

# CHOICE INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR EcoBUILDING, REMODELING, HOME ENERGY & CONSUMER TOOLS

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### I. NONPROFITS, CONFERENCES, GOVT.

#### Northwest

Northwest EcoBuilding Guild (NWEBG) PO Box 58530  
Seattle, WA 98138

Web: [www.ecobuilding.org](http://www.ecobuilding.org)

E-mail: [membership@ecobuilding.org](mailto:membership@ecobuilding.org)

For more info, contact your local area contact phone number on web site.

Regional organization advancing building practices that foster human health, resource conservation and long-term economic vitality. Monthly educational and networking meetings held by seven chapters in the Pacific Northwest.

The Guild publishes annual Green Pages (printed and on-line versions) of designers, contractors, suppliers and professional services working toward ecological design. Green Pages also on web with ecobuilding articles and project information. Sponsors a fall week-end retreat. Dues: basic non-professional: \$25 (no Green Pages listing); basic professional: \$50 (Green Pages listing including on-line and printed versions); small business: \$150 (under 10 employees); large business: \$350 (under 100 employees); corporation: \$500 (over 100 employees); sponsor: \$1,000.

**Solar Energy Assn. of Oregon, 205 SE Grand #202, Portland, OR 97214** Tel & fax: 503-231-5662 Web: [www.solaror.org](http://www.solaror.org) E-mail: [solaror@teleport.com](mailto:solaror@teleport.com) Develops & distributes educational materials and programs, sponsors workshops, presentations, conferences, annual solar home tours. Solar Oregon quarterly newsletter includes calendar (editor Marnie McPhee [marniemcph@aol.com](mailto:marniemcph@aol.com)). Annual dues: \$35; student/ nonprofit \$20; professional \$50.

**Oregon Office of Energy (OOoE)** Toll-free in Oregon: 1-800-221-8035. Web: [www.energy.state.or.us](http://www.energy.state.or.us) Information on appliance rebates, homeowner and renter renewable energy residential personal income tax credit, business tax credits and Small Scale Energy Loan Program. Residen-

tial renewable energy tax credit includes allowance for passive solar heating and can be used in the *same* year as a solar water heating tax credit, wind, etc. *The renewable energy credit is a bottom line reduction dollar for dollar off state personal income tax.* Credit can be carried forward; allowable systems include photovoltaics (electricity produced by sun through solar cells), wind, small-scale hydro, bio-fuels; available to renters and home-owners; even can be used on RVs or other second homes.

#### Local (Lane County, OR)

**NW EcoBuilding Guild (NWEBG), Eugene Chapter**  
POB 10513 Eugene, OR 97440 Web: [www.ecobuilding.org/eugene/](http://www.ecobuilding.org/eugene/) Monthly meetings with free educational presentations open to the public first Wed. of each month at 7 pm, McNail-Riley House, corner of Jefferson and W. 13th. For referrals, call Rob Bolman, EcoBuilding contractor Tel: 541-344-7196 E-mail: [robtb@efn.org](mailto:robtb@efn.org) or Kathy Ging, Realtor, Tel: 541-342-8461 E-mail: [kathyging@aol.com](mailto:kathyging@aol.com)

**Ecological Design Center (EDC)** University of Oregon 381B Lawrence Hall, Eugene, OR 97403 Tel: 541-346-0719 Web: <http://edc.uoregon.edu> E-mail: [edc@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:edc@darkwing.uoregon.edu) EDC is an inter-disciplinary student-run organization for education and action in ecological design arts. Open to the public, it offers info on renewable energy, conservation, sustainable living, environmentally sensitive design and referrals to local solar providers.

Organizes annual Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability (H.O.P.E.S.) conference. April 18-21, 2002 topic: Energizing Potential, focus on how design arts use and create energy to help share cultural education and sustainable communities.

Unique opportunity for trans-disciplinary discussion of successful ecological design. Public welcome. EDC publishes a free newsletter, *Solar Incidents*, calendar of free lectures. Lending library - books, videos and more.

**Energy Outlet** free conservation and renewable energy products/programs info, tax credits, rebates by utilities, government. (See web site of [homepower.com](http://homepower.com) for all state incentives).

Web: [www.energyoutlet.com](http://www.energyoutlet.com) E-mail: [eoutlet@epud.net](mailto:eoutlet@epud.net)  
409 High St, Eugene, OR 97401 Tel: 541-683-5060  
Open 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues through Sat.

**Sustainable Business Symposium** (annual) Open to public free or by donation. Sponsored by University of Oregon Business Dept., Eugene, usually in November.

