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## LEED AP UPDATE!

The current LEED NC and LEED CI exams will retire June 30, 2009.

You must register for the exam by March 31, 2009.

[Learn more from GBCI's most recent press release!](#)

## Save the Date!

[Greening the Heartland 2009 - May 31 - June 2 in Detroit, MI!](#)

[3rd Annual Midwest Energy & Climate Policy Conference - June 1-2 at Missouri Botanical Garden](#)

## Whole Building Commissioning - March 18 Program

**Don't forget to RSVP for next week's Chapter Program in partnership with Greater Saint Louis Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute!**

**Speaker:** Laura Ludwig, P.E., QCxP, Cotter Consulting, Inc.

### When

Wednesday, March 18, 2009  
5:30 - Registration & Networking  
6:15 - 7:30- Presentation

### Where

AmerenUE Headquarters' Auditorium (just off the atrium)  
1901 Chouteau Avenue (63103)

### Fee

Free to USGBC-STL and CSI members and students  
\$20.00 for Non-members

**Please RSVP** to [usgbc-stl@mobot.org](mailto:usgbc-stl@mobot.org) or call (314) 577-0225.

**Program Sponsored by William Tao & Associates**

For more information, please see the [program announcement](#).  
And don't forget to bring your refillable water bottle!

## Janine Benyus at Washington University - March 19

Janine Benyus, of the Biomimicry Institute, will speak at Washington University as part of the Engineers Without Borders Speakers Series. Janine was a keynote speaker at Greenbuild 2008. This event is free and open to the public!

**WHAT:** Janine Benyus lecture - Biomimicry: Building From Nature's Blueprints

**WHEN:** Thursday March 19th at 5:30 pm

**WHERE:** Graham Chapel at Washington University

Learn more about Janine's work and the [Biomimicry Institute](#).

## Introducing . . . LEED Core Concepts & Strategies

**This is full day workshop focuses on the new version of LEED, which will launch on April 27, 2009.**

**WHAT:**The LEED Core Concepts and Strategies course will provide essential knowledge of the LEED Rating Systems and sustainable building concepts for those seeking a better understanding of LEED or pursuing GBCI's LEED Green Associate (Tier I) credential. LEED concepts will be presented at the credit category level - across building types and rating systems - and basics on the building certification process will be covered.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 2, 2009, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**WHERE:** RCGA Regional Collaboration Center  
1 Met Square, 13th Floor, Downtown St. Louis

### COST:

*Early Registration* - \$345 for USGBC National Member and \$445 for non-members

*Late Registration* - **begins Thursday, March 26** - \$375 for USGBC National Member and \$495 for non-members.

[More information or registration.](#)

## Missouri Green Building Legislation Update

We are excited about all the green building specific legislation that's been filed this year! Check out the summaries below.

[Senate Bill 430](#) (Sponsored by Sen. Jeff Smith)

Creates and modifies provisions pertaining to environmentally sustainable practices.

- Energy-Efficient Appliances: any appliance purchased with any portion of state funding shall be an Energy Star appliance.
- **State Buildings: any state building built, substantially renovate or acquired for lease must be certified by the USGBC under LEED Silver**
- Codes: gives counties of the third classification the same authority to adopt a building code as current law provides to counties of the first and second classifications.
- Income Tax Deductions: on the purchase of qualified hybrid motor vehicles.
- Green Schools Grant: \$500,000 a year aggregate in grants to public school districts for obtaining LEED certification on new or substantial renovation projects.

[Senate Bill 431](#) (Sponsored by Sen. Jeff Smith): Creates a **tax credit for the construction or renovation of buildings using environmentally sustainable techniques**. Tax credit consists of three components: green whole building component; green base building component; and the green tenant and space component.

[Senate Bill 543](#) (Sponsored by Sen. David Pearce): Creates a **tax credit for homes built under green build standards**. Tax credit based on rating system of NAHB and LEED-H

Green building, energy efficiency and renewable energy are hot topics among our Missouri lawmakers this year. Check out [Missouri Votes Conservation's website](#) for a broader (and much longer!) list of legislation.

Questions? Contact our Government Advocacy Subcommittee Chair, Richard Schuessler at 314-817-2686 or [richard.schuessler@ffic.com](mailto:richard.schuessler@ffic.com)

## Growing Green Awards Celebrates over 80 nominees!

We've been blown away by the response to the Growing Green Awards call for nominations - over 80 nominations poured in. We're impressed by the great work of the nominees that is transforming the built environment in the St. Louis Region! [Check out the Growing Green Award Nominees](#).

We will announce the winners on March 31 at the Growing Green Awards Celebration at the Coronado Ballroom. We hope you'll join us! [View the invitation](#) or [purchase tickets online](#).

*Thanks to our Growing Green Award Sponsors:*

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## Sign up for ReSource St. Louis' E-mail list

[You're invited to sign up for ReSource St. Louis' e-mail list!](#)

The mission of ReSource St. Louis is to divert construction and demolition materials from local landfills by offering environmentally and financially responsible alternatives to the traditional construction process.

The [ReSource St. Louis website](#) has recently been renovated with upgrades to the Materials Exchange. The more folks using this exchange, the more things we can divert from the landfill!

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