

February 25, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter shall serve as affirmation that the educational and outreach programs of the Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE) at the University of Northern Iowa meet the criteria necessary for the Innovation Credit for the AASHE STARS Assessment.

I serve as the Director of CEEE and I oversee all programs of my Center. I work with all staff members and know firsthand the accomplishments and the outcomes of our work.

CEEE's mission is to empower Iowans with the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to create a more sustainable future for our communities. The entities we serve include Iowa cities, counties, schools, teachers, farmers, businesses, elected officials, state agencies, community leaders and citizen organizations.

From know-how to do-now, our programs offer technical assistance, educational programs, and leadership in practicing what we already know, engaging local leaders implementing at the community scale practical and effective approaches. We have staff expertise and a track record of accomplishments in the areas of energy conservation, renewable energy education, local food development, waste reduction, and community resilience.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss any portion of this innovative program further. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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