



New Eco-education Program for Industry

ecospecifier has launched its latest accredited education program for the green building industry.

Titled **Green Building & Materials Procurement**, the program is written and presented by David Baggs, award winning chartered architect and Technical Director of ecospecifier.

The seminar is part of Baggs' highly sought after 4 part **Practical Sustainability** series, a national initiative to help fill the knowledge gap in the specification and application of green building materials.

"Our aim with this program," says David Baggs "is to advance knowledge in this country so that new standards in ecologically sustainable design are delivered."

Richard Mann, a chartered architect and Senior Project Architect with the firm Bishop, Hitchcock Irwin Architects in Sydney claims the program has proved "valuable for senior practitioners to maintain a level of working familiarity with the wave front of this expanding subject (of designing for ESD).

"Rapid developments such as public awareness, government policy development, regulations, rating tools, research, and technology progress ensure that ESD will remain an evolving field of knowledge for some years to come," Mann adds and thus far, the Practical Sustainability program has been "particularly effective as an efficient forum for focusing issues."

Ecospecifier is Australia's leading green building solutions resource, providing sustainability consulting and training as well as ecospecifier.org, a unique online knowledge and database of more than 3200 eco and health preferable building materials and technologies available in Australia. The service provides users with independent, third-party verified, scientific based reports on all products listed and attracts up to 90,000 sessions a month.

Sessions of Green Building & Materials Procurement have taken place in Melbourne and Sydney and go to Adelaide, September 4th, Brisbane, September 12th and Perth, October 15th.

For further information on the Practical Sustainability series please contact Debra Robertson on +61 7 3890 5752 or email communications@ecospecifier.org website: www.ecospecifier.org