



Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

September 2007

Highlights from *Green Guide for Health Care* September 2007 Quarterly Report

Please note that the Quarterly Report will be available for download on the Green Guide's website (www.gghc.org) starting October 15, 2007.

Growth in *Green Guide* Website Registration

The *Green Guide for Health Care* online community continues to grow at a fast pace, averaging close to 500 new registrants each month. At the close of the third quarter of 2007, total website registration is approaching 15,000.

North America – *Green Guide* website registrants are located in every state in the U.S. and every province in Canada, with 18 registrants in Mexico. California leads the rest of the U.S. with over 1,000 participants.

International – The website's international reach has expanded to 102 countries in addition to the United States. Four countries host more than 100 *Green Guide* website registrants: Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and India. Other countries with large *Green Guide* registrant populations include: Brazil, France, Malaysia, Portugal, South Africa, and the Philippines.

Green Guide Registered Projects

Green Guide project registration also continues to grow. 138 projects are currently registered with the *Green Guide*, representing 33.5 million square feet of construction representing 34 U.S. states, 4 Canadian provinces, and 6 other countries: China, Guatemala, Malaysia, the Philippines, Poland, and Portugal.

60% of all *Green Guide* projects are pursuing both the *Construction* and *Operations* section of the self-certification program, with an average of 32 points pursued in the *Construction* section and 16 points in the *Operations* section.

The majority of *Green Guide* projects continue to be represented in the Acute Care and New Construction categories (60% and 50%, respectively). However, the number of registered projects in other facility categories (Medical Office Buildings, Specialty facilities, and Retirement) continue to increase. Additions, Renovations, and combination construction projects (new, additions, and renovations) also continue to use the *Green Guide* and register new projects.

Educational Outreach

In **August 2007**, the *Green Guide for Health Care* released a report on the Version 2 *Green Guide* Pilot. The Pilot Report presents a groundbreaking, comprehensive portrait of the health care industry's approach to green building and operations. Pilot projects are analyzed "At a Glance" by building type and construction type, offering a quick, graphic guide to average credit achievement levels. The Report identifies significant lessons learned and key strategies for success, as well as highlights case studies of selected *Green Guide* Pilot projects.

All *Green Guide for Health Care* educational materials can be accessed in the "Downloads" folder in the secure areas of the *Green Guide* website (www.gghc.org). To access this portion of the website, click on the "login" link at the top of the *Green Guide* homepage and log on to the website.

Presentations and Teleconferences

The *Green Guide* continues to partner with Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) on a monthly Green Building Teleconference Series. PDF and audio files for all previous teleconferences are available on the H2E website. For more information about the series and to listen to previous teleconference presentations, visit H2E's website at www.h2e-online.org. The topics covered during the second half of 2007 are listed below:

- July – Specifying Green Furniture and Furnishings
- August – Toxic Chemical Avoidance in Health Care Construction and Facilities
- September – "How To" Achieve Materials & Resources Credits
- October – Sustainable Food Procurement and Design
- November – Introduction to the Pharos Project
- December – "How To" Achieve Environmental Quality Credits

The *Green Guide* also presented at several conferences this summer: AIA Utah Healthcare Conference, Midway, UT; Consorta Source 2007, Chicago, IL; 2007 FacilityCare Summit, Orlando, FL; and Health & Sustainability Conference, Ithaca, NY.

For more information about scheduling a *Green Guide* presentation or workshop, please contact Adele Houghton, *Green Guide for Health Care* Project Manager at adeleh@gghc.org or 512 928 4786.

News

1. **Join us on Friday, October 5 from 1-2:30 ET for the next GGHC/H2E (Hospitals for a Healthy Environment) Green Building teleconference: [Sustainable Food Procurement and Design](#).** A subscription is required to access H2E teleconferences. Visit <http://h2e-online.org/subscribe/index.htm> for more information.
2. **DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30! Public comment period for the 2010 edition of the [Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities](#) closes **September 30, 2007**.** Visit the [FGI website](#) to propose changes – both revisions and additional material.
3. **Purchase a printed copy of GGHC Version 2.2 at the GGHC Online Store!** Visit <http://www.gghc.org> to access the *Green Guide*'s online store or to download a free, PDF digital copy.
4. **Download the newly released GGHC Pilot Report and Technical Briefs!** Visit <http://www.gghc.org> to access these valuable tools for project teams interested in targeting the most effective green strategies for the health care industry. The Tech Brief project was generously funded by the Merck Family Fund and NYSERDA.
5. **Register your project with the *Green Guide for Health Care*!** *Green Guide* registrants can register projects at no charge by logging onto www.gghc.org and following the prompts on the [Project](#) web page. Project registration is fast and easy and grants up to 14 project team members access to GGHC online tools such as checklists and a peer-to-peer Forum open only to *Green Guide* registered project teams.
6. **Share your vision for the critical issues affecting health care environments in the future!** Click [here](#) to participate in a national survey hosted by The Center for Health Design's Coalition for Health Environments Research (CHER).
7. **Save the Date for CleanMed 2008** – the Global Conference on Environmentally Sustainable Health Care. May 20-22, 2008 at the Hilton Pittsburgh. More information coming soon on call for presenters and poster submissions. Click [here](#) for more information.
8. **Support the *Green Guide for Health Care*!** 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.
9. **The *Green Guide for Health Care* welcomes our new Endorsers:** Arden Architectural Specialties, Mats, Inc., and SmithGroup.