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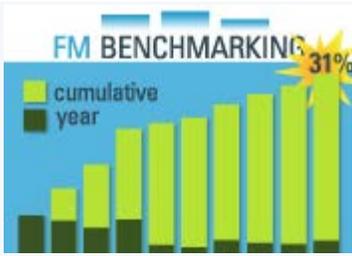
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### What's new at Fusion?

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You set the path for your career in FM, so take the next step and register now to claim your spot among the network of industry-leading FM professionals at Facility Fusion 2016. **Early bird registration ends March 4.** [Register now](#) »

## Computer, technology use in US education buildings on rise



Proud Green Building

The U.S. Energy Information Administration has found that the use of computers and technology continues to increase in education buildings across the country. The newly released data collected by the agency in its latest Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey revealed that the number of computers in education buildings across the United States is continuing to grow rapidly. **READ MORE**

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## Could green design principles make us sick (and what can we



## do about it)?

The Fifth Estate

Concerns have been raised that green building principles such as energy and water minimization strategies may be increasing the risk of dangerous Legionella pneumophila bacteria proliferating in potable water systems. But according to critics, the problem could be as much about facility management practices and a need for better cooperation between engineers and sustainability managers, as it is about unintended consequences. [READ MORE](#)

## How these companies have created kid-friendly offices for working parents



Fast Company

It takes commitment from leadership and support from both employees with and without kids to create a family-friendly work culture, but there are rewards to be reaped. Plenty of employees look beyond their paychecks for job satisfaction, and as a result, companies are starting to design their workspaces with both staff and their children in mind. [READ MORE](#)

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## Memorandum of understanding inked between PMC and IGBC for green buildings



The Times of India

Providing a major impetus in further promoting green buildings in the city, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), part of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on incentivizing IGBC-rated projects in Pune, Maharashtra, India. [READ MORE](#)

## Going green: How UK universities are tackling sustainability



The Independent

Whipping a campus into sustainable shape involves anything from a new build to careful maintenance of existing buildings. For example, UWE Bristol's approach encompasses upgrading lighting systems and installing charging points for electric cars, as well as a newly developed facility for the Faculty of Environment and Technology. [READ MORE](#)

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## EmiratesGBC seeks entries for green building awards



Gulf Daily News

Emirates Green Building Council (EmiratesGBC), an independent forum aimed at conserving the environment by strengthening and promoting green building practices, is seeking entries from leading organizations for its coveted sustainable building awards. EmiratesGBC is also running the 2016 Dr. Owainati Student Excellence Award to honor a student from a recognized university in the United Arab Emirates who has conducted exceptional research work in a subject related to green buildings in the Middle East. **READ MORE**

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## Futurists: This is what offices will look like in 2030



Inc.

Plusnet, a British broadband provider, rounded up a group of professionals whose job it is to foresee the future of the office, including design pros, futurists, and real estate execs, and asked them for their predictions. If this diverse group is to be believed, by 2030 your office may be home to a few jaw-dropping innovations. **READ MORE**



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## Going off script: The office of the future is all about the



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The backlash to the open office in popular culture grows by the month. But does this backlash, which comes precisely at the same cultural moment as the opening of Facebook's "largest open-plan office in the world" mean the open-plan's hegemony is soon to be over? If so, what comes next for the workplace? [READ MORE](#)

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## BIM solutions for health care FM require effective documentation



FacilityCare

As more healthcare building owners come to recognize the potential of building information modeling (BIM) technology and the savings it can provide to construction and operations, more owners are implementing a data-driven design and construction process. However, carrying this data-driven process over into facility management requires effective documentation throughout construction and into operation. [READ MORE](#)



## Study: Views of green space help students perform better



HealthDay News

High school students who can gaze upon at least a patch of green landscape from their classroom may perform better academically, a new study suggests. "It's a significant finding, that if you have a green view outside your window, you'll do better on tests," study co-author Dongying Li, a doctoral student in the department of landscape architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said in a university news release. [READ MORE](#)



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## Five ways to conserve a building's water during winter



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## Water crisis is the biggest concern for the next 10 years



Healthcare Facilities Today

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## Why your physical workspace is just as important as your physical appearance



Forbes

If you were to think of your physical workspace as being a human being with a personality, a name and a face, then what would it look like? It might sound silly, but thinking about your workspace like this might help you determine what kind of environment you want to create for your occupants. This can also spark change and create a new energy inside your work environment. [READ MORE](#)

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