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## Announcing the *Green Guide for Health Care*™ Operations Pilot Program – Join Now!

In first quarter 2010, the *Green Guide for Health Care*, in collaboration with Practice Greenhealth, is launching a one-year *Green Guide for Health Care Operations Pilot Program* for healthcare organizations engaged in any or all aspects of green operations initiatives, based on *Green Guide* v2.2 Operations section. The intent of the *Operations Pilot* is to create a learning community of peers to share best practices across the different areas that comprise sustainable health care operations using web-based tools and resources, and to facilitate market transformation as the *Green Guide* evolves to meet the sustainability guidance needs of the healthcare community. Benefits of participation include recognition on the *Green Guide* website as an early adopter, a leadership role in shaping new tool development, and enhanced access to professional services. Participation may be confidential upon request.

Our initial announcements were made during three *Green Guide*-related events at the Health Care Design '09 Conference November 1-3, 2009 (Orlando, FL, [www.hcd09.org](http://www.hcd09.org)).

- Designing the Regenerative Hospital (Pre-Conference Workshop)
- Taking "Green" into Hospital Operations (Roundtable)
- Reducing Healthcare Impacts on Climate Change (Roundtable)

The *Green Guide Operations Pilot* program will include a representative cross-section of *Green Guide Operations* projects. Selection into the program will be based on size and type of health care facility, geographic location and focused areas within the *Revised GGHC Operations Section* (released December 2008). The *Operations Pilot* project team will consist of Kumkum M. Dilwali (Senior Director, *Green Guide*, Project Manager), Janet Brown (Vice President Facility Engagement, Practice Green Health), and Lorissa McAllister (Practice Leader, Progressive AE), with overall program guidance by the *Green Guide* Co-Coordinators, Robin Guenther, Walt Vernon and Gail Vittori.

- Be an active member of an on-line *Operations Pilot* learning community. Participate in Pilot only teleconferences and focus groups—learn from your peers and industry experts.
- Track *Operations Section(s)* of interest to assess credit achievability, share best practices, overcome barriers and challenges, and celebrate your progress
- Stay connected to pilot program participants via a dedicated *Operations Pilot* portal on the new *Green Guide* website

For an *Expression of Interest* application, contact [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org).

Please direct all *Green Guide* inquiries to [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org)

*Green Guide for Health Care* is a joint project of Health Care Without Harm ([www.hcwh.org](http://www.hcwh.org)) and the Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems ([www.cmpbs.org](http://www.cmpbs.org)).

### Resources

**Webinars:** Join us for our monthly Design and Construction webinars! All 90-min sessions begin at 1pm Eastern Time.

**Friday, November 13**

[Daylighting the Contemporary Hospital](#)

**Friday, December 11**

[Sustainable Return on Investment: Calculating Your Triple Bottom Line](#)

Webinars are eligible for AIA Continuing Education credits. More information at

[www.practicegreenhealth.org](http://www.practicegreenhealth.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Sustainable Sites Initiative Releases 2009 Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks and opens a Call for Pilot Projects** For more information, go to [www.ssi.org](http://www.ssi.org).

**Call for 2010 Webinars!** Have a health care greening case study, innovative methods, or tools to share? Conduct a webinar. For details, click here <http://www.practicegreenhealth.org/tools/webinars/>.

**Sustainable Healthcare Architecture**, co-authored by Robin Guenther, FAIA, and Gail Vittori, LEED-AP can be purchased at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). This 429-page book on green building in health care, published in 2008, provides valuable guidance and case studies.

**Download FREE, digital copies of the *Green Guide* at [www.gghc.org](http://www.gghc.org)**

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