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LEED for Schools Technical Review
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 International Center

2009 Green School Symposium
Thursday, May 21, 2009
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2009 GREEN SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Brought to you by the local chapters of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the US Green Building Council (USGBC), and Solar San Antonio

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On Wednesday May 20 and Thursday May 21 the local chapters of the *American Institute of Architects (AIA)* and the *US Green Building Council (USGBC)* together with *Solar San Antonio* present the **2009 Green Schools Symposium.**

High performance schools cost less money to operate and use less water and energy than a conventional school. According to USGBC, green schools, on average, save \$100,000 per year - enough to hire 2 new teachers, buy 500 new computers, or purchase 5,000 new textbooks. Due to energy efficiency alone, the average increase of \$3 per square foot construction cost is paid back fully during the first year of operation.

Some simple facts:

- + The Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) estimates that green building will comprise as much as 10 percent of the school construction market by 2010.
- + Over 1100 schools in the US have either already been certified through the LEED green building process or are registered in the process for certification.
- + A bi-partisan coalition of state Representatives and Senators has joined together this legislative session to form the *Texas Green Schools Caucus*. The Caucus will serve as a working group for legislators and their staff to brainstorm green schools issues and specific legislation: <http://texasgreenschools.org/>
- + On the national level, US Representative Michael McCaul of Texas is a Co-chair of the Green Schools Caucus in Washington D.C.
- + Renewable energy, green building and sustainable development not only help districts save millions of dollars per year, but student and staff performance are both greatly enhanced.

The **first day** of the symposium will be a full day *LEED for Schools* Workshop. The rating system is designed to improve children's health, productivity and learning capacity while also helping school building to be more energy efficient and resource friendly. *LEED for Schools* emphasizes: classroom acoustics, master planning, indoor air quality, mold prevention, energy efficiency, water conservation, and more. For more information, please visit:

www.usgbc-centraltexas.org/Docs/pdf/05.20%20San%20Antonio%20Workshop%20Flyer.pdf

The **second day** of the symposium will offer a broad range of topics, covering topics such as central Texas case studies, energy efficiency and renewable technologies, commissioning, acoustics and indoor air quality, along with legislative updates.

An **awards ceremony** will also recognize outstanding schools in two different categories: new construction and renovation.