

## Environmental & Energy Insights

December 23, 2011

# A New Way to Ensure that New Construction is Green !

By: **Terry D. Avchen**

Demand for LEED certification continues to rise as the costs of integrating energy efficient technologies into the construction process decreases. Fidelity National Title Group supports this important movement towards energy efficient building by offering the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized system certifying the greenest performing buildings in the world. LEED is administered by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) on a point scale aimed at improving building performance across a variety of rigorous metrics. LEED is incorporated into mandatory building regulations at the federal, state and local level, as well widely utilized as a voluntary benchmark.

The "LEED Project Certification Endorsement." Was developed by Terry Avchen at the law firm of Glaser Weil in conjunction with sponsor Fidelity National Title Group. The LEED Project Certification Endorsement insures the owner and/or lender of a LEED certified project that all certification prerequisites and required points for certification were met, and that the USGBC granted certification at the level and in the specific certification category indicated. Additionally, extended coverage specifies point totals earned, status of reporting and re-certification requirements, as well as whether there has been any challenge to certification.