



SUSTAINABILITY ASSURANCE BY
SUSTAINABILITY PROFESSIONALS

Capabilities

Your Assurance Partner: Sustainability Assurance Services (SAS)

Sustainability Assurance Services (SAS) was established to meet the growing need for third-party validation of sustainability-related data and reporting. SAS draws on decades of experience to provide tailor-made sustainability assurance services for corporations and certification bodies.

At SAS, we take the time to listen, learn, and adapt to foster a personalized partnership and customized experience that aligns with each organization's unique needs and goals while maintaining independence and impartiality.

We guide our clients through the assurance process every step of the way and provide sustainability services that improve our clients' sustainability assurance programs.



"With SAS, you'll discover the difference a true partnership makes. Because when it comes to success, there's not a one-size-fits-all path—there's only what fits you."

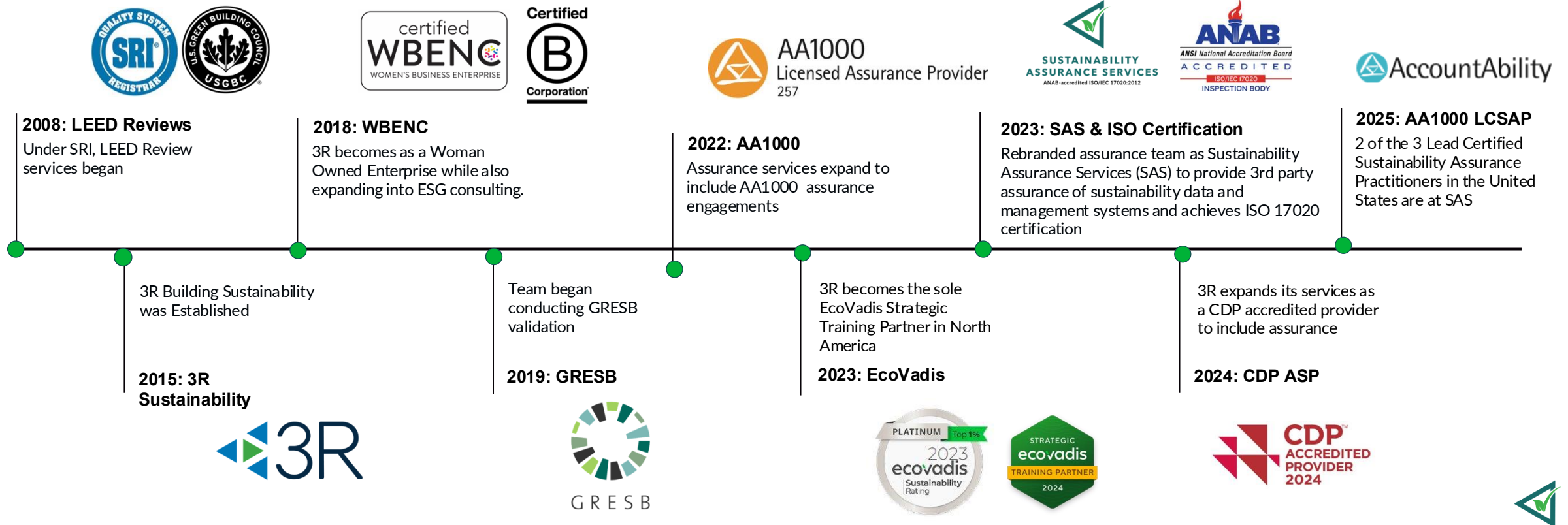


Sustainability Assurance Services has been granted ANAB- accredited ISO/IEC 17020:2012 certification meaning that we meet both the technical competence requirements and management system requirements necessary to consistently deliver technically valid results.



Our History

Across the years, we have focused on helping our clients realize the **business value** of sustainability.



Corporation Services



SAS supports **corporations** by providing third-party assurance and verification

We can help with:

- ▶ Third Party Greenhouse Gas Emissions Verification
- ▶ Independent Third-Party Verification of KPIs
- ▶ Sustainability Report Assurance

*“Getting our sustainability report assured with **SAS** provided us with the confidence we needed for our first public report. Not only did the audit make me feel better about our sustainability management processes and opportunities for improvement, but it **increased satisfaction** with all stakeholders and is also expected to **enhance our rating** with EcoVadis and CDP. I highly recommend working with Gina and the rest of the SAS team”*

– Chief HR Officer, Accupac



Certification Bodies



SAS supports **certification bodies** by acting as an independent, 3rd- party assessment reviewer and validator



G R E S B

GRESB

In 2021, SAS was chosen as GRESB's independent, 3rd-party assessment and validation services provider. Through our partnership GRESB, the ESG benchmark for real assets, provides validated ESG performance data and sustainability best practices to real estate and infrastructure asset managers and investors worldwide.



