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Free Energy Efficiency Building Guide

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) will offer a series of energy efficiency guides for free. To promote building energy efficiency, ASHRAE and its partners are making the Advanced Energy Design Guides available for free download. The guides offer professionals in the building industry the tools needed for achieving a 30% energy savings compared to buildings that meet the minimum requirements of Standard 90.1-1999.

Just published, the 2007 version provides minimum requirements for the energy-efficient design of buildings except low-rise residential buildings. The standard contains changes made through 47 addenda to the 2004 standard.

Get the Advanced Energy Design Guide [here](#).

Green Building Strategies from US Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council has made the Innovation & Design Credit Catalog available online. The catalog contains a listing of proven green building strategies that have been successful on previous LEED-certified projects. The Innovation & Design credits are awarded for strategies that deliver environmental benefits but aren't specifically addressed in the current LEED rating system.

Projects currently can earn points for two types of credits in this category -- exemplary performance and innovative performance. The USGBC recommends designers use the catalog as a brainstorming tool. Get the LEED ID Credit Catalog [here](#).

Get Your Green Building Cost Comparison Guide

Accent Construction, in collaboration with Phillips Architecture PA and with the assistance of numerous local suppliers, recently developed a Green Building Cost Comparison Guide. The Guide gives specific information regarding the cost of standard building options compared to similar green building options.

The cost comparisons span several categories, including Electrical/Energy configurations, HVAC/Energy configurations, Plumbing/Energy configurations, Surface Materials and Casework. Get your copy of the Cost Comparison Guide [here](#).

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