



Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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Highlights from: April 2006 Green Guide Pilot Quarterly Update

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Green Guide Geographic Distribution

Since the launch of the *Green Guide* website in November 2003, over 8,000 people have registered. *Green Guide* Registrants are represented in every state in the U.S., in 9 Canadian provinces, and in 61 other countries. Pilot projects are spread across the U.S., Canada, and internationally.

A growing number of states host more than 100 professionals registered on the *Green Guide*'s website. States with more than 200 website registrants are listed below:

1. California (900)
2. New York (475)
3. Massachusetts (380)
4. Texas (350)
5. Pennsylvania (340)
6. Illinois, Washington (300)
7. Ohio (280)
8. Michigan (270)
9. Wisconsin (250)
10. Colorado, Minnesota, Oregon (200)

Update on the Green Guide Pilot Program

The Pilot program continues to grow rapidly. Over 90 projects are currently registered, representing 25,000,000 square feet of construction. The marked upswing in Pilot registrations during the first quarter of 2006 may signal the beginning stages of a tipping point in the health care construction industry in favor of green design and construction. Already, major health care organizations and architecture firms have begun to adopt the *Green Guide for Health Care* company-wide.

Green Guide Pilot projects are also creating a climate for innovation and exemplary performance in regions with a critical mass of engagement, such as Boston, the Great Lakes, and California. Meanwhile, the *Green Guide*'s flexible structure continues to accommodate all sizes of projects, from small renovations to major replacement facilities and operations. The upcoming *Green Guide for Health Care* Version 2.2 will enhance the document's flexibility and appropriateness for renovations and additions.

Green Guide Teleconferences

In January 2006, Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) added a free monthly green building teleconference series to their education program. Hosted by the *Green Guide*, each month's topic explores an area of study in depth. The first four conferences have been very successful, attracting a diverse group of attendees, from architects to health care providers to product manufacturers.

Together, architects and engineers represent roughly 40% of teleconference participants. Healthcare providers represent another 20-25%, with consultants, contractors, government agencies, non-profits, educational institutions, and product manufacturers rounding out the demographics. Each month's teleconference attracts between 200 and 500 telephone line connections. However, the *Green Guide* estimates that each teleconference reaches approximately 400-1,000 listeners, because many participants broadcast the teleconference to a group of people.

Please email suggestions for future teleconference topics to info@gghc.org.

News

1. **May Green Guide for Health Care teleconference: Tracking Your Progress: GGHC Documentation.** (May 5, 1-2:30pm ET) The *Green Guide* offers teleconferences through the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) website every first Friday of the month. Register for this **FREE** educational opportunity at www.h2e-online.org/events/teleconf/index.cfm
2. **Visit the [Supporters](#) section of the *Green Guide* website for information on how to support our work.** All donations to the *Green Guide* are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
3. **Join us May 29-31 in Stockholm at CleanMed Europe 2006**, the premiere environmental conference for health care leaders and staff. Register today at www.cleanmed.org
4. **UT School of Nursing and Student Center** selected as an AIA Committee on the Environment top Ten Green Project for 2006. Visit <http://www.ariatopten.org/hpb/> for more information.
5. **Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E)** recognized a groundbreaking 190 hospitals, health systems and health care organizations at CleanMed 2006 in Seattle, WA, for outstanding achievement in reducing waste, virtually eliminating mercury, and improving environmental performance. Visit <http://www.h2e-online.org/> to learn more about the winners.
6. ***Green Guide* version 2.1 has been released in print and on our website.** Visit the *Green Guide* [Download](#) page to purchase printed copies through our Online Store or to download the electronic PDF version for free.
8. **The *Green Guide* welcomes our new Partner:** HDR Architecture, Inc.
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