Web: [www.uoregon.edu/~sbs](http://www.uoregon.edu/~sbs)  
E-mail: [klynn1@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:klynn1@darkwing.uoregon.edu) Tel: 541-346-0670

### Materials Resource Center

E-mail: [mrc@aaa.uoregon.edu](mailto:mrc@aaa.uoregon.edu) Tel: 541-346-1470 open to the public. Dept. of Architecture and Allied Arts, Lawrence Hall, Rm. 476, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403

**Aprovecho Institute** 80574 Hazelton, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 Web: [www.efn.org/~apro](http://www.efn.org/~apro) E-mail: [apro@efn.org](mailto:apro@efn.org) Tel: 541-942-8198; (27 min. to Eugene) Conducts research and education in organic gardening, sustainable forestry, and appropriate technologies with the goal of promoting sustainable living. Hosts three 10-week intensive internships yearly for interns housed in a strawbale dormitory. Also provides technical assistance to appropriate technology projects in developing countries. Free open house first Sunday each month, 2 p.m. Dues: \$30-100; \$15 student/low income. Raising funds now for second eco-creative dorm, buildings.

**Lost Valley Education Center** Web: [www.lostvalley.org](http://www.lostvalley.org) E-mail: [lvec@lostvalley.org](mailto:lvec@lostvalley.org) Tel. 541-937-3351 fax (call first): 937-4313 81868 Lost Valley Ln. Dexter, OR 97431 (25 min. to Eugene). Programs, workshops and apprenticeships in agro-ecology and ecology covering permaculture, alternative building, improving group process. Hosts conferences, retreats on 90 rural acres for companies, non-profits, individuals.

**Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP)** Web: [www.pesticide.org](http://www.pesticide.org) E-mail: [info@pesticide.org](mailto:info@pesticide.org) P.O. Box 1393 Eugene, OR 97440 Tel: 541-344-5044 Newsletters, factsheets, books and political action on pesticides and chemicals. Publishes quarterly magazine with in-depth articles. Extensive library. Basic dues - \$25; Associate - \$50 Sustaining - \$100.

**Oregon Toxics Coalition** • 1192 Lawrence St, Eugene OR 97401 and/or P.O. Box 1106, Eugene OR 97440  
Tel: 541-465-8860 • Email: [info@oregontoxics.org](mailto:info@oregontoxics.org)  
Web: [oregontoxics.org](http://oregontoxics.org)

**S.F., CA: Bioneers Conference** Web: [www.bioneers.org](http://www.bioneers.org) E-mail: [info@bioneers.org](mailto:info@bioneers.org) Tel: 505-986-0366; fax: 505-986-1644; toll free: 1-877-BIONEER CHI/Bioneers Conference 901 W. San Mateo Road, Suite L Santa Fe, NM 87505 Sponsors yearly conference in late October in San Francisco, CA. Cutting edge info on building a sustainable future. Paul Hawken says, 'No conference on Earth celebrates more fully the possibilities of creating a world that is conducive to life.'

## II. DIRECTORIES, DATABASES, SOFTWARE & MISCELLANEOUS

### Center for Resourceful Building Technology

Web: [www.crbt.org](http://www.crbt.org) Email: [crbt@ncat.org](mailto:crbt@ncat.org) POB 100 Missoula, MT 59806 Tel: 406-549-7678; fax: -4100 A nationally recognized information source on resource efficient design, building materials and methods and job site recycling; under National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). Data base on-line Guide to Resourceful Efficient Building Technology, whole-house packages, panels, insulation, finishes and more.

Find links to other NW organizations and 'green' businesses: **Oregon Natural Step Network**, Sustainable Seattle, Car Sharing and Chefs Collaborative (Portland), Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO), GreenDisk (recycles disks), PCC Farmland Fund, Oregon Water Trust, ShoreBank Pacific, 21st Century Portfolio, IronStraw Group and many others chosen by Founders of a New Northwest 2000 - see website on Sustainable NW and Oregon Solutions.

**Greenspec & Greenspec Binder** provide reliable, up-to-date information on 1,200 green building products selected by **Environmental Building News** editors. Organized in CSI format, **GreenSpec** describes items, environmental considerations & manufacturer info. It features guideline specification language that can be adapted by users & incorporated into their projects. 8 1/2" x 11" paperback, 304 pages, \$59 for EBN subscribers, \$79 others.

