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RE: Innovation Credit I

Dear Colleagues,

In compliance with the protocol for submission of STARS credits, I am submitting this letter of affirmation of our innovative "Ground Source Heat Pump Information-Sharing Workshop."

The Ball State University (BSU) Geology Geothermal Knowledge Group and the Indiana Geological Survey jointly hosted the workshop at Ball State University in November 2011. Throughout the day, there were six presentations given by faculty and staff from the Ball State University, Ohio State University, Indiana Geological Survey, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources on the research and status of ground-source geothermal energy in the Midwestern region. This included updates on the status, research, and monitoring of BSU's district-scale geothermal heating and cooling installation; the largest such facility currently in the U.S. Based on the success of our workshop, we will continue the exchange of ideas by hosting annual meetings at BSU, starting in February 2013.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 765-285-8274 or cbdowling@bsu.edu

Sincerely,

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