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RE: Letter of Affirmation – AASHE STARS Reporting Framework for Innovation Credits for UC Berkeley

It is my pleasure to offer my affirmation that the solar PV installation project at UC Berkeley done through a public agency procurement partnership does meet the intention of the innovation credit for STARS reporting.

This winter, 2016, UC Berkeley went live with four solar PV installations on the campus. Berkeley was able to do this cost-effectively through a joint procurement effort with 19 other public agencies. The Regional Renewable Energy Procurement program (R-REP) is the nation's largest collaborative public sector procurement of renewable energy and UC Berkeley was the only educational institution to participate.

By sharing expertise and by bundling our projects together for vendor services we tackled the high upfront costs, limited staff resources, and a lack of expertise that often prevent government agencies from developing on-site renewable energy. Collaboration has enabled R-REP agencies and UC Berkeley to overcome these challenges and rapidly expand the use of low-cost renewable energy at our facilities.

Sincerely,

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