**GreenSpec Binder** includes **GreenSpec** directory + 135 pages of manufacturers' product literature in binder organized by CSI divisions. \$79 for EBN subscribers, \$99 for others. Contact: BuildingGreen, Inc., 122 Birge St., Brattleboro, VT 05301. Tel: 800-861-0954; 802-257-7300 Web: [www.GreenSpec.com](http://www.GreenSpec.com)

**Oikos Product Directory** Web: [www.oikos.com](http://www.oikos.com) E-mail: [info@oikos.com](mailto:info@oikos.com) published by: **Iris Communications, Inc.** PO Box 20 Lorane, OR 97451  
Tel: 541-767-0355, fax: 541-767-0367 **Oikos Product Directory** is a comprehensive database listing manufacturers and suppliers of energy efficient and environmentally

responsible building materials; 2,200 companies listed available free on their site representing 6,000 products. Listings include links to detailed product info and reviews. **Iris Catalog** by Iris Communications, Inc., Web: [www.oikos.com/catalog/](http://www.oikos.com/catalog/) on-line catalog of 150 carefully selected books, videos and software programs on energy efficient and environmentally responsible homes.

### **Sustainability Shopping Engine**

Web: [www.sustainabilitystore.com](http://www.sustainabilitystore.com) Sustainability Source, Portland, OR, based on-line earth friendly directory of products that bills itself as a comprehensive source of socially and environmentally-screened products and services. According to promoter, Magee, these are some of the most environmentally and socially responsible companies known today. Company leaders are forging new ways of doing business and helping shape new directions for society.

**Co-op America** 1612 K St. NW #600 Washington, D. C. 20006 — Tel: 800-58-green, 202-872-5340

Websites: [www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org) • [www.realmoney.org](http://www.realmoney.org)  
[www.woodwise.org](http://www.woodwise.org) • [www.greenpages.org](http://www.greenpages.org)  
[www.socialinvest.org](http://www.socialinvest.org) • [www.sweatshops.org](http://www.sweatshops.org)

Co-op America's mission is to provide far-reaching economic strategies for achieving environmental sustainability & social justice. For 17 years, their innovative, practical tools have helped consumers & businesses harness spending & investing power. Publish **National Green Pages™** & the **Socially Responsible Financial Planning Handbook**. **Real Money** issue has good tips about non-toxic car & bike care, community investing. **Connections** is the newsletter of **Co-op America Business Network** (CABN), now 2,000 strong, that provides tools companies need to expand markets and reduce business costs - responsibly. **National Green Pages** and **Green Pages Online**, circulation 80,000+, the **National Green Pages** is a premier source for locating products and services from responsible businesses. Online free at [www.greenpages.org](http://www.greenpages.org) Because only CABN members can advertise in Co-op America publications, consumers can be more confident that products and services are coming from socially & environmentally responsible businesses.

**Boycott Action News (BAN)** is published within the Co-op America Quarterly. Co-op America supports the use of boycotts as a powerful economic strategy consumers can use to enact social change. *Co-op America does not endorse boycotts; only boycotts called by other organizations are reported here.* All allegations are made by boycott organizers and reported by them to BAN. To support a boycott, write a letter to the company being boycotted & send a copy to the boycott organizers-as well as boycotting the product.

**Green Seal** is a national non-profit that awards a Green Seal of Approval to products that have significantly lower environmental impacts', publishes a guide to buying the greenest copiers and fax machines, computer monitors, papers and cleaners. Tel: 202-331-7337 for **Office Green Buying Guide**.

**Good Company** Web: [www.goodcompany.cc](http://www.goodcompany.cc) E-mail: [info@goodcompany.cc](mailto:info@goodcompany.cc)

Tel: 541-341-GOOD/(4663). Fax: 541-341-6412 435 Lincoln St. Eugene, OR 97401

A sustainability research and consulting firm, Good Company helps diverse organizations understand sustainability, assess performance, monitor progress and develop meaningful and feasible strategies.

**Responsible Shopper** Web: [www.responsible shopper.org](http://www.responsible shopper.org) new tool to help learn more about companies behind products - clothing, paper, autos, toothpaste, and more. Investigates hundreds of companies on a range of issues - sweatshops, pollution, family-friendliness, ethics (in conjunction with Working Assets and Co-op America; Council on Economic Priorities does corporate ratings).

**GreenPeople** Web: [www.greenpeople.org](http://www.greenpeople.org) E-mail: [steve@greenpeople.org](mailto:steve@greenpeople.org) Non-profit project of SEE (Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs) 420 Raymond Ave., Suite 12, Santa Monica CA 90405 Tel: 310-399-9355 No charge for green organizations. \$9.95 yearly dues. Community network, bills itself as largest eco-friendly products searchable database: food, baby products, home improvement, health products, recycled products. 3,000 listings, 500 'green' organizations. Online searchable directory where 'green' businesses and organization members can advertise.

**Architect Institute of America (AIA)** publishes **Environmental Resource Guide (ERG)**, John Wiley; \$175.50 AIA members. 1998 supplement expands materials, applications and project reports. Web: [www.aiaonline.com](http://www.aiaonline.com)

**Energy-10** Web: [www.sbicouncil.org](http://www.sbicouncil.org) 1331 H. St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 2000 Tel: 202-628-7400. Computer software tool to speed performance of energy-efficient strategies for buildings through simulation of both daylighting and thermal performance. Application is designed to work in all parts of the country. Available from Sustainable Building Industry Council. Fee: professional - \$250; student/professor - \$50.

