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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to confirm the value and benefit of the Food Summit held at Stanford for the last four years. I serve as the director for Stanford's Educational Farm Program and have attended the last three Food Summits and moderated an afternoon panel at last year's summit but have not been involved in organizing the events.

The Food Summit is an innovative annual event that engages participation from all seven Schools at Stanford including the Medical School, the School of Humanities and Sciences, The School of Engineering, the Graduate School of Education, the School of Earth Sciences, the Law School, and the Business School. Stanford is committed to multidisciplinary problem solving and the Food Summit has created opportunities for cross-fertilization and collaboration among a wide array of scholars, students, and staff members interested in food and food systems.

The Food Summit is free and open to the public and has drawn participants from all over the Bay Area and beyond to campus, further enriching the dialogue and building new relationships among a growing community of people interested in improving the way we eat. In a short period of time, the Food Summit has become a forum that bridges campus and community, sharing innovative ideas and practices and motivating further steps towards the development of sustainable food systems.

I believe the Food Summit meets the criteria for the AASHE STARS Innovation Credit and all of us at Stanford appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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