

August 11, 2011

Mr. Myron Willson
Director, Office of Sustainability
University of Utah
Annex D Wing, Room 1024
1901 E. South Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Mr. Willson,

I'm pleased to affirm the innovation of the University of Utah's Energy Commercialization Center (ECC). In October, 2010, the ECC was awarded one of five innovation grants from the U.S. Department of Energy to form an unprecedented collaborative commercialization environment in the Western region. The ECC is charged with connecting inventors, academic institutions, entrepreneurs, business partners, venture capitalists, and industry investors in order to accelerate the commercialization process for renewable energy and energy efficiency technology.

Our focus is unique because we are pooling intellectual property and connecting inventors with other inventors and partners from across the entire Western region. This innovative practice allows the ECC to help bring resources and ideas to the market quicker and with a greater chance of success by applying proven business models and best practices. Another innovative feature is that we are able to share ideas and make connections with the four other ecosystems across the country.

I fully support this innovation credit and affirm the practices of this center as founded on innovation which will lead to great progress.

Sincerely,

Carrie Giles, Assistant Director
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