

September 20, 2021

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Re: University at Colorado Boulder 2021 STARS submission

The University of Colorado Boulder has a strong history of accomplishment in the field of sustainability. Decades of student, faculty, and staff leadership in academics, research, operations, and community involvement have consistently advanced CU among the vanguard of sustainability leaders nationally and globally.

Consistent with that legacy of leadership, I am pleased to affirm the submittal of our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Ratings System (STARS) Gold award.

This current submission reflects CU Boulder's continued focus on the importance of sustainability in all that we do, including during the unprecedented challenge of navigating a global health pandemic. Several recent, major sustainability events and initiatives that we would like to highlight include our Chancellor's [Call to Climate Action](#), the creation of our first Energy Master Plan, the campus' establishment of the goals to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, and improving energy use intensity in our buildings by 30% by 2035. The University also established a campus-wide Sustainability Council. Additionally, CU Boulder hosted several convenings with leaders in the government, industry, community and academia to discuss collaboration opportunities around climate action, and was proud to host the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis with members of the U.S. House of Representatives in August 2019.

As we move forward, we seek the same continuous improvement in our sustainability performance that STARS promotes, and the challenge to transition society to a more sustainable future is one we take very seriously. We appreciate the opportunity that STARS offers to all institutions to credibly measure and monitor our sustainability performance so that we can be better guided down this critical path.

Sincerely,



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