

September 12, 2011

AASHE
1536 Wynkoop St. B500
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Colorado State University STARS report submission

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to submit Colorado State University's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Reporting Systems report to the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Colorado State University's score of 77.73 achieved a Gold ranking and is the highest submitted STARS score to date. The staff of the Office of the Vice President and Enterprise Executive for Energy and the Environment has worked diligently over this past year to collect data for this assessment, and upon the review by my office and other key individuals on our campus, I am confident our score accurately represents the sustainability efforts and values of Colorado State University.

This score is a reflection of Colorado State's 140 years of environmental research, a strong commitment to advancing understanding of sustainability and human impact on our global environment, maintaining a strong commitment to sustainable construction and operations on our campus, and – most important – providing an academic environment in which students are able to learn the importance of a sustainability and develop a lasting personal commitment to sustainability.

Though Colorado State scored well in the STARS assessment – particularly in the areas of environmental research and course offerings – it has also allowed us to identify areas of opportunity and future growth, but I am proud of the progress we have made and look forward to continued progress in the years ahead.

I thank AASHE for its leadership in establishing this framework for quantifying sustainability initiatives across the board for institutions of higher education and for providing guidance necessary for our campus and others to do so.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tony Frank
President