



February 1, 2013

Meghna Tare
Office of Sustainability, UT Arlington
604 W. Second St., Preston Hall 204
Arlington, TX 76019

Dear Ms. Tare,

This letter is to verify that the University of Texas at Arlington was the recipient of the "Best Community Impact Award" at the 2012 "Working for Clean Air Awards." In its eighth year, the awards program is organized by the North Texas Commission's *Clean Air Texas Initiative* and recognizes organizations in the North Texas region that demonstrate outstanding efforts to improve local air quality. More than 30 organizations representing over 135,000 employees in the North Texas region applied for the award this year. The winners were announced on November 1, 2012, at a reception at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

The award selection committee was particularly impressed by UTA's work to promote local food sources through its community garden and partnership with Urban Acres' food co-op.

The North Texas Commission is a regional nonprofit consortium of business, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development entities and higher education institutions, united to network and collaborate in addressing regional topics and issues. Through the *Clean Air Texas Initiative*, the NTC works with the business community of North Texas to develop and implement voluntary and measurable strategies for improving air quality within our region.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert Kent
Director of Environmental Programs
North Texas Commission