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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 23, 2011  
To: Gordie Bennett, Sustainability Manager, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
From: Jay Price, Environmental Coordinator, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Subject: STARS Innovation Credit – UT Knoxville Composting Program

This memo serves as verification that the University of Tennessee, Knoxville recycling program (“UT Recycling”) launched a campus composting program in June 2010.

Since our first load on June 23, 2010, we have collected over 26 tons of food and over 120 tons of wood chips from campus for composting. We have a full-time employee that manages the site including turning the compost, and a student worker who collects the material from campus each week. That student worker started as a volunteer with a research grant and was subsequently hired by UT Recycling to continue the work he began last summer. He was very instrumental in getting the program off the ground. The finished product is used on campus, primarily on the UT Organic Farm. Our campus Media Relations group just put together an informative video regarding our composting program. It can be viewed at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fM8ynLr1oaw&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fM8ynLr1oaw&feature=channel_video_title)

Please feel free to contact me at (865) 974-3480 or [recycle@utk.edu](mailto:recycle@utk.edu) should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Jay Price