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To whom it may concern,

I would like to affirm that the Information Technology Division at Gettysburg College is truly worthy of an innovation credit.

Gettysburg College's Information Technology Division has been working on server virtualizing for several years. Server virtualization enables an IT organization to collapse several physical servers onto one physical server without compromising the mission of the application requiring server level performance. With fewer physical servers in a server room, energy input for cooling and heat generation is greatly reduced.

At the moment, Gettysburg College operates 130 physical servers with an additional 48 virtual servers utilizing those machines as well. Without the virtual servers, the College's server machine count would be approximately 175 (subtracting out the physical servers that run the virtual servers).

As older physical servers expire, and as companies allow, the IT Division will virtualize more and more servers, further reducing energy loss.

We believe that our server virtualization initiative has distinct advantages not covered by the assessment and thus qualifies for innovation credit.

Sincerely,



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