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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to confirm that the St. Louis Regional Higher Education Sustainability Consortium (HESC), co-founded by Saint Louis University, meets the AASHE STARS criteria for Innovation credits.

Saint Louis University initiated the collaboration among more than eighteen Missouri and Illinois higher educational institutions to establish the HESC. Member institutions consist of both two- and four-year colleges and universities and represent programs of study in sustainability that range from vocation training to master degree programs. Additionally, the members are equally as committed to sustainable campus operations and enjoy the benefits of their HESC to help further advance those initiatives.

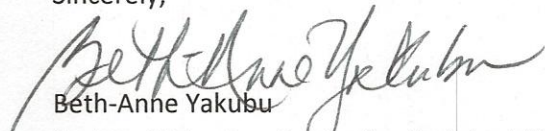
The mission of the St. Louis Regional Higher Education Sustainability Consortium is to connect the strengths, resources, and knowledge of St. Louis area universities and colleges, to advance collective sustainable initiatives that cultivate innovation, to eliminate non-productive competition, and to create a network that is more than the sum of its parts.

In addition to its role in cofounding the consortium, Saint Louis University continues to play an active role as a leader on two of the three core committees: the Steering Committee and the Initiatives Incubator Committee.

A major outcome of the HESC was the success of its 2010-2011 Waste Initiative. The HESC encouraged all member institutions to participate in Recyclemania. Of the sixteen schools that participated, thirteen did so because of the support and motivation of the HESC. As a result, 881 tons of waste was diverted from landfills.

The St. Louis Regional Higher Education Sustainability Consortium not only helps to advance sustainability throughout the St. Louis region, but also serves as a great example for other higher education networks to follow.

Sincerely,



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