**International Institute for Bau-Biologie & Ecology, Inc.** Web: [www.bau-biologieusa.com](http://www.bau-biologieusa.com) E-mail: [baubiologie@earthlink.net](mailto:baubiologie@earthlink.net) Box 387 Clearwater, FL 33757 Tel: 727-461-4371

### III. RETAIL/MAIL ORDER, SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

#### Eugene, OR

##### **Certified Forest Products Council**

Web: [www.certifiedwood.org](http://www.certifiedwood.org) E-mail: [info@certifiedwood.org](mailto:info@certifiedwood.org)  
non-profit organization promoting conservation, protection and restoration of forests. CFPC advocates adoption of independent third-party forest certification and brings businesses and environmental interests together to build solutions to change forest management.

##### **Ecoforestry Institute (EI)** E-mail: [cfg@teleport.com](mailto:cfg@teleport.com) 785 Barton Rd. Glendale, OR

Tel: 541-832-2968; provides research, education and training in ecological forestry and restoration; management consulting for forest owners who want to practice long-term, ecologically responsible forestry, restoration, which can be certified by FSC standards. EI works with Cascadia Forest Goods to provide clients with opportunities to invest their FSC-certified resources and earn a share of profits from the sale of value-added products. EI/Research POB 9963, Moscow, ID 83843 • EI/Management POB 12141, Eugene, OR 97401 • EI/Restoration, Education and Training POB 140, Azalea, OR 97410.

##### **Cascadia Forest Goods, LLC**

Web: [www.cascadiaforestgoods.com](http://www.cascadiaforestgoods.com) E-mail: [cfg@teleport.com](mailto:cfg@teleport.com)  
2844 Adams Eugene, OR 97405 541-485-4477 (Tel. & fax); 1-888-775-0059 Brokers of lumber and forest products from ecologically responsible forests and certified by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards. Sells specialty products like fir flooring from small-diameter, understory trees.

**Greater Goods** 515 High Eugene, OR Tel: 541-485-4224 E-mail: [greatergoodseugene@earthlink.net](mailto:greatergoodseugene@earthlink.net) Sells a variety of minimum toxic paints and sealants from AFM, Bioshield, OSColor, Miner Paints, Timber Tek, energy efficient compact fluorescents, full spectrum lights, water and shower filters.

**BRING Recycling** E-mail: [info@bringrecycling.org](mailto:info@bringrecycling.org) Eugene Tel: 541-746-3023

#### Portland, OR

**Environmental Building Supplies** (new address 2002): 819 SE Taylor Portland, OR 97214 Tel: 503-222-3756; fax: 503-222-3756. E-mail: [ebs@EcoHaus.com](mailto:ebs@EcoHaus.com) Web: [EcoHaus.com](http://EcoHaus.com) Open Mon. to Fri. 9 am-5:30 pm. Sat. 10 am - 4 pm or by appointment. Request a catalog. Sells natural fibers & low toxic products & those made with recycled content & others including paints, wood finishes, carpets, natural linoleum, cork, bamboo flooring, certified framing lumber & plywood from well-managed for-

ests, hypo-allergenic drywall, efficient wood burning stoves. Updating their Web site, planning comprehensive resource for their products & for the environmental building movement with info on & links to like-minded organizations, associations, manufacturers. Occasionally have workshops.

**The Rebuilding Center** 2015 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Portland, OR Tel: 503-221-3193 started by nonprofit organization.

**Other Used Building Materials Stores in Portland:** Home and Garden Depot 3600 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. Tel: 503-232-6035 Hippo Hardware and Trading Co. 1040 E Burnside St. Tel: 503-231-1444 Rejuvenation House Parts 1100 SE Grand Ave. Tel: 503-238-1900

**RE Store** 1440 NW 52nd St. Portland, OR Web: [www.re-sources.org](http://www.re-sources.org) is a non-profit retail used building materials store designed to divert used building materials from the waste stream and encourage the purchase of used building & renovation materials. The non-profit owner is called RESources.

**Used Building Materials Association (UBMA)** Web: [www.ubma.org](http://www.ubma.org) a non-profit that supports diverting construction materials from landfills. Members operate used building material stores, recycling facilities, lumber salvagers, demolition firms and research institutions, annual conference.