USGBC

Since 2006, the SAS team has partnered with USGBC to support the development of the LEED review process. Today, the team continues to provide review services for green building projects across the globe.

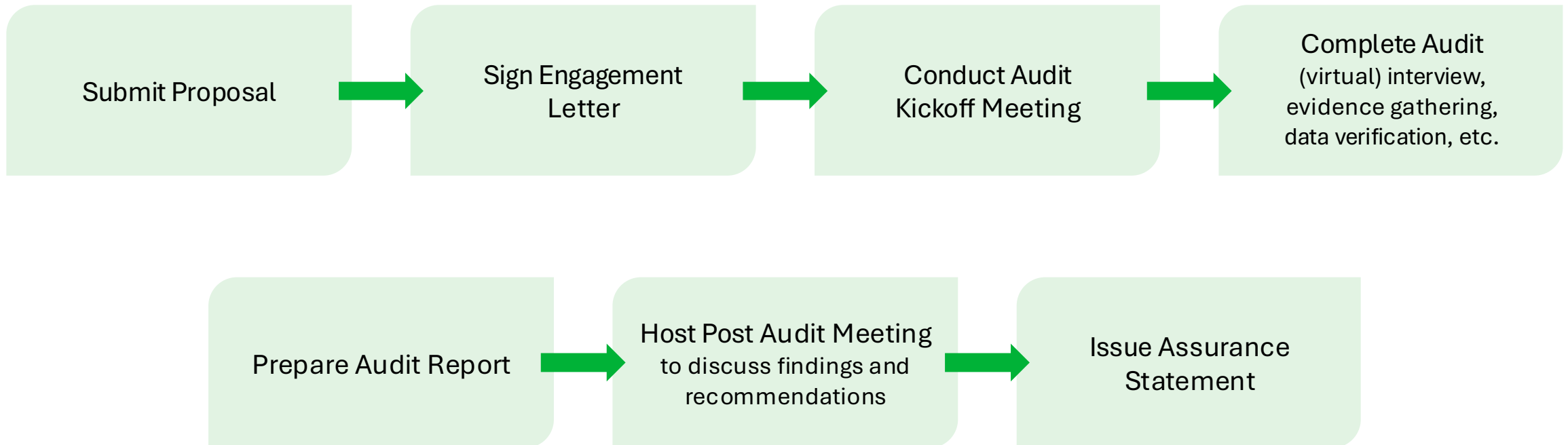
SAS ensures accuracy and consistency in validation decisions



SAS Assurance Process

"Working with SAS was unintimidating, yet professional and made for a straightforward and smooth GHG assurance process." —Sustainability & Energy Manager, Printpack

 4-10 WEEKS (AVERAGE)



Comparing AA1000 and ISO 14064-3

	AA1000	ISO 14064-3
Type of standard	Principles based framework focusing on performance management	Technical framework for GHG verification
GHG emissions verification process	Thorough	Thorough
Evidence requirements	Demonstrate or documented	Must be documented
Inventory maturity	Good for initial assurance engagement and/or inventories in first 1-3 years of maturity	Good for more mature inventory management systems; higher risk industries
Accepted by CARB, CDP, EcoVadis	Yes	Yes
Internationally Recognized	Mostly Asia/South America; emerging in EU and US	Yes



Assessment Support



SAS supports certification bodies and assessment frameworks to **develop new and improve existing standards and validation processes**



Continual Improvement

SAS partners with certification bodies and assessment frameworks to support programmatic improvements and new developments throughout the year.



Expert Guidance

SAS provides recommendations for standard creation, updates, and guidance document improvements to support continual industry maturation and best practice implementation.



TESTIMONIAL

"Obtaining third-party assurance from SAS on our annual sustainability report has given us a **valuable, informed perspective** on our materiality, management, and reporting processes.

The audit reports from SAS give us **actionable feedback** to support the **continual improvement** of responsible business practices."

- Director, Sustainability, Energy Vault





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