

Sustainable Design and Green Building Rating Systems

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Mississippi TelCom Center
105 Pascagoula Street
Jackson, Mississippi

4-Hour Workshop in Morning 8-12: Sustainable Design: From Theory to Practice

Sustainable or green design has become an important part of the design and construction industry's vocabulary. More and more designers and construction professionals are realizing the need to be informed and the importance of having a practice that utilizes green or sustainable design in order to keep pace with their clients' interests and needs. In this workshop, participants will gain a basic understanding of what sustainable or green design is, how they can incorporate it into their projects, and what the future holds for this important component of the design and construction toolbox. Using sample projects to illustrate his points, our speaker will lead participants through the process of "greening" a project. Come join us on February 28, 2008 to increase your knowledge of this important topic.

2-Hour Workshop in Afternoon 1-3: Introduction to Green Building Rating Systems

Due to the growth of interest in sustainable or green design, the use of green building rating systems has exploded as a way of measuring a project's "greenness". From the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System to the National Association of Home Builder's Build Green program, today's designer's and contractors have a range of programs to choose from to suit their project. In this workshop, participants will gain an understanding of the major rating systems available, how they differ from one another and their similarities.

Seminar Instructor
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Ross Spiegel is an Associate and Senior Specification Writer with the Connecticut based architectural/engineering firm Fletcher-Thompson, Inc. Ross is responsible for creating written construction documents, establishing technical standards and processes for the firm, and leads the firm's Green Team.

Ross has been a member of the Construction Specifications Institute since 1978 and has served in numerous positions on the chapter, region and Institute levels and is a Former President of the Institute.

In 1994, Ross was appointed as CSI's liaison to the U.S. Green Building Council, a position he continues to serve in today. Ross served on the U.S. Green Building Council's Board of Directors for four (4) years, the LEED Steering Committee, chaired the Steering Committee for the Council's Greenbuild International Green Building Conference & Expo for 2-1/2 years, and currently serves on several USGBC committees and task teams.

In August 1999 John Wiley & Sons published **Green Building Materials: A Guide to Product Selection and Specification** written by Ross and his co-author, Dru Meadows, AIA, CSI, CCS. The second edition was published in February 2006.

Ross is a registered architect in Connecticut, Florida and New York, is NCARB certified, a Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), a Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA), and a LEED Accredited Professional.

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