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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship is the technology innovation and commercialization center for Rice University. The Rice Alliance was formed as a strategic alliance of three schools: the George R Brown School of Engineering, the Weiss School of Natural Sciences and the Jesse H. Jones School of Business in collaboration with the Vice Provost and the Office of Research. Our mission is to be a catalyst for launching successful ventures through education, guidance and connections. Our assistance extends to Rice researchers, students as well as entrepreneurs in the community.

Some of our efforts to promote clean technology and sustainability include:

- Rice Alliance Energy and Clean Technology Venture Forum and Nanotechnology Forums—more than 200 clean tech or sustainability companies have presented their innovative clean energy technologies at the forums over the last 11 years to an audience of investors, industry and business leaders
- Rice Business Plan Competition (RBPC) – five-10 innovative clean tech or sustainability companies have presented at each of the 14 years of the competition

Sincerely,

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Brad Burke