Friday Roundup: Blazing a green trail, LEED v4 passes, Skanska CEO stands up

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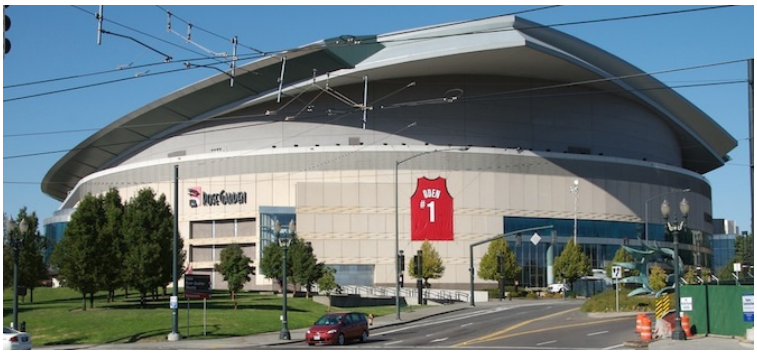

The LEED Gold-certified Rose Garden in Portland, home of the Trail Blazers. Credit: Cord Rodefeld via Flickr

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Blazers look for commanding sustainability lead, Sustainable Business Oregon. Operating from a LEED Gold-certified arena, the Portland Trail Blazers organization is looking to be a leader in the sports industry's movement to greener operations.

USGBC's LEED v4 Passes Ballot, to Launch in Fall, *Commercial Property Executive*. The next version of LEED that's set to push the bar even higher for sustainability in the built environment is a go, thanks to overwhelming support from the USGBC member community.

Commentary: Don't let green standards wither, *The Washington Post*. The CEO of Skanska, a USGBC Platinum member, writes in this guest column on the importance of ensuring LEED remains the federal government's green building standard in the face of continued attacks from the chemical industry.

Peterson: SC Green schools save money, help environment, *The State*. Money that green schools in South Carolina are saving on energy can go directly toward better serving student needs.

Art museum plans Wrecking Ball, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Ever take a sledgehammer to a party? Attendees at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art's Wrecking Ball will do just that, helping in the initial demolition for the museum's expansion project that includes plans for a new LEED-certified wing.

Google Plans New $1B, 1M-Square-Foot London Headquarters, Curbed. Designers are aiming for LEED Platinum for Google's stunning new London HQ made from steel and timber.

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