

With the world economy slowing, many new building projects have been postponed or cancelled. By necessity, the focus in the sustainable building world will shift to existing buildings, communities and sites. There exists a great opportunity to reduce our ecological footprint by improving what we have. By upgrading the underperforming built environment that we already inhabit, we can make vast reductions in carbon, greenhouse gases and energy demand. The Green Building Festival is pleased to announce the 2009 theme: RE. They are currently welcoming international presentation proposals that address their theme: **renovating, regenerating, rebuilding, remaking, retrofitting, recycling, reusing, reimagining. Or suggest your own RE.**

Download the submission form here:

<http://www.greenbuildingfest.com/PDFs/GBF2009-Call%20for%20Presentations.pdf>

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**Deadline for Submission: April 6, 2009.**

### **The Green Building Festival at IDEX/Neocon Canada**

The Green Building Festival, now in its 5<sup>th</sup>

year, is Canada's longest running Green Building Conference and for the first time ever will be held during the annual IDEX/Neocon show in September 2009. IDEX/NeoCon Canada and the Green Building Festival have forged a strategic partnership to advance the educational opportunities on sustainable design and architecture, offer an expanded range of exhibitors focused on sustainability, and develop site tours to create one of the largest green building and design events in Canada. With over 5,000 conference attendees and 100+ sessions, IDEX is Canada's largest conference focused on the design, architecture and the built environment.