

Strong, Secure Families - Sustainable Communities

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Executive Director

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West Central Wisconsin
Community Action Agency, Inc.

RE: Letter of Affirmation
UWRF STARS Innovation Credit

To Whom It May Concern:

The St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development (SCISCD) meets the criteria for a STARS Innovation Credit based on the criteria outlined in the Technical Manual.

The SCISCD was created in 2007 at the University of Wisconsin River Falls and has been in operation continuously since that time. In addition to functioning as the central sustainability authority for the University, the SCISCD also leverages outreach, consulting, and collaborative opportunities. The SCISCD functions at community, regional, national, and international levels, advancing cutting-edge sustainability efforts through the University. This unique approach allows the University to incorporate educational and entrepreneurial opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and outside organizations while leveraging the abilities and credibility of the University.

I know this first hand from the Institute's consulting service to my agency and to the National Board of Directors of Community Action Partnerships.

In being one of the first sustainability institutes to be housed within a University while advancing the agenda of cash positive - carbon negative solutions, the SCISCD has broad impacts across the spectrum of the STARS criteria that exist in few other places. This is truly an innovative effort that goes well beyond the intent of any single STARS credit and is deserving of an additional innovation credit.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Kilde".

Peter H. Kilde
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