

## **Acentech Congratulates Benjamin Davenny for Earning Professional Accreditations**

*Acoustical Consultant Becomes LEED® AP BD+C and EDAC Accredited*

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – November 9, 2009** – Acentech Inc., a nationally recognized multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm, is proud to announce that Benjamin Davenny, a senior consultant in the firm's architectural acoustics group, has recently achieved recognition as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional for Building Design and Construction (LEED® AP BD+C), as well as having earned Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC) from the Center for Health Design.

Mr. Davenny is an acoustician involved in a variety of projects concerning healthcare, worship, commercial, and residential buildings. His responsibilities involve architectural and environmental acoustics, and mechanical systems noise and vibration control. Mr. Davenny's focus includes room acoustics, interior noise control, and environmental noise control. He received a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science in Acoustics from the University of Hartford. Mr. Davenny is the author of several whitepapers concerning acoustics in healthcare settings, and is a member of the Acoustical Society of America and the Institute of Noise Control Engineering.

"Ben's commitment to both sustainable design and smart healthcare building design is apparent in his drive for knowledge in these growing fields," said Chris Savereid, president of Acentech Inc. "We are proud of Ben's achievements, and know that his clients benefit from his experience and expertise."

The LEED AP BD+C designation is a new classification within the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System, which is designed to encourage energy and resource conservation in building construction and operations. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) support and encourage integrated design and help project teams streamline the LEED application and certification process. The LEED AP program is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the skills and expertise necessary to participate in the green building design process.

The Center for Health Design is a leading research and advocacy organization of forward-thinking healthcare and design professionals who are leading the quest to improve the quality of healthcare through building architecture and design. EDAC (evidence-based design accreditation and certification) is an educational and assessment program that tests individuals on their understanding of how to base healthcare building design decisions on credible research evidence and project evaluation results. The goal of the program is not to test people on their knowledge of current available evidence, but rather to test them on the proper process to follow in order to identify, hypothesize, implement, gather and report the data associated with their project.

**About the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)**

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo ([www.greenbuildexpo.org](http://www.greenbuildexpo.org)), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

**About The Center for Health Design**

The Center for Health Design (CHD), formed in 1993, is a nonprofit organization of forward-thinking health care, elder care, design and construction professionals, and product manufacturers working to improve the quality of health care settings and create new environments for healthy aging. The Center's mission is to transform health care environments for a healthier, safer world through design research, education, and advocacy. For more information on CHD, visit [www.healthdesign.org](http://www.healthdesign.org).

**About Acentech**

Acentech Inc. is a multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm providing a wide range of services to a diverse group of clients. With offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Trevese, Pennsylvania; and Westlake Village, California, the company's professional staff of more than 50 consultants has broad and deep expertise in all areas of acoustics and audiovisual systems design consulting. Having celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2008, Acentech is the oldest and largest organization of its type: an unequalled resource to engineers, architects, and designers worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.acentech.com](http://www.acentech.com).

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