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New Study Finds Green Construction is Major Economic Driver in Texas

Green building sector in Texas slated to contribute 1.26 million jobs by 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (Sept. 16, 2015) – The green building sector is outpacing overall construction growth in the U.S. and in Texas and will provide even more jobs in the coming years, according to a new U.S. Green Building Council study from Booz Allen Hamilton (NYSE:BAH).

The [2015 Green Building Economic Impact Study](#), which was released today, forecasts an additional 3.3 million U.S. jobs in green construction by 2018 – more than one-third of the entire U.S. construction sector. Texas will add approximately 1.26 million jobs over the next four years. This year alone, the green building industry will account for more than 2.3 million American jobs.

“LEED building construction is creating millions of jobs and nowhere more so than in Texas,” said Jonathan Kraatz, interim executive director of USGBC Texas. “Corporations are flocking to Texas to build new headquarters and facilities because of our state’s pro-growth climate. Many of those will be “green” and LEED-certified at the Gold level and higher. This trend toward green building design and construction is happening all over the state and is a testament to companies’ determination to be more energy and resources efficient, while also being good stewards of the communities where they are based.”

By 2018, the study finds, green construction will account for more than 3.3 million U.S. jobs—more than one-third of the entire U.S. construction sector—and generate \$190.3 billion in labor earnings. The industry’s direct contribution to U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is also expected to reach \$303.5 billion from 2015-2018. Over the same four-year period, the Texas green building sector will support \$72 billion in total labor earnings and \$107.13 billion in total contribution to GDP.

“Green building is playing a massive role in the U.S. construction sector, the clean and efficient energy sector and the U.S. economy as a whole,” said Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. “More than 2.3 million U.S. workers are taking home \$134 billion annually in large part because of green building programs like LEED. Demand for green building will only continue to grow as individuals, businesses and institutions continue to prioritize sustainable approaches to the design, construction and operations of our built environment.”

The new USGBC analysis also explores the multifaceted economic contribution of green construction to the U.S. economy and individual U.S. states, quantifying the economic impact of green building and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

In addition to national jobs, GDP and labor earnings from green building, the study projects significant growth in green building's contribution to individual states' tax contributions and environmental asset indicators at both the national and state levels. As a result, green building will also contribute to significant savings across energy, trash, water and maintenance costs.

According to the study, the number of green-construction jobs in Texas has been growing steadily. More than 720,000 jobs were attributable to green construction between 2011 and 2014.

About U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, a nationwide network of chapters and affiliates, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org, explore the Green Building Information Gateway (GBIG) and connect on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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