**Endura Wood Products LLC** 1303 SE 6th Ave. Portland, OR 97214 Tel: 503-233-7090; fax: 233-7091 E-mail: [endura@teleport.com](mailto:endura@teleport.com) Web: [www.endurawood.com](http://www.endurawood.com) Products/resources: certified & recycled lumber & flooring including NW regional woods and bamboo flooring/panels, decking, paneling, block countertops & cutting boards, interior/exterior finishes, agriboard particleboard panels, custom furniture gallery and resource library.

**Collins Companies** Web: [www.CollinsWood.com](http://www.CollinsWood.com) E-mail: [ljimerson@collinsco.com](mailto:ljimerson@collinsco.com)

1618 SW First Avenue, # 500 Portland, OR 97201 Tel: 800-329-1219, 503-417-7755, fax: 503-417-1441 CollinsWood is Collins Companies' product line of Forest Stewardship Council certified wood products, including softwood, hardwood lumber, plywood (cabinet, paint & overlay grades, MDO & HDO overlays), particleboard, hardboard siding.

#### Southern Oregon

**Energy Outfitters, Ltd** 543 NE "E" St. Grants Pass, OR 97526. Voice: 541-476-4200, 800-GO-SOLAR(800-467-6527) fax: 541-476-7480, 888-597-5357. Web: [www.energymoutfitters.com](http://www.energymoutfitters.com) Email: [bob@energymoutfitters.com](mailto:bob@energymoutfitters.com) Renewable energy system integrator. Retail & wholesale supplier of renewable energy equipment & systems, energy efficient lighting & appliances, consulting & system

design for offgrid, Grid intertie, industrial, RV, solar water pumping, wind generators & hydro.

## **Ukiah and Berkeley, CA**

**Real Goods** Web: [www.realgoods.com](http://www.realgoods.com) prE-mail: oducts and information for sustainable living and energy independence. Jade Mountain and Real Goods have merged to become the largest retailer of renewable energy products in the world (according to their web site). They have brought solar to 25,000+ homes since 1978. Stores at 1324 W. 10th, Berkeley, CA 94710 Tel: 510-558-0700 fax: -0707; orders Tel: 1-800-762-7325. Their flagship store has the Solar Living Center 13771 S. Highway 101 Hopland, CA 95449 1/2 mile south of Hopland Tel: 707-744-2100 fax 707-744-1342 Publishes mail order catalog and a Solar Living Source Book; sponsors renewable energy classes

## **Seattle, WA**

**Environmental Home Center** 1724 Fourth Ave., S. Seattle, WA 98134 Tel: 206-682-7332; 800-281-9785. E-mail: [info@enviresource.com](mailto:info@enviresource.com) Web: [www.enviresource.com](http://www.enviresource.com) 9-6 weekdays; 10-5 Sat.

## **New York, NY**

**Environmental Construction Outfitters (E.C.O.)** 190 Willow Ave. Bronx, NY 10454 Tel: 718-292-0626; 1-800-238-5008; fax: 212-226-8084.

Web: [www.EnviroProducts.com](http://www.EnviroProducts.com) For 16 years, ECO has provided state of the art building products, services & technologies. Many items are for the environmentally sensitive. They only represent products & systems that meet their environment criteria. They do not sell products that they have not tested or field experienced. Products fall in hypoallergenic, natural, sustainable and recycled categories. Cradle to cradle evaluation. Each product is analyzed regarding impact on health issues, durability, performance, waste disposal, recyclability, resource depletion. Consulting for \$50 -1/2 hour.

## **IV. PUBLICATIONS: PERIODICALS, BOOKS & COUPON BOOKS**

### **Periodicals**

**BuildingGreen, Inc.**, 122 Birge Street, Suite 30 Brattleboro, VT 05301 • Tel: 802-257-7300; 800-861-0954; Fax 802-257-7304 Email: [info@BuildingGreen.com](mailto:info@BuildingGreen.com)

Web: [www.BuildingGreen.com](http://www.BuildingGreen.com)

Publishers of *Environmental Building News*, *EBN Archives*, *GreenSpec Directory*, *Green Building Advisor* and *Online Resource Center* (Decribed below).

An independent company committed to providing accurate, unbiased and timely information to help building professionals improve the environmental performance of

buildings and surrounding landscape. They offer both print and electronic resources to help you design and construct buildings using a whole-systems approach that minimizes ecological impact and maximizes economic performance.

• **Environmental Building News (EBN)** is BuildingGreen's monthly newsletter with comprehensive, practical information on sustainable building topics (energy efficiency and recycled-content materials to land-use planning and indoor air quality). No advertising. Free sample issue at [www.BuildingGreen.com](http://www.BuildingGreen.com) - click on *Environmental Building News*. One-year subscription rates: \$79 individuals, small companies; \$149 25+ employee companies & institutions.

