

## **Appendix C: Federal Green Building Forums**

### **General Sustainable Building Networks**

- X     **Interagency Sustainability Working Group**
  - S     **Membership:** Representatives of over a dozen Federal agencies, led by DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP).
  - S     **Products:** FEMP's Sustainability Initiative and Greening Program webpage, [http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/techassist/sustain\\_green.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/techassist/sustain_green.html). Developing "The Business Case for Sustainable Design in Federal Facilities" (draft)
  - S     **Notes:** Began monthly meetings in 2001, for agencies to share information and experiences regarding implementing sustainable design in their facilities, in accordance with Executive Order 13123.
  
- X     **Federal Network for Sustainability**
  - S     **Membership:** Mostly Western Regional offices of: Army, Navy, Air Force, DOE, EPA, NASA, NPS, USPS and Bonneville Power Administration
  - S     **Products:** <http://www.federalsustainability.org>
  - S     **Notes:** Started in 2000, with a focus on a variety of issues, including recycled paper procurement, electronics product stewardship, environmental management systems and green power. Green building is an emerging concern.
  
- X     **Federal Green Building (FedGB) Listserv**
  - S     **Membership:** Over 300 Federal employees involved in green building
  - S     **Products:** EPA Green Building website <[www.epa.gov/greenbuilding](http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding)>
  - S     **Notes:** Run by EPA Office of Solid Waste and Office of Pollution Prevention; started in 2000.
  
- X     **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Federal Summit**
  - S     **Membership:** Federal members of USGBC
  - S     **Products:** Annual summit in DC
  - S     **Notes:** Opportunity for Federal officials to share information and network on green building issues. Started in 1997.
  
- X     **National Research Council (NRC)'s Ad Hoc Task Group on Integrating Sustainable Design, Life-Cycle Costing and Value Engineering into Facilities Acquisition**
  - S     **Membership:** Senior architects and engineers from several agencies; led by State and National Park Service

- **Products:** *Sustainable Federal Facilities: A Guide to Integrating Value Engineering, Life-Cycle Costing and Sustainable Development* (2001)
  - S **Notes:** Part of NRC's Federal Facilities Council, which in turn falls under its Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment.
- X **Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG)**
- S **Membership:** Developed and sponsored by DoD, DOE, EPA, FEMA, GSA, NASA, HHS/NIH, DVA, and other Federal agencies.
  - S **Products:** WBDG at [www.wbdg.org](http://www.wbdg.org)
  - S **Notes:** Provides design guidance in fulfillment of seven design principles, one of which is sustainability. (The others are accessibility, aesthetics, cost-effectiveness, functionality, productivity and security/safety.) Some agencies maintain their design specifications at the WBDG's Construction Criteria Base, including the armed services, which are combining them into Unified Facilities Guide Specifications. Begun by the Navy in 1997 and managed by the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) since 2000.
- X **Federal Agency Housing Partnership**
- S **Membership:** Members of Federal agencies involved with housing issues
  - S **Products:** None to date.
  - S **Notes:** Formerly the Federal Agency Working Group (FAWG) under HUD's Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH). Although the FAWG previously operated for several years as an information-sharing opportunity, the new Partnership has just come together at the end of 2002.

### Single-Issue Networks

- X **Interagency Energy Management Task Force**
- X **Membership:** Managed by DOE's FEMP program, this group includes the chief energy managers of the major Federal agencies.
  - X **Products:** The FEMP website includes more information and meeting minutes at:  
<<http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/aboutfemp/coordination/agencycoord.html>>
  - X **Notes:** Established by the Federal Energy Management Improvement Act of 1988 to stimulate increased energy efficiency in the Federal sector. This Task Force also serves as a technical advisor to the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee ("656" Committee), a group of high-level managers (e.g., Assistant Secretary level) that meets infrequently.
- X **Building Deconstruction Consortium**
- X **Membership:** EPA, Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Lab (CERL), Army Environmental Policy Institute, USDA

Forest Products Lab, Habitat for Humanity, University of Florida,  
Building Science Corporation

- X **Products:** [www.buildingdeconstruction.org](http://www.buildingdeconstruction.org)
- X **Notes:** Formed in 2001 to focus on research, information dissemination and institutionalization of deconstruction practices. To date, primary focus has been on military base deconstruction.
  
- X **Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ)**
  - X **Membership:** Co-chaired by CPSC, DOE, EPA, NIOSH, HHS, OSHA, and DOL; with about 15 additional Federal agency members.
  - X **Products:**
    - S Website: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/> includes minutes of CIAQ meetings
    - S Current Federal Indoor Air Quality Activities" EPA-402-K-99-001, March 1999 <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/publications.html>
  - X **Notes:** In 1989, EPA established the Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) to coordinate the activities of the Federal government on issues relating to Indoor Air Quality, under the authority of Title IV, Section 403(c) of the Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act (SARA) of 1986.