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Mr. Paul Rowland,  
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RE: IN-3 Trash Buddies

Dear Mr. Rowland,

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation that the information presented for credit IN-3 is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Between 2011 and 12 Boston University saw a leveling off of recycling rate improvements hovering just above 30%. To address the issue, *sustainability@BU* piloted its Trash Buddy Program. The Program was piloted in four locations on the Charles River Campus as an inventive new way to increase recycling rates and engage the BU community more actively in campus sustainability. A Trash Buddy is a space-saving desk-side receptacle with a small trash bin resting inside a larger blue recycling bin. Trash Buddies provide convenient desk-side sorting, create more knee space under desks, and streamline waste management, while engaging the BU community in sustainability efforts through an emphasis on recycling.

The pilot of the program saw great success and caused a significant improvement in recycling rates, increasing the rate on average from 47.4% to 73.2%. The University is rolling out a full program that will extend to offices across campus through the summer of 2013.

Sincerely,  
Boston University



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