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To: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, STARS Program

From: Brian Rogers, UAF Chancellor

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Re: Verification of the UAF STARS Submission

On behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), I am pleased to verify the submission from our campus to the Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) Program. Our submission reflects an ongoing commitment and a dedication to future progress on sustainability issues at our campus.

STARS 1.0 attests to the collaborative efforts made by our students, staff, faculty, and community members to continue pioneering sustainable solutions. Further embracing sustainability in our operations, curriculum, and campus culture will better prepare our students in developing critical thinking skills to handle the complicated, inter-disciplinary, and interconnected global issues of today and the future. UAF will continue to track campus progress on sustainability, and STARS will be a key performance measurement that we employ. Along with tracking our campus greenhouse gas emissions, STARS will provide a well-rounded and focused measurement tool that is broad and robust.

We see STARS as a meaningful way to benchmark our progress for continual improvement toward sustainability and meeting future goals. We look forward to working with other STARS participants to enhance our sustainability initiatives.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the UAF Office of Sustainability workers and students for their help in collecting and verifying submission information: Anne Rittgers, Heather Currey, Heidi Konttinen, Zoe Marshall, Brandon Hoover, Jessie Huff and Phil Glowa.