• **EBN Archives** is a cumulative index with 11,000 entries hotlinked to the articles. Links to current manufacturer, contact information for 450 products reviewed or described in *EBN*. *EBN's* guide to more than 180 of the best print and electronic resources available on green building. One-click links to three dozen quick-reference checklists on a variety of building green topics. Provides quick links to articles related to specific credits in the LEED green building rating system. New Version 6.0 on CD-ROM features all back issues of *Environmental Building News*. Updated annually, fully searchable *EBNA* provides instant access to hundreds of articles from newsletter exactly as they appeared in print. Quickly find information either with the built-in Adobe Acrobat text-search function or through a conventional alphabetical index. Once found, an article can be browsed, enlarged for reading on screen, or printed out in same format as originally published-with photos and illustrations.

\$149 (*EBN* subscribers \$95); Upgrade from prior version: \$79 (*EBN* subscribers \$37).

To review complete contents list of *EBN Archives* CD-ROM, visit [www.BuildingGreen.com](http://www.BuildingGreen.com), click on [Details](#).

• **Green Building Advisor** is an innovative, interactive CD-ROM-based software tool that helps users identify design strategies that can be incorporated into specific building projects. You enter information about a project and-based on those inputs. *GBA* generates a list of strategies relevant to the project, organized into categories for easy review. A brainstorming tool that can save you hours of research. Linked screens describe each strategy in detail, provide information on relative costs, describe when in the design phase to consider the strategy, explain interrelationships between strategies, identify sources for more information, and show-through case studies-how actual projects have used the strategy. The software also includes useful overview information on green building design, an extensive green products database (based on *GreenSpec*), and a bibliographic guide to other green building resources. Very simply, *GBA* is a brainstorming tool for anyone wanting

to reduce the environmental impacts of a particular building or renovation project.

CD-ROM for Windows or Macintosh

- Includes more than 700 strategies, 22 detailed case studies, and over 280 reference listings, including many hot-links to useful resources on the Internet.

- Comprehensive on-screen user's manual and free technical support for registered users.

\$179 (EBN subscribers \$129) Upgrade from version 1.0: \$49 (EBN subscribers \$39)

Take a tour of *Green Building Advisor's* functions and features at [www.GreenBuildingAdvisor.com](http://www.GreenBuildingAdvisor.com)

- **GreenSpec Directory** includes information on more than 1,500 green building products carefully screened by *Environmental Building News* editors, combined with guideline specification language and organized according to the 16-division CSI MasterFormat system. Directory listings cover 250 categories - from access flooring to zero-VOC paints. Included are product descriptions, environmental characteristics and considerations, and manufacturer contact information with Internet addresses. Guideline specifications provide additional information on selecting and using environmentally preferable products. Written by Larry Strain, AIA, of Siegel & Strain Architects, this language can be adapted by user to fit a particular project needs. *GreenSpec Directory* owners have access to an electronic text file of the spec language. 368 pages, paperback, 8 1/2" x 11" \$79 (\$59 for *EBN* subscribers)

- **BuildingGreen Online Resource Center** takes advantage of Internet technology to integrate green building tools, so the knowledge you need is at your fingertips. Already packed with information, this resource will expand dramatically in 2002. Initially, this resource features the electronic version of *Environmental Building News* and the *GreenSpec* products database. Online access to *GreenSpec* offers expanded and more up-to-date listings, greater flexibility in searches, and links to many reviews that appeared in *EBN*. The resource center is now the only way to receive the newsletter electronically. Subscribers are e-mailed an executive summary of each issue with a link to the downloadable file of the complete issue.

During 2002, the entire back-issue archives of *EBN* and other valuable resources will be added and fully integrated, making it easy to quickly find extensive information on a topic or product. Subscribe to BuildingGreen's online resource center now and you'll automatically receive these enhancements at no additional cost throughout your subscription, while new subscribers will pay a higher price reflecting the enhanced value.

*BuildingGreen Online Resource Center* introductory charter subscription: \$149. 1 year; additional users on same

account: \$35 each per year. One-week trial subscription: \$12.95 (available online only). Prices subject to change after 6/30/02.

### **Home Power**

1-800-707-6585 (subscriptions, orders); 530-475-3179 (voice); Tel: 530-475-0836 (fax); E-mail: [rap@snowcrest.net](mailto:rap@snowcrest.net)  
Web : [www.homepower.com](http://www.homepower.com) or [www.homepower.com/hp/](http://www.homepower.com/hp/)  
Covers renewable energy for home, farm including photovoltaics, hydro, wind; alternative housing; \$22.50 yr. - 6 issues. Recent issue is on their web to download free. Back issues available and 2 CD-ROMs have back issues. Solar2 has numbers 1-42 (\$29 pp); Solar3 (also \$29) has #s 43-60 + 1900 name current data base + tour of their Funky Mountain Institute design program to help calculate how to get partly/fully off grid.

