

U.S.-China EcoPartnership for Environmental Sustainability Credit Letter

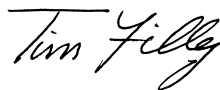
Dear Colleagues,

As the Purdue University Director for the U.S.-China EcoPartnership for Environmental Sustainability (USCEES), I am pleased to offer my affirmation that the USCEES program meets the AASHE STARS Reporting Framework for Innovation credits. The USCEES, which is part of Purdue's Global Sustainability Institute (GSI), is focused on building U.S.-China collaborations in order to address the interconnected challenges of environmental sustainability, climate change, and energy security by leveraging and enhancing the capacity of our member universities and research institutes, and industry partners we look to develop. The USCEES is part of a larger network of EcoPartnership programs made possible by a joint agreement between the U.S. State Department and the China's National Development and Reform Commission.

Our program has engaged students and faculty from our six member institutions at two annual conferences (one held at Purdue and the most recent in Shenyang, China). Additionally, through these events concrete connections have been made between Chinese business and funding sources and U.S. university and private entrepreneurs in environmental sectors. Collaborations between the USCEES and other EcoPartnerships and affiliated institutions over the past year have fostered new research and business cooperation, worked to establish summer short courses for students in China, and created innovative teaching environments for academic year programs on resiliency in the face of natural and man made hazards here at Purdue.

I am very pleased to have the USCEES considered for this program.

Sincerely,



Timothy Filley
Purdue Director, U.S.-China EcoPartnership for Environmental Sustainability