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## **COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE OF ALBUQUERQUE IS FIRST LEED® PLATINUM CERTIFIED BUILDING IN NEW MEXICO**

**ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico. December 14, 2009** - Environmental Dynamics, Incorporated (EDI) and Isis Development Corporation (ISIS) are proud to announce LEED® Platinum certification of the Cognitive Behavioral Institute (CBI) located at 1 San Rafael Ave. NE in Albuquerque, NM. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design®) is a third party certification program and nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. CBI is the first LEED® Platinum certified building in the State of New Mexico, and the 210th in the nation. LEED® Platinum level is the highest level of recognition from the Green Building Certification Institute.

CBI is a nationally recognized center for postdoctoral training and outpatient cognitive behavioral psychotherapy. The building includes a reception area, offices, conference room, library/resource center, exercise room with shower and changing facilities, a break room, file storage, restrooms, and utilities.

CBI was designed by EDI, an architecture and sustainability consulting firm providing design, project management, LEED® consulting, energy modeling, daylight modeling and measurement & verification services. EDI is based in Albuquerque and has worked on over ninety projects applying for LEED® certification. CBI was built by ISIS, a small client-focused organization with 20 years experience constructing in New Mexico. As a commercial construction company committed to detail and quality work, ISIS has completed several projects in the Albuquerque area. The CBI building was its first attempt at a LEED® certified project.

One feature that contributed to the LEED® Platinum certification is the solar photovoltaic system. Standard PV panels were placed on the building roof and bi-facial solar panels were utilized as the shading element of the adjacent parking structure. Energy saving strategies in heating, cooling and lighting were implemented to reduce the power requirements for the building, allowing the renewable energy system to provide nearly 100% of the annual electrical needs of the building. Other notable features include pervious paving at the parking spaces and patios; landscaping that requires no potable water; and the use of low flow plumbing fixtures. The total potable water consumption of the project is estimated to be 40% less than a typical project of identical size.

By achieving LEED certification, CBI and the project team have affirmed their role as leaders in sustainable development in the State of New Mexico. Furthermore, CBI's reduced energy use and successful LEED certification allows the project to qualify for the NM Sustainable Building Tax Credit (SBTC) and receive substantial tax rebates.

To learn more about EDI, LEED® certification, or the sustainable tax credit, please contact Michael Ryan at 505-242-2851 or [mike@edi-arch.com](mailto:mike@edi-arch.com) or log on to our website [www.edi-arch.com](http://www.edi-arch.com).

For additional information about ISIS and its current projects, please contact Timothy Lopez at 505-856-7887 or [tim@isisdevelopment.net](mailto:tim@isisdevelopment.net).

For more information on the Cognitive Behavioral Institute of Albuquerque, please contact Dr. Bradford Richards at 505-823-1600 or visit their website at [www.cogtherapy.com](http://www.cogtherapy.com).