### **Home, Safe Home**

***Protecting Yourself and Your Family from Everyday Toxics and Harmful Household Products in the Home*** by Debra Lynn Dadd, Putnam Pub., 1997, covers the basics households need to transition to minimum toxics; extensive info on carpet and other household items, clothes, cleaning products, cosmetics.

***The Natural House Catalog*** by David Pearson, Fireside Pub. Resource guide with product photos and basic product information. ***The New Natural House Book, Creating a Healthy Harmonious & Ecologically Sound Home.*** David Pearson, Fireside Pub., Simon & Schuster, 1989, Rev 1998.

***Chinook Book™*** coupon book. Tel: 503-888-3266 or 503-226-7798 E-mail: [eric@celilo.net](mailto:eric@celilo.net) An extraordinary new fundraising tool available to schools and community groups in Portland-Vancouver region, it contains educational info & \$5000 worth of coupons for food, entertainment, products & services meeting environmental criteria adopted by the Sustainable Portland Commission. Designed to educate consumers & increase demand for products and services having significantly reduced environmental impacts. *Chinook Book* can be used as a fundraising tool for school, non-profit and other community groups. Books sell for \$15 and seller keeps 50% - a higher guaranteed percent than other fundraising.

## **V. INTERNET, ON-LINE RESOURCES GREEN BUILDING**

**The Building Green web site** [www.BuildingGreen.com](http://www.BuildingGreen.com) maintained by *Environmental Building News* offers a wealth of info on green building topics. Included are features from back issues, products reviews, sample newsletter.

**Green Building On-line Discussion List** free on-line discussion list with *Environmental Building News* and CREST: to subscribe to the Green Building Mailing Lists, send a message to: [majordomo@crest.org](mailto:majordomo@crest.org) In the body of the message type: subscribe greenbuilding If preferring one long message each day instead of individual messages, type: subscribe greenbuilding-digest. To send messages, address messages to: [greenbuilding@crest.org](mailto:greenbuilding@crest.org)

**GreenClips**— A summary of recent published articles on sustainable building design, government and business issues. GreenClips is written by Chris Hammer and James Richert. You can subscribe **free** to Greenclips. To SUBSCRIBE: Address an email message to [GreenClips-request@listserv.energy.wsu.edu](mailto:GreenClips-request@listserv.energy.wsu.edu). In the body of the message (not the subject line) type: subscribe greenclips <your Internet E-mail address> Tel: 415-928-7941

Two Internet sites host GreenClips archives for reference and research:

<http://solstice.crest.org/sustainable/greenclips/info.html> (searchable) & [gopher://gopher.igc.apc.org/11/environment/pubs](http://gopher://gopher.igc.apc.org/11/environment/pubs)

**Indoor Air Quality Discussion List**— The IAQ List is an international moderated forum founded to discuss issues & concerns regarding Indoor Air Quality. A variety of compounds, elements & conditions can pollute & contaminate the indoor air quality of a home, office or building from molds and bioaerosols to combustion by-products like carbon monoxide, soot, PAHs & VOCs - many can cause serious health concerns &, in some cases, extensive property damage. This forum addresses the identification and mitigation of contaminants. IAQ list subscribers consist of highly qualified individuals in IAQ consulting, environmental health, toxicology, science & research, H/VAC engineering, industrial hygiene, risk management, recovery & restoration, insurance, medicine & law. No advertising involved or permitted on the list - only a growing group of professionals interested in addressing IAQ concerns & solutions. IAQ List features a different useful &/or interesting IAQ related web site each week. To subscribe go to: <http://www.egroups.com/subscribe.cgi/iaq> (a "digest" option is available) If you do not have internet access, send a blank message to: [iaq-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:iaq-subscribe@egroups.com) IAQ List Manager/Moderator: [iaq-owner@egroups.com](mailto:iaq-owner@egroups.com)

The IAQ List now sponsors an interactive bulletin board for sharing job listings & openings in the IAQ & related fields. Go to: The IAQ Job Line Bulletin Board at: <http://disc.server.com/Indices/39418.html>

## Other Internet Resources

### World Wide Web Sites

**www.crest.org** (comprehensive source of energy efficiency information) They also have an e-mail list: to subscribe to the CREST list, send email to: [majordomo@crest.org](mailto:majordomo@crest.org) with the message:

subscribe crest-news <[youremail@yourdomain.com](mailto:youremail@yourdomain.com)>

Archive: <http://solstice.crest.org/online/crest-news-archive/>

The electronic newsletter of CREST's **Global Energy Marketplace** <http://gem.crest.org>

Check out the information in the **Sustainable Building Sourcebook** at

<http://www.greenbuilder.com/sourcebook/contents.html>

Also there are lists of 'green' databases where one may find suppliers in one's area. See [www.greenbuilder.com/general/greendbs.html](http://www.greenbuilder.com/general/greendbs.html) (Green Builder Sourcebook and many links to others)

[www.green-power.org/](http://www.green-power.org/) is coming soon

[www.geonetwork.org](http://www.geonetwork.org) (extensive web links - green building resource center, bookstore, global environmental options)

**The Global Energy Marketplace (GEM)** is a project of the Center For Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (CREST), and is supported by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Policy, Planning & Evaluation (OPPE).

