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### **National Wallcovering/Colour & Design First in Arkansas to Earn LEED® Gold Certification Through the Arc Performance Platform**

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS – July 17, 2018: With the assistance of Entegrity, the National Wallcovering/Colour & Design facility in North Little Rock, Arkansas was recently awarded LEED Gold certification. It is the first building in the state of Arkansas to use the Arc performance platform to achieve certification through the LEED v4 Operations and Maintenance for Existing Buildings rating system. The facility achieved 64 points at the time of certification but because of the interactive nature of Arc, their score will continue to evolve and has already increased to 65. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for buildings, homes, communities and cities that are designed, constructed and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

The facility is a 76,250 square foot facility built in 2003 that houses its own headquarters and warehouse, as well as the office and warehouse space of their tenant, Emser Tile. The facility was previously certified LEED Gold in 2011 under the LEED v2009 EBOM rating system.

Shelly Bixler, Chief Operating Officer says, “We are very excited to be the first project in the state of Arkansas to use Arc to achieve the LEED Gold certification renewal. Our companies are committed to sustainability and the new platform makes it easier to see our performance results.”

Arc is a recently released performance platform for buildings to collect data, manage and benchmark progress, measure impact and improve sustainability. Arc measures how the building performs in five key areas: Energy, Water, Waste, Transportation and Human Experience and receives a simple performance score such that it can compare progress to other buildings locally and globally.



*National Wallcovering/Colour & Design's Arc Score on July 9, 2018*

The National Wallcovering/Colour & Design building is performing exceptionally well in the Human Experience category, which measures occupant satisfaction and indoor air quality. Its score in this category exceeds the global and local average scores for similar buildings on Arc.

The certification process involved tracking energy and water utility data, performing a waste audit and indoor air quality tests, and conducting surveys to collect feedback on occupant comfort and transportation. National Wallcovering/Colour & Design will continue benchmarking this data to inform and improve performance in the coming years.

The building is owned by Bix Enterprises. Entegrity provided LEED Consulting services for this project and the LEED Gold certification in 2011.

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### ABOUT ENTEGRITY

Entegrity is a sustainability and energy services company specializing in the implementation of energy conservation and renewable energy projects. Entegrity is uniquely qualified to deliver innovative and sustainable solutions to Optimize Building Performance. We help our clients realize long-term operational savings by focusing on their needs: selecting the most cost-effective scope, contract structure, and financing strategy available to them. Our comprehensive service package includes energy savings performance contracting, commissioning, energy modeling, building testing, lighting solutions, renewable energy, water conservation, and sustainability consulting. For more information about Entegrity visit [www.EntegrityPartners.com](http://www.EntegrityPartners.com).

### ABOUT USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, an international network of local community leaders, the annual [Greenbuild International Conference & Expo](#), the [Center for Green Schools](#) and [advocacy](#) in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org).

### ABOUT ARC

Arc™ is a digital platform that uses data to help buildings, cities and communities measure and improve sustainability performance. Established in 2016, Arc Skoru Inc, as the organization is officially known, was created by Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI) and is the first-of-its-kind to track progress using a performance score. The platform creates a holistic view of sustainability efforts and helps track and improve performance across energy, waste, water, transportation and human experience with the option of certifying them to LEED or other GBCI rating systems. Arc collects, manages and tracks activity in one place, allowing project teams to benchmark performance and compare progress against local, regional and global averages. Arc provides greater transparency through data so projects can make more informed decisions. For more information, visit: [www.arcskoru.com](http://www.arcskoru.com).