



# RECYCLING CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE

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RE: C&D Recycling Certification and STARS Innovation

To Whom It May Concern:

The Recycling Certification Institute has developed, under the guidance of the USGBC, ISO-level protocols to provide third-party verification of the accuracy and reliability of construction and demolition (C&D) debris recovery and recycling rates. Employing a rigorous set of guidelines and tools to independently review and verify the recovery and recycling rates of participating C&D recyclers, the Institute is focused on increasing the accuracy of claims and confidence in the C&D recycling marketplace on the part of project owners, architects, the environmental community, municipalities and the public.

As well, the USGBC has recognized the need to move beyond self-reported numbers from C&D recycling facilities. To that end, it is currently working with RCI to establish a Pilot 3rd Point to be awarded as Exceptional Performance for projects using a C&D recycling facility whose recycling rates have been verified by a LEED-approved third-party. With LEED v4's emphasis on performance, it is important that recycling rates claimed by C&D recycling facilities are accurate and verified.

Institutions such as American University go well beyond current practice in the C&D recycling marketplace by using facilities certified by the Recycling Certification Institute.

Respectfully,

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