

# **Public and Private Initiatives in Sustainable Building and Development**

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## EXAMPLES OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS

### **International**

#### **International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment (iiSBE)**

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<http://www.iisbe.org/>

iiSBE is an international non-profit organization whose overall aim is to actively facilitate and promote the adoption of policies, methods and tools to accelerate the movement towards a global sustainable built environment. iiSBE has an international Board of Directors from almost every continent and has a small Secretariat located in Ottawa, Canada.

### **Canada**

#### **Green Buildings BC**

British Columbia Building Commission

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<http://www.greenbuildingsbc.com/>



This provincial government initiative has been established to reduce the environmental impact of provincially-funded buildings and, in the process, foster the growth of BC's environmental industry. It targets both new and existing facilities through two related programs: new buildings and retrofit.

The Retrofit Program has been developed to help provincially funded educational and health care organizations retrofit their buildings to conserve energy and water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste generation. The goal of the New Buildings Program is to develop government facilities consistent with the concept of responsible and sustainable development.

### **R-2000 HOME**

Office of Energy Efficiency  
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The R-2000 HOME Program is a national program that encourages the building of energy-efficient houses that are environmentally friendly and healthy to live in. House builders volunteer to build to the R-2000 standard, which exceeds the efficiency level required by building codes and other regulations. The R-2000 standard is based on an energy consumption target for a house and a series of technical requirements for ventilation, airtightness, insulation, material selection, water use and other factors.

### **Used Building Materials Association**

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Nova Scotia B3H 2R9  
Canada  
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The UBMA is a non-profit, membership based organization that represents companies and organizations involved in the acquisition and/or redistribution of used building materials. UBMA represents for-profit and non-profit companies and organizations in Canada and the United States that acquire and sell used building materials such as windows, doors, and plumbing fixtures. The UBMA also represents companies that reprocess and recycle building materials such as concrete and asphalt.

## England

### [Construction Industry Research and Information Association \(CIRIA\)](#)

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CIRIA is a non-profit organization that carries out collaborative research with industry to develop and improve practice, leading to better performance. CIRIA produces best practice guidance, technical reports, informative documents, leaflets and CD-ROMs on issues of importance to the construction industry. These documents cover a wide range of issues such as legislation and regulation, training, management and economics.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Additional listing and description of state and local programs (e.g. county initiatives) <http://www.worldbuild.com/ggbactivities.htm>.
- Many resources and initiatives on energy efficiency exist. Please do a web search for energy efficiency.
- This list is by no means exhaustive. Please send in your suggestions for additions to [info@dcatt.net](mailto:info@dcatt.net).