

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

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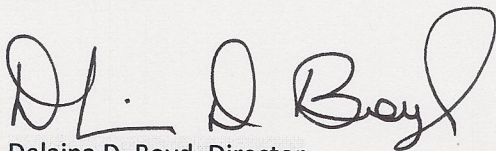
Dear Colleagues:

In compliance of the protocol for submission of STARS credits under the referenced category, I am submitting this letter in affirmation of our innovative practice in Building Better Communities (BBC).

We have successfully supported communities throughout Indiana through the BBC Program with projects specifically focused on issues of sustainability. The most university-specific of those is student's ongoing work on our first-ever campus sustainability report using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) protocol. Reported and completed in 2011, this original GRI report served as a model for other student project work this year. A new team of students contributed new research and information to the Ball State report during the fall 2011 semester. Another extension of this established course was a project in which students produced a sustainability report for a local non-profit organization, the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Indiana during the 2012 spring semester.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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