

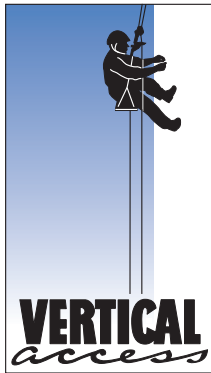
Kent Diebolt

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, VERTICAL ACCESS LLC

Company History

In 1985, upon leaving graduate school at Cornell University, Kent began working in construction. An English alpinist and former fellow graduate student introduced Kent to the concept of utilizing lightweight rigging systems for purposes of conducting condition surveys on all types of structures.

While this concept has been utilized sporadically on a local basis, the industrial access industry has, in the last twenty years, become highly developed in England, France and other parts of Europe as well as Australia.



In 1991, Kent was invited to work on a large masonry inspection project in Brighton, England where he learned the basics of rigging, inspection, non-destructive testing, and report preparation. Vertical Access was

founded in January of 1992, as Kent continued to operate Diebolt Construction Company through the fall of 1995, when the construction business was closed.

Since the first Vertical Access project in 1992, Kent and his team have inspected a number of historically significant buildings, constructed of a wide variety of materials, including brick and stone masonry, terra cotta, concrete, architectural sheet metals and cast iron. While most of the firm's work is on historic buildings, other projects include contemporary buildings, bridges, towers, monuments and sculptures.

Education

- Cornell University, Ithaca New York
Masters of Science Program, 1983-1985
- Cornell University, Ithaca New York
Bachelor of Science, 1983
- General Equivalency Diploma, 1974

Public and Industry Service

- The Association for Preservation Technology International
Past president of the board of directors
- US/ICOMOS
Past APTI liaison to the board of directors of US/ICOMOS
- Historic Ithaca and Tompkins County
Past president of the board of directors
- Historic Roofing Conference and Exhibition
Historic Preservation Education Foundation Program committee
- Preserving Historic Guastavino Tile Ceilings, Domes and Vaults Symposium
Grant writer and Program Planning Committee chair
- Monitoring and Protecting Historic Buildings Symposium
Program Planning Committee Chair
- ASTM E06 Subcommittees on Façade Inspection and Industrial Rope Access
Subcommittees member
- ANSI Z359 Committee on Fall Protection
Subcommittees member

Professional Affiliations

- The Association for Preservation Technology International (APTI), *corporate member*
- US/ICOMOS, *member*
- Boston Society of Architects, *associate member*
- AIA, New York City Chapter, *associate member*
- New York Landmarks Conservancy Professional Circle, *member*
- American Institute of Conservation (AIC), *member*
- The Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT), *member and certified level two technician*