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BSAG Launches Level 2 Certification Program

After the remarkable success with their Level 1 certification program, Build San Antonio Green formally launched Level 2 of their program on Monday, November 17 in conjunction with the Greater San Antonio Builders Association. Level 2 includes many measures similar to Level 1, except with more stringent performance standards. This is a very important step in the move to reduce pollution and energy demand in San Antonio and improve residential building standards.

More Details: <http://www.buildsagreen.org/>

Mayor's Task Force on Sustainable Buildings Update

The Advisory and Executive Committees of Mayor Hardberger's Task Force on Sustainable Buildings is approaching its final decisions about future residential and commercial building codes and incentives for San Antonio. With only two meetings left, Advisory Committee members will make recommendations to the Executive Committee, who will vote to determine future building standard recommendations. These recommendations are expected to be presented to City Council for a vote in early 2009. The Office of Environmental Policy staff is working to facilitate this process and provide technical support to committee members. Keep an eye out for these exciting changes in coming months.

More Details: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/mayor/>



OEP Director Visits "Solar Orchards"

OEP Director, Laurence Doxsey, recently spent a week visiting different solar installations throughout Spain in an effort to learn about technical, regulatory, and other issues relevant to large-scale solar implementation. Spain is a leader in solar energy manufacturing and installation, mostly due to policies favorable to renewable energy. This trip presented an excellent opportunity for CPS and COSA to learn how to promote and implement solar energy projects here.

Texas' Changing Economic Climate

The British Consulate—Houston in conjunction with Environmental Defense Fund is hosting Texas' Changing Economic Climate: Risks and Opportunities in a Carbon Constrained World. This event will be held at the Texas State Capitol Extension on January 29, 2009. This unique opportunity will allow business, legislative, and community leaders about how climate change can open possibilities for innovative economic frameworks for Texas using processes developed in the United Kingdom as a model. Topics will include the potential economic and environmental effects of climate change as they relate to Texas. Speakers include experts from government, policy, and technology including state, national, and global leaders. This is an important opportunity to learn about innovative ways to approach the potential effects climate change in Texas.

More Details: www.liveoakinitiative.com/TCEC09.html

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