GEM is a gateway for locating valuable documents, contacts, and resources about sustainable energy development as a tool for preventing & reducing greenhouse gas emissions. GEM is an on-line, searchable database of more than 2000 energy efficiency and renewable energy annotated Web links. Find case studies, reports, publications, economic analyses, product directories, discussion groups, country profiles.

**The Results Center...** <http://solstice.crest.org/efficiency/irt/trc.htm>

The Results Center has produced case studies worldwide evaluating successful energy efficiency programs. There are 125 full-text profiles divided into six categories: Residential, Industrial, Comprehensive, Commercial, Agricultural and Institutional.

An excellent source of info and venue to exchange info: **GreenYes** is archived on the **GrassRoots Recycling Network** web site: <http://www.grn.org>

## **A Sampling of Internet Newsgroups**

*(of 30,000+ on Internet)*

alt.architecture alt.architecture.alternative  
alt.architecture.earth alt.architecture.int-design  
alt.building.architecture alt.building.construction  
alt.building.earth alt.building.engineering  
alt.building.health-safety alt.building.jobs  
alt.building.recycle alt.chinese.fengshui alt.coatings.paint  
alt.construction alt.design.product alt.energy.homepower  
alt.energy.renewable alt.engineering.electrical  
alt.home.repair alt.housing non-trad  
alt.landscape.architecture alt.photovoltaic  
alt.planning.urban alt.solar.photovoltaic alt.solar.thermal  
aus.conserve bit.listserv. Alternative.Energy  
bit.listserv.geodesic cad.pro-engineer misc.answers  
misc.consumers.house news.answers rec.answers  
rec.arts.architecture rec.woodworking sci.answers  
sci.electronics.misc, sci.energy sci.engr.heat-vent-ac  
sci.environment sci.misc sci.research rec.arts.architecture

## **VI. GREEN BUILDING SCHOOLS & ALTERNATIVE BUILDING**

### **Green Building Schools for Self-Builders**

**The Ecological Design Institute Education Network** has an Eco-Schools Directory

Web: [www.ecodesign.org/edi/eden](http://www.ecodesign.org/edi/eden) Some schools offer eco-home tours; some organize lessons around specific budgets or material constraints. Others rely on hands-on experience; has details on 36 US eco-building schools. On their site see *Five Principles of Ecological Design*, links to Sim Van Der Ryn site [www.vanderryn.com](http://www.vanderryn.com) and more.

*NOTE: I do not have enough space to cite all 36 green building schools - these are some examples:*

**Yestermorrow Design/Build School** 189 VT Route 100 Warren, VT 05674

Web: [www.yestermorrow.org](http://www.yestermorrow.org)

E-mail: [designbuild@yestermorrow.org](mailto:designbuild@yestermorrow.org) Tel: 802-496-5545; fax -5540 Toll-free: 888-496-5541 offers classes from cabinetry, masonry building, timber framing to strawbale construction, carpentry for women, Feng Shui tree houses and more. Do-it-yourself home builders can learn how to build green from architects, craftsmen, or builders at environmental building classes. Classes cost \$300 to \$1,450 and last two days to two weeks.

**Cob Cottage Company Web** Web: [www.deatech.com/cobcottage](http://www.deatech.com/cobcottage) E-mail: [cobcottage@hotmail.com](mailto:cobcottage@hotmail.com) POB 123 Cottage Grove, OR 97424 Tel: 541-942-2005

fax: -3021 In 2001 they started the North American School of Natural Building in Coquille, OR. Publishes semi-annual newsletter Cob Web. Their mission is to develop and demonstrate healthy spiritual, resource efficient and regionally appropriate building systems

### **SOL-WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR (annual)**

Web: [www.solwest.org](http://www.solwest.org) E-mail: [info@solwest.org](mailto:info@solwest.org)

Grant County Fairgrounds July 26-28, 2002 Over 30 workshops, 50 exhibitors, and Electrathon racing. John Day, OR (150 miles East of Bend)

Contact: Jennifer Barker PO Box 485, Canyon City, OR 97820, office: 541-575-3633, home: 541-542-2525 (OTHER EVENTS ON THEIR WEB SITE)

More to come...