Friday Roundup: Energy efficient Empire State Building, existing buildings, EBie Awards

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The Empire State Building. Credit: Ami's via Flickr

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Empire State Bldg's energy savings beat forecast, *Crain's New York Business*. The LEED Gold-certified New York City landmark saved $2.3 million on its energy costs in 2012 and $2.4 million in 2011, topping anticipated savings by 4% and 5%, respectively.

Existing Buildings "to Live" For, Huffington Post. USGBC President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi blogs on the incredible potential for transforming our built environment that lies in our huge stock of existing buildings.

EPB Building gains LEED certification, Nooga.com. EPB, an electricity and telecommunications provider in Chattanooga, Tenn., earned the distinction of being the first existing building in the city to secure LEED certification, and USGBC Senior Vice President of Marketing and Strategy Judith Webb was on hand to present EPB with its well-deserved plaque.

Honoring Heroes in Existing Buildings at the 2013 EBie Awards, Urban Green Council. For the second year, the New York City-area USGBC chapter presented awards to outstanding existing building projects that turned the corner from being energy and water guzzlers to lean and green.

Bon Jovi to Headline Greenbuild, EcoBuildingPulse. New Jersey's finest will rock the crowd at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia for this year's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo.

Knoxville Convention Center receives LEED Certification, WBIR. Another high-profile Tennessee project took home a LEED plaque this week, securing Silver as the only certified convention center in the state. Congratulations!

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