

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 23, 2011

To: Gordie Bennett, Sustainability Manager, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

From: Edgar Stach, Associate Professor of Architecture and Design and Faculty Advisor for Team Living Light

Subject: STARS Innovation Credit – Team Living Light

This memo confirms that the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is participating in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011 (SD2011), to be held September 23-October 2, 2011 at West Potomac Park in Washington, D.C.

Competing as “Team Living Light” in SD2011 offers UT Knoxville students an opportunity to work across disciplines towards the common goal of developing sustainable housing solutions, giving them the rare opportunity to participate in the design, construction and exhibition of a sustainable design-build project. The project creates a cooperative environment in which students learn through collaboration, research and integrative design.

The UT Knoxville College of Architecture and Design has worked with the College of Engineering and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to implement the latest technological approaches to designing and building sustainable architecture. The Living Light House brings together expertise from the best researchers, engineers and architects in Tennessee to develop, design and build the home of the future. It showcases the latest innovations in building materials, information technology, solar energy, energy efficiency and home design to demonstrate opportunities and methods for using sustainable energy resources.

Please feel free to contact me at [stach@utk.edu](mailto:stach@utk.edu) or (865) 974-5265 should you have any questions about Team Living Light.

Sincerely,



Edgar Stach