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STARS Representatives,

The Pittsburg State University Kansas Polymer Research Center (KPRS) qualifies for the STARS Innovation Credit. KPRS is one of the world's leading centers specializing in vegetable oil-based polymer research and development to reduce the use of petroleum. KPRS scientists work with industrial partners, state and federal agencies, and producer associations on developing and commercializing PSU's intellectual property. The KPRS has partnered with Cargill, a leading agribusiness company, in the global commercialization of a line of soy polyols that have applications in the automotive, construction, and home furnishing industries. Core funding is provided by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC).

The KPRS research team brings a combined 100-plus years of experience among their twelve polymer scientists. The team also includes several undergraduate and graduate students from chemistry and plastics engineering technology. Research contracts over a 12-year period have provided the basis for KPRS further developing its expertise in bio-based polymers.

Located in a new state-of-the-art research facility, the KPRS can provide a full range of research and development services in several bio-based product areas.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Myers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and the last name "Myers" clearly distinguishable.

Andy Myers, Director