align with ICRA (Infection Control Risk Assessment) protocols that health care owners now use to limit construction impacts in occupied buildings. Over the Pilot program period, design teams will receive updated list-serve postings about the acceptance of such credit modifications within the LEED framework.

Mine the Green Guide for Innovation credits. Unique Green Guide credits may assist design teams in defining and achieving Innovation Credits, which comprise up to 4 points in the LEED rating system.

Help shape the future of green healthcare. The Green Guide Pilot is a key foundation document for the LEED for Healthcare Application Guide. Owners and design teams actively engaged in health care projects that are utilizing the Green Guide can help shape it through participation in the Pilot. The Green Guide Forum provides the best venue for industry input into the value of modifying LEED-NC with healthcare-specific new credits as well as the challenges of achieving them. The LEED Application Guide committee is monitoring the Green Guide Forum closely to help define the future direction for health care in LEED.

News

1. Our new **Pilot Project Coordinator**, Adele Houghton, joined the Green Guide in mid May. Starting with this newsletter, she will be making sure the Pilot runs smoothly and providing better communications with our growing Green Guide community. Trained as an architect, Adele comes to us from Kirksey, a large architecture firm in Houston, TX, where she acted as an in-house green consultant.
2. Interested in learning more about the Green Guide and how to use it effectively on your projects? Visit our website (<http://www.gghc.org/events.cfm>) for a list of **upcoming educational events**.
3. The long awaited **printed edition** of the Green Guide for Health Care 2.0 Pilot is forthcoming! Look for the online store towards the end of the month, and take advantage of a limited time pre-order discount.
4. The group of **Pilot projects** continues to grow exponentially, more than doubling in the past month and a half! As of mid June, 26 domestic and 5 international projects have signed up for the Pilot. Pilot registration is free. Visit <http://www.gghc.org/participate.cfm> to join the growing list of health care facilities taking advantage of the resources provided by the Green Guide framework. Remember, even facilities that are not currently under construction can participate in the Pilot to share their construction experience or to review their facility under the Operations section.
5. The Green Guide for Health Care Steering Committee is soliciting **Endorsements** from companies and organizations committed to holding a leadership role in the healthcare industry. Endorsers support the principles of the Guide and intend to use and promote the Guide. Endorsement does not, however, require or imply an explicit endorsement of every strategy or credit represented within the Guide. No direct financial or in-kind commitment is required to sign on as an Endorser. Endorsers will be listed in the Supporters section of the document and on the GGHC web site. For more information, visit <http://www.gghc.org/supportgghc.cfm>.
6. Submissions for the **2005 Healthcare Environment Awards** sponsored by The Center for Health Design are due Friday, June 24. Visit <http://healthdesign.org/advocacy/awards/environmental.php> to download the rules and eligibility.
7. The May 2005 edition of *Healthdesign* magazine features an **article by Robin Guenther** that describes the Green Guide in the context of the health care industry's mandate to "First, do no harm." You can find her article at http://www.healthcaredesignmagazine.com/Current_Issue.htm?ID=4011. Coming soon to the GGHC website: a database of GGHC and green health care articles.