



## Press Release

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### **Vidaris Designated a LEED® Proven Provider™ by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI)**

**New York City (August 09, 2016).** Vidaris, Inc. has been named a LEED® Proven Provider™ for both BD+C and ID+C projects by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). This designation was developed to streamline the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project review process for experienced organizations that demonstrate consistent excellence in administering LEED projects.

What does this mean for our clients?

- A faster approval process for projects submitted by Vidaris for LEED review (instead of 25 business days, it will take 10 to 15 business days).
- The Vidaris team will have a higher level of access to the GBCI review team, allowing them to vet and resolve challenging issues with one-on-one input from the reviewers.
- It confirms Vidaris' proven track record in LEED administration for our clients, and speaks to the firm's level of quality design and documentation.

"Quality is at the core of the LEED certification process, and Vidaris has exhibited expertise in helping to bring healthy, high-performing buildings to the market," said Doug Gatlin, Vice President of Program Delivery, USGBC and GBCI. "The LEED Proven Provider model represents a great partnership between Vidaris and GBCI, because it allows GBCI to maintain a rigorous certification program and gives Vidaris the opportunity to deliver LEED projects to its clients faster."

Vidaris Principal John Amatruda, RA, LEED Fellow, adds that, "Vidaris is one of only three Proven Provider teams for BD+C in New York City, and one of only four for ID+C, and we are the only firm that is a Proven Provider for both. This unique designation represents both our extensive experience with LEED, and the high level of service we bring to our clients."

According to Natalie Terrill, Senior Associate, so far this year Vidaris has certified over 2.3 million square feet of LEED projects, including projects such as the Brookfield New York Headquarters (LEED-CI Gold) and The Abington Residential Tower (LEED-NC Gold) developed by the Related Companies.

The firm's LEED-certified and -registered projects total more than 102 million square feet. Vidaris is credited with the first LEED-certified office tower in the world – the LEED-Platinum certified Bank of America tower at One Bryant Park in New York City – as well as the nation's largest LEED-Gold certified healthcare facility, located in Duluth, Minnesota. Vidaris was also among the first in the industry to request that building product manufacturers disclose product information through a standard reporting format called the Health Product Declaration.

Vidaris has ten LEED Accredited Professionals led by John Amatruda and Natalie Terrill.

### **About Vidaris**

Vidaris and its affiliate, LPI, help real estate owners and architects realize their goals and objectives in the areas of building envelope, energy efficiency, code and engineering. The two companies employ 200 professionals in eight offices worldwide. In Florida, professional services are provided through "Vidaris of Florida, Inc."

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