Friday Roundup: Milwaukee upgrading for efficiency, LEED matters in Oregon

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Energy-saving program launched with $100 million commitment, *Journal Sentinel*. Milwaukee has pledged that buildings in the city totaling 5 million square feet will cut their energy intensity by 20 percent by 2020.

LEED certification matters for Oregon taxpayers when building green, *The Oregonian*. In a pointed rebuttal to a short-sighted op-ed, Cascadia Green Building Council Executive Director Mona Lemoine explains the value of LEED certification over "just building green."

The 'Low-Hanging Fruit' of Energy-Efficient Buildings, *The Legal Intelligencer*. The commercial building sector is ripe with opportunity for enhancing efficiency, which will also attract significant capital investment, among other benefits.

UCI graduate student housing project earns 5 LEED Platinum certifications, UC Irvine. Even one Platinum certification is impressive, but five? Congratulations to the University of California on a remarkable achievement.

The Future of Mobility: Greening the Airport, Design Observer. Making air travel sustainable depends not only on designing more fuel-efficient aircraft and reducing CO2 emissions, but also on building greener airport facilities.

Why we all should support LEED v4, Miron Construction. LEED Fellow Theresa Lehman applauds the USGBC community for passing LEED v4, which is poised to raise the bar for the entire green building community.

Certification plan will help restore state's forests, *The Press of Atlantic City*. Corey Brinkema, president of the Forest Stewardship Council, writes on the many benefits that the Healthy Forests Act will have for New Jersey.

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