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UNT Sustainability

Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating Systems  
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Reviewer:

As the Director of UNT Sustainability at the University of North Texas (UNT), I worked with UNT Facilities to establish the Save, Measure, Assess, Reduce, and Track (SMART) energy-savings contract at UNT. Further, UNT Sustainability continues to engage with our contract provider to utilize current dashboard technologies in our numerous efforts to educate and raise awareness of energy-saving initiatives. Thus, I verify that UNT should be eligible to claim STARS innovation credits for this contract, according to the required criteria.

SMART is an energy-savings, performance contract with Schneider Electric that helps UNT reduce and track its energy usage. The contract has a cost of \$42,386,339 and is self-funded with guaranteed energy-savings over \$3 million per year over the course of 20 years. There is a guaranteed \$67 million savings by Schneider Electric, and has no cost impact to students or programs. An energy dashboard that is viewed online will track energy and water savings at UNT.

As a method to monitor energy use on campus, the SMART energy savings contract helps UNT in its mission to be more sustainable and reach carbon neutrality; therefore meeting the STARS innovation credit requirements.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you,

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