



**Georgia Institute
of Technology**

Office of the President

February 7, 2012

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

RE: Georgia Tech STARS Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

As President of Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the Institution's submission for STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System). We are proud to have achieved a STARS Gold rating in recognition of our many sustainability efforts. We acknowledge that sustainability is an ongoing process, not a destination and there is much more work to do.

The most difficult challenges of the future - such as energy, water, sustainability, security, poverty/ development, and natural disasters - will require global solutions, and Georgia Tech will be engaged around the world in developing these solutions. Regardless of what that future holds, we believe that in the next twenty-five years many of the world's most critical problems will be solved at research and educational institutions like Georgia Tech. Teams at the Institute are already working on solutions for making solar energy economical, improving environmental and economic sustainability, providing access to clean water, improving the urban infrastructure, advancing health informatics, curing diseases, and securing cyberspace. New interdisciplinary fields are emerging that span technology, science, policy, business, law, and the arts, and these interactions are reshaping how we both view the world, and define and solve problems. Our success will depend upon our ability to utilize science and technology to build on our history of excellence in all that we do, and to "shape our future."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bud Peterson".

G.P. "Bud" Peterson
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