



February 13, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that Kankakee Community College is an active participant in four of the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) Task Forces and Work Groups, namely Greening Your Curriculum, Local Foods/Campus & Community Gardens, Transportation/Electric Vehicles, and Green Healthcare.

IGEN provides a platform for collaboration among all Illinois community colleges and their partners to establish sustainable best practices, promote energy demand reduction projects, and drive growth in the green economy. IGEN works continuously to leverage the strengths and contributions of individual colleges to benefit all colleges within the Illinois Community College System by creating or maintaining sustainability or green economy centers that conduct pilot projects, share best practices, and communicate lessons learned in four strategic program areas: Green Campus, Green Curriculum, Green Careers, and Green Communities.

To assist with these goals, IGEN assembles Task Forces and Work Groups comprised of Illinois community college staff (i.e., IGEN liaisons, sustainability professionals or any staff interested in assisting with the efforts) to research sustainability topics, inform and make recommendations to college leadership and staff, and create a specific set of materials and resources for use by the colleges. The final products of the IGEN Task Forces and Work Groups can include white papers, special events, best practice packages with case studies, supporting documents and resources, and other materials or presentations. In time, these resources will be posted on the IGEN website ([www.igence.org](http://www.igence.org)) and made available to colleges, universities and businesses across the country.

I am pleased to write this letter verifying that IGEN's practice of statewide collaboration through Task Forces and Work Groups is unique and we expect it to yield extraordinary results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Elzanati".

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