Good Jobs Green Jobs Conference: Let's Get to Work

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Let's Get to Work: Climate Change, Infrastructure and Innovation, the theme of the 6th annual Good Jobs Green Jobs Conference, focuses on how to address the realities of climate change. Hosted in Washington D.C. next week (April 16-18), the conference will bring a diverse group of dynamic speakers and organizations together to discuss how national goals for resiliency and sustainability, and goals to grow our economy and create jobs, are one and the same.

As the green building industry continues to expand, it creates jobs, saves operational dollars, creates healthier schools, makes communities more resilient and our buildings more efficient and reduces CO2 emissions. No one knows this better than USGBC and our staff experts will be presenting on topics that reach beyond building walls.

- Roger Platt, senior vice president of global policy and law, will moderate a plenary bringing together labor, environmental and local and state leaders to discuss energy efficiency initiatives around the country. The panel will address what is happening on the state and local level to drive energy efficiency improvements and how that is impacting our economy and the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
  Look for Roger at Taking it to the Streets: How States are Leading on Energy Efficiency Two Day Plenary- 8:30 a.m. -10 a.m.

- Maggie Comstock, policy analyst, will present on Greening the Buildings Supply Chain- discussing the correlation between investments in green buildings and the proliferation of jobs.
  Look for Maggie at the Greening the Buildings Supply Chain workshop, Tuesday, April 16: Workshop Session III, 3:40 p.m.-5:10 p.m.

- Nathaniel Allen, green schools advocacy lead, and Anisa Baldwin Metzger, school district sustainability manager, both with the Center for Green Schools at USGBC, will speak to the connection between innovation in schools for healthier environments and resiliency in our communities on two separate panels.
  Look for Nate at the Healthy Schools, Thriving Communities workshop, Wednesday, April 17: Workshop Session II, 1:00pm – 2:30 p.m.
  Look for Anisa at the National Impact of Green Schools and the Detroit Story Workshop, Tuesday, April 16: Workshop Session I, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will continue leading the way and the conversation on resilient communities, healthy schools and better buildings. For the full itinerary of speakers see the 2013 agenda.

If you can't make it to the conference itself, be sure to follow the progress on Twitter (@USGBC) and Instagram (@USGBC) to hear from our experts on the ground.

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