

## Summer Greetings ~



### A few notes from our summer projects:

Wearing their new Sunbrero™ helmet visors, Evan, Keith and Kevin are pictured here ready for work in the intense summer sun on a recent job in the Deep South.

Our recent inspection of a skyscraper in Detroit was cut short by an attack of aggressive nesting peregrine falcons. Almost extinct in the eastern US in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the peregrine has come back and is thriving having adapted to urban environments – preferring to nest on the ledges of buildings. [Learn more about the peregrines from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.](#)

On June 21st the FAA released new guidelines regarding the commercial use of drones, expanding opportunities for business applications in architecture, construction, agriculture, journalism, and more. [Read the FAA press release here.](#)

Hope your summer projects are going well!

## Conferences and Lectures

### AUGUST

[Society for Marketing Professional Services \(SMPS\) National Conference](#), August 10-12, Philadelphia, PA. Franny King attending.

### SEPTEMBER

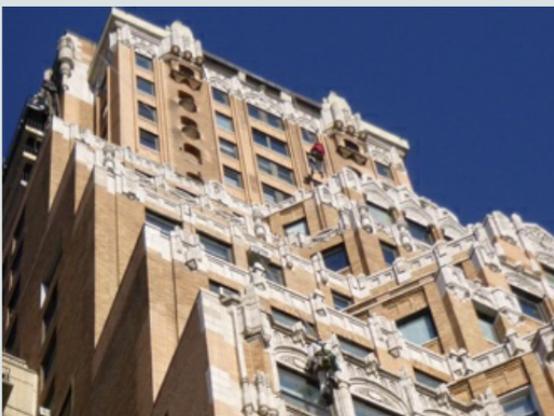
[Association for State Dam Safety Officials \(ASDSO\) National Conference](#), September 11-15, Philadelphia, PA. Vertical Access Booth #509.

[SWRI 2016 Fall Technical Meeting](#), September 18-20, Philadelphia, PA. Kelly Streeter and Walker Diebolt attending.

[APT Northeast Chapter Documentation Technologies Workshop](#), Sept 23-24, Boston, MA. Kristen Olson presenting.

### OCTOBER

## Project Highlight: 75 Livingston



Situated on a corner in downtown Brooklyn within the New York City designated Borough Hall Skyscraper Historic District, 75 Livingston Street is a 32-story steel-framed, masonry-clad residential building designed by architect Abraham J. Simberg.

Vertical Access was retained by [FS Project Management](#) to perform a hands-on investigation of the four exterior masonry façades from grade to the top of the building at the penthouse level to assist [Howard L. Zimmerman Architects](#) (HLZA) with the Façade Inspection Safety Program (Local Law 11) inspection of the building and with preparation of repair recommendations and documents. [Read more and see slideshow.](#)

## Can You Identify This Building?

Test your knowledge of historic and iconic buildings in the U.S. (and beyond!) in this series of "guess the building" blog posts.

This Romanesque Revival academic building was completed in 1893, by the Chicago firm of Patton & Fisher. It contrasts with the many (famous) modernist buildings nearby. Where is it?



[Get the answer here.](#)

[APT 2016 Annual Conference, Preserving Heritage with Tomorrow's Technologies](#), October 30 - Nov 2, San Antonio, TX. Evan Kopelson, Kent Diebolt and Berta de Miguel attending.

## NOVEMBER

[ArchitectureBoston Expo - ABX 2016](#), November 15-17, Boston, MA. Kelly Streeter co-presenting, "What's Buzzing? Drones for Historic Preservation"

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017 ...**  
SPRAT 2017 Annual Conference, January 10-13, Phoenix, AZ.

CIPA Ottawa Symposium: Digital Workflows for Heritage Conservation, Aug 28 - Sept 1.

## About Vertical Access

Vertical Access LLC collaborates with architecture, engineering and construction firms, and real estate professionals nationwide to perform specialized inspection services and condition assessments on buildings and civil structures using industrial rope access techniques and direct-to-digital information systems. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)

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## Happy 100th Birthday, National Park Service!

2016 is a great time to visit a national park and be part of the National Park Service Centennial celebration. August 25th is its official birthday, and engaging events are happening yearlong. [More info here.](#)

Vertical Access is proud of our contributions to the preservation of these National Park Service managed landmarks:

- [Cape Hatteras Lighthouse](#)
- [Fire Island Lighthouse](#)
- [General Grant National Memorial](#)
- [Independence Hall](#)
- [Lincoln Memorial](#)
- [The Gateway Arch](#)
- [The Easton Building / 15 State Street](#)

## Tensioned Access Platforms - New and Emerging in the US

*This piece is provided by Alta Access - the sister-company to Vertical Access that offers a suite of specialized contracting services performed at height using industrial rope access.*



Tensioned access platforms, work platform netting, walk on nets, work positioning netting - whatever you want to call them, they're a refreshing take on work platforms and are gaining traction in the United

States.

It's a simple enough concept that could have an outsized effect on the efficiency of "at height" projects.

Tensioned access platforms (TAP) are simple yet carefully designed systems made from panels of either net or membrane, tensioned between structural members that can be walked on and worked from as a work platform. Webbing secured to the panels is ratcheted to engineered anchor points, providing tension and stability to the platform. Widely used in the United Kingdom and the Middle East for a variety of projects, TAPs are still largely unknown in the USA. I'll discuss applications, installation methods, drawbacks, relevant standard regulations and a case study but first a picture is worth a thousand words... [Read full article.](#)

## Staff News



VA is pleased to welcome Mike Russell to the team. Mike brings over six years of experience working in the construction industry, both commercial and residential, specifically relating to project management, sustainable building practices, and historic restoration in residential and maritime environments.

Mike has a BS in civil engineering from Central Connecticut State University and is a SPRAT certified Level I technician. Welcome Mike!

❖ Kelly Streeter paused for a moment on a recent job in Albany, NY to reflect on the fact that she was on-site there 19 years ago almost to the day on her first rope access project — same city, different building! [See photo.](#)

❖ Kent Diebolt and Kristen Olson helped [Historic Ithaca](#) celebrate their 50th anniversary in June. Kristen served as HI's preservation service coordinator previously and continues to volunteer for the organization. Kent is a past-president and board member and was on hand to speak at the celebration in the restored vaudeville-era [State Theater](#) that his efforts helped save from demolition. [See photos.](#)