

Study says managing waste important in green building

Nov. 20 -- A new study shows that waste management is the second most important aspect green building, behind energy efficiency.

The report by the McGraw-Hill Companies, with support of Waste Management Inc., indicates waste division activities are increasing despite the recession. Client demand, government regulations, competitive advantage and increases in education and awareness are all major factors driving the increase.

Some 61% of contractors said waste management plans are the second most important aspect of green building.

"Customer demands and regulatory pressures are driving change -- improving diversion and recycling rates and repurposing construction and demolition into other products," said Jim Halter, vice president for construction solutions at Waste Management.

McGraw-Hill and Waste Management released the report at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Phoenix on Nov. 10. The report is titled "Sustainable Construction Waste Management: Creating Value in the Built Environment."

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