

INNOVATION CREDIT LETTER
Sustainability Tracking, Rating and Assessment System (STARS)

To Whom It May Concern:

I offer my endorsement of the STARS Innovation Credit titled **Hands-On LEED**, being submitted by Colorado State University.

Our Green Building Service-Learning Program within the Institute for the Built Environment (IBE) has been in existence for 11 years and is unique across the nation. Students from many disciplines, with an interest in green building and sustainability are hired as campus interns and actively participate in real green building and LEED projects throughout northern Colorado. The U.S. Green Building Council learned about our program and featured it in their recent publication, Hands-On LEED. We were also able to present the program structure and results at the 2010 AASHE Conference in Denver. Since the time of the conference presentation and USGBC publication, many faculty members at U.S. and Canadian universities have contacted us for more specifics about how to create a similar program.

My background is related to the content of this credit in several ways. I have education, research, and professional practice in Green Building and Sustainable Development. As a faculty member for the U.S. Green Building Council, I have an opportunity to visit many universities and states to teach LEED workshops and witness the green building climate and activities. My visits confirm that the IBE Green Building Service-Learning Program and its hands-on LEED initiative for students is unique and innovative.

In my opinion, the above named Innovation Credit meets the innovation credit criteria. I have included my curriculum vitae which should serve to establish my credentials in the green building industry. You are also welcome to contact two green building professionals in the Fort Collins area who are very familiar with **IBE's Hands-On LEED program**:

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Sincerely,



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