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Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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Highlights from the July Quarterly Update on the Pilot's Progress

Visit http://www.gghc.org/download/mgdocs.cfm for a copy of the full quarterly report.

The Pilot program continues to grow rapidly. 35 projects are currently registered, representing 7,300,000 square feet.

Current pilots are located in the following states and countries: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Canada, China, Malaysia, Poland. If you have a new construction project or are operating an existing facility, consider signing on as a Pilot Project and share information with your peers.

Green Guide Website Registrants Tops 5,000

Registrants come from every state in the US. Roughly 300 registrants are Canadian. 300 other registrants come from 64 other countries.

Breakdown of Registrant professions

35% Architects

13% Engineers

22% Owners

3% Contractors

9% Consultants

2% Sales Representatives

16% Other

Facility Types Participating in the Pilot

69% Acute Care

14% Specialty Hospitals

14% Retirement Facilities

3% Outpatient Care

Five Most Popular Green Guide Credits

SS-c1 Site Selection

SS-c8 Light Pollution Reduction

EQ-c3 Construction IAQ Management Plan

EQ-c4.1-3 Low-Emitting Materials: Interior Adhesives and Sealants, Wall and Ceiling Finishes, Flooring

EQ-c5.2 Chemical & Pollutant Source Control: Indoor

News

- 1. Have a story to share about a successful strategy you've applied to a Green Guide credit? We are gathering examples of exemplary green strategies successfully carried out in healthcare facilities. Each monthly newsletter will profile a facility and its creative approach. Both Pilots and Registrants are eligible to participate. Please send story with value-added results to info@gahc.org by August 5.
 This month's topic: Integrated Design.
- Green Guide highlighted in the AIA-published Guidelines for Design and
 Construction of Hospital and Health Care
 Facilities. The upcoming 2006 edition of the
 Guidelines cites the Green Guide as a
 reference document for best practices. See
 www.aia.org/aah_gd_hospcons for the
 draft document.
- The June edition of Environmental Building News featured a cover story on green design in healthcare: "Hospital, Heal Thyself." Visit www.buildinggreen.com to register with EBN and download a copy of the article.
- 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.
- 5. Join the growing list of healthcare facilities taking advantage of the resources provided by the Green Guide framework. Sign up your project at http://www.gqhc.org/participate.cfm
 Remember, even facilities that are not currently under construction can participate in the Pilot to share their construction experience or to review their facility operations under the Operations section.
- The Green Guide welcomes our new Partners: American Society for Landscape Architects, Karlsberger Companies, Progressive AE, and Perkins + Will.
- 7. The Green Guide welcomes our new Endorsers: Premier; Women's Health and Environmental Network; Oregon Center for Environmental Health; Robert D. Lynn Associates; Construction Specialties; Houston Advanced Research Center; Shaw; Legrand: Watt Stopper, Ortronics, Pass & Seymour, Wiremold; Novation; InPro; Boulder Associates; Nora; Lionakis Beaumont Design Group; Carnegie; Integrated Architecture; Center for Environmental Health; Mechoshade.