FSEC Holds Course for Becoming Florida Green Certifying Agent

A Florida Green Building Coalition accredited certifying agent can evaluate a single-family home based on the Florida Green Home Designation Standard criteria.

The next Certifying Agent Designation Class is Oct. 23-24, 2018 at the Florida Solar Energy Center, 1679 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, Fla.

Individuals completing the two-day training and associated exams may become an accredited FGBC Certifying Agent provided they meet the eligibility requirements.

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City of Coral Springs Earns FGBC Gold

The City of Coral Springs is proud to announce it has earned gold-level certification under the Florida Green Building Coalition's Florida Green Local Government designation program.

While the City previously earned silver-level certification in 2012, the designation was due for recertification last year.

Senior Planner, Christina Fermin, from the Development Services Division was tasked with coordinating recertification - her passion.
Osceola County Awarded FGBC Florida Green Government Certification

Osceola County keeps mining Silver by participating in a rigorous Green Government program that rewards improved environmental performance.

The County was re-certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 6, 2018.

The County was certified again at the Silver level. It received the original award in 2012 - and is one of only 14 in the state of Florida that is currently certified.

"It's an honor to be a leader in this very worthwhile program," said Commissioner Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Grieb. "Achieving this certification can lead to a streamlining of operating costs, better departmental communication and cooperation, as well as a wealth of environmental benefits, including a measurable reduction in CO2."

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FGBC Sponsoring South Florida Climate Leadership Summit for Second Year

Miami-Dade County will host the 10th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit on Oct. 24-25, 2018, at the Miami Beach Convention Center. The Florida Green Building Coalition is a sponsor of the event for the second year.

The Summit will feature keynotes and panels with local, state, and federal government officials, business and nonprofit leaders, and other experts discussing plans to ensure the region not only survives, but thrives, in the face of sea level rise and other climate impacts. Learn more about the Climate Leadership Summit.

The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact was formalized following the 2009 Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit, when elected officials came together to discuss challenges and strategies for responding to the impacts of climate change.

The Compact outlines an ongoing collaborative effort among the Compact Counties to foster sustainability and climate resilience at a regional scale.

MORE INFORMATION

Congratulations to New Board Members

After recent elections, the following Florida Green Building Coalition members have been elected to the board and will begin serving their terms in 2019.

At Large
Randy Conn, ES Green & Company LLC, Tallahassee
Ralph Locke, Environmental Construction & Consulting, Inc, Deland

Design & Analysis Category
Lisa Pearcy, 15 Lightyears, Longwood

Development & Construction Category
Arturo Griego, itecdesign, Opa Locka

Governmental
Builders Prepare for HERS Amendment
Putting Smaller Homes on Even Ground

The green building sector is getting ready for the Jan. 1, 2019 deadline for all HERS raters to use an amendment that puts smaller homes on a level playing field.

As was previously reported, RESNET’s index adjustment factor was developed because larger homes were found to have 20 percent better (lower) HERS scores for the same energy measure.

As the floor area or number of home stories increased, the index went down because of a mathematical quirk in the way the formula was written.

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FGBC Participating in 2019 RESNET Performance Building Energy Conference

The 2019 RESNET Building Performance Conference is the premier national forum on home energy ratings, existing home retrofits, building codes and energy policy.

The RESNET Building Performance Conference offers strategic options to the business challenges and provides a venue where you can obtain usable solutions in an evolving industry.

The conference offers an exceptional range of original content and fresh information for the home performance industry. For the second year, the Florida Green Building Coalition will be at the conference with a booth. This year FGBC will offering a
presentation on *Marketing Strategies for Energy Raters and Auditors*.

The 2019 RESNET Building Performance Conference will take place on Feb. 25 -27 in New Orleans, La.

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**Green Building Materials Market Demand Expected to Grow in 2019**

Green building technology is used to develop environmentally responsible and efficient building structure. To develop such structures; construction materials play a vital role and these are known as green building materials.

Green building materials are responsible for sustainability and efficiency of a green building from design to demolition. These materials are also produced or selected as they consume less energy. Demand for green building materials have seen significant growth in recent years.

Advanced materials such as cellulose, cotton, fiberglass and mineral wool are in great demand in the construction industry for insulation purpose. These materials are also eco-friendly and less toxic.

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**Florida Green Building Coalition Colors Orlando Conference 'Florida Green'**

The Florida Green Building Coalition partnered with the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) for the annual regional
trade show and expo in Orlando.

Thanks to the Florida Solar Energy Center and Seacoast Bank for sponsoring the Thursday night reception and to all the exhibitors in the FGBC "Florida Green" section.


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ORLANDO, Fla. - With over 18,000 certifications since 2000, the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) is by far the largest certifier of green homes, communities, hi-rise residences and local governments in Florida.

Florida Green are the only national or international green standards developed with Florida-specific criteria. They address Florida's hot-humid climate, environment, topography and natural disasters.

We need your help to lead and promote a state of sustainability with environmental, economic, and social benefits through regional education, information, grassroots outreach and certification programs.

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Save the Date

Nov. 5th in Tampa - Sustainable Florida Forum

Back by popular demand - the second Sustainable Florida Forum will be held in Tampa on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Join fellow Sustainability professionals for a day full of learning, networking, and professional development opportunities.

This one-day event is designed exclusively for sustainability professionals.

The day's activities will include a panel discussion on promoting sustainability, as well as the popular MasterMind small working group sessions.

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