Ralph DiNola

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Experience:
As CEO of the New Buildings Institute, Ralph DiNola is working to bring green building innovation to scale. DiNola served as a technical advisor for the Living Building Challenge™ standard and has consulted on over 130 LEED projects, including ten precedent-setting LEED Platinum certifications. As principal investigator of a landmark study of historic buildings, DiNola helped establish and validate the true value and benefits of building reuse, bridging the divide between sustainability and historic preservation. DiNola is a LEED fellow, founding board chair of the International Living Future Institute, and a 2012 BetterBricks award winner.

As founder and former principal at Green Building Services, Inc., he served as a senior design consultant on a broad range of projects seeking LEED certification and specialized in greening historic projects. His expertise guided project teams through an integrated design process which included eco-charrettes, consultant coordination, energy simulation, daylight modeling, and building commissioning. He helped the Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center become the first LEED Gold historic project in the country and his firm helped transform the Portland Armory into the first LEED Platinum project on the National Register.

Teaching:
He has been actively involved in bringing the historic preservation and green building movements together. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) engaged him to develop the four-hour training module "Using LEED on Historic Projects," and he has served as a faculty member for the USGBC.