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■ **World Trade Center developer seeks financing aid**

World Trade Center developer Larry Silverstein has asked the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for help in financing two of three office towers planned for the 9/11 site. Silverstein originally planned to raise the \$7 billion in financing for the office towers privately, but the credit crisis cooled real estate investment in New York City. This Wall

Street Journal slideshow captures the ongoing construction at the site. [The Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21) , [The Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **N.J. to allow private firms to inspect contaminated sites**

New Jersey lawmakers recently passed legislation that will allow the state Department of Environmental Protection to let private contractors inspect contaminated sites. The legislation is part of an effort to speed the cleanup of the 20,000 known contaminated areas in the state. Gov. Jon Corzine is expected to sign the legislation, which is supported by many environmental groups. [Hudson \(N.J.\) Reporter, The](#) (3/22) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **Feds give final approval to New Jersey highway project**

The Federal Highway Administration last week approved a \$900 million plan to reconstruct the interchange of I-295, I-76 and Route 42 in New Jersey. Construction on the project, which will include a new roadway and bridges, will begin in 2012. [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (3/21) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **British engineers tackle projects across the globe in 2009**

U.K. consultants will deliver a wide variety of projects across the globe in 2009. In addition to designing the London 2012 Olympic Park, British consultants will design an upgrade at the Los Angeles International Airport for super jumbo jets. Further afield, British engineers also will construct a three-lane road bridge in Hong Kong and bring a monorail up to European standards in Dubai. [New Civil Engineer](#) (3/20) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **Other News**

NYC expert supports Alaskan Way Viaduct bored tunnel in Seattle

[Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (3/20)

Yemen desert home to 16th-century mud high-rises

[The Daily Mail \(London\)](#) (3/21)



A recent study showed that only one in seven heart patients could change their habits, even when told death was the alternative. When desire and motivation aren't enough, how can we change ourselves and our organizations? In *Immunity to Change*, authors Kegan and Lahey reveal barriers to change and provide the tools to move forward. [Order here.](#)

Technology and Trends

■ **Rope-access surveys allow firms to assess buildings**

Architectural firms occasionally use rope-access surveys to assess the roofs and walls of tall buildings in situations where cranes would restrict traffic below or a scaffolding could damage the buildings. Rope-access surveys involve a trained architect secured by a rope surveying the building with a video camera, tablet computer and video conferencing equipment. Architects must undergo at least 40 hours of training before being certified for rope-access surveys. [ArchitectureWeek](#) (3/18) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

- **Green building associations develop common carbon standards**

The U.S. Green Building Council, the Green Building Council of Australia and the Building Research Establishment Trust of the U.K. are joining forces to develop common metrics to measure CO2. "We all just want to measure apples to apples," said Michelle Moore, UGBC senior vice president of policy and affairs. [Architectural Record](#) (free registration) (3/19)

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- **Other News**

- **Federal government will provide loan guarantee for solar panel plant**

The Washington Post (3/21)

- **Seven ways to adjust your tactics**

In a crisis, leaders need to be both aggressive and pragmatic, writes Harvard Business School professor and former Medtronic CEO Bill George. He argues that in hard times a leader needs to be able to assess the situation and then make sure the company is prepared for an even worse outcome. A leader should also see the opportunities in a bear market, using the chaos to make difficult but necessary policy changes, while keeping an eye out for ways to take advantage of weakened rivals. [The Wall Street Journal](#) (3/15)

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- **Ross outlines key points for Treasury toxic-asset plan**

Due diligence will be key to the success of the Treasury Department's plan to rid banks of their toxic assets, according to Wilbur Ross, chairman and CEO of WL Ross & Co. "That's essential because these are very complex assets and they'll be bundled together into fairly large pools," Ross said in an interview with CNBC. [CNBC](#) (3/23) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ Other News

Infrastructure needs more money, say U.S. political leaders

Reuters (3/22) Los Angeles Times (3/23)

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■ **Water is top concern for California Delta region**

Much of the land in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is below sea level, and an 1,100-mile levee system is vulnerable to earthquakes. This, combined with cutbacks aimed to protect fish and an ongoing drought, puts 2/3 of California's water supply at risk. A controversial canal, which could cost up to \$18 billion, could be the answer. [The Press-Enterprise \(Riverside, Calif.\)](#) (free registration) (3/21) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **Developers halt skyscraper building amid severe recession**

The worldwide credit crisis has stalled work on 11% of 1,324 skyscraper projects worldwide, according to a German firm that tracks skyscraper development. Twenty-nine of those 142 projects are in the U.S. In Chicago, developers have stopped construction of the 150-story Chicago Spire, for example. Meanwhile, the recession has led to a 21.4% unemployment rate in the construction industry. [Reuters](#) (3/22) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

News from ASCE

■ **Meet the '09 OCEA contenders: Orange County, Calif., Groundwater Replenishment System**

With the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement award for 2009 to be revealed at the OPAL Gala next month, our series of mini-profiles of each of the nominees continues with Orange County, California's Groundwater Replenishment System. The area east of Los Angeles was challenged by increased demands for water from its half-million users, but concerned that its groundwater basin might run dry. The solution Orange County adopted was to build the world's largest water purification reuse project. By purifying wastewater effluent, a resource often dumped into the ocean, their revolutionary system uses a low pressure, energy-conscious microfiltration process to clean water. The solution may seem off-putting at first glance, but in fact, the water recharged into the groundwater basin is scrubbed so clean that impurities in the form of minerals are added after the filtration. [Find out](#) who the other 2009 OCEA contenders are and [register to attend](#) the award ceremony at the OPAL Gala, to be held April 23 in Arlington, Va. [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

■ **Make railroad crossings safer -- Learn how in webinar**

Get up to date on recent developments in making railroad crossings safer by attending a new ASCE webinar coming soon. Improving Safety at Railroad Crossings will focus on vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians and bicyclists who have to traverse railroad crossings regularly. The session will examine the best ways to handle such traffic, including the operation of traffic signals that would be affected. Information from recent publications, including the new edition of the Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Handbook, will be shared, and a list of additional resources will be provided. The webinar will take place Thur., April 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m. ET. For additional information and to register, see the [course page](#). [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

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