### **Barry Schwalbe**

From: Brian Tucker

Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 10:09 AM

To: Barry Schwalbe
Subject: RE: Letter for Bistro

Barry,

Better late than never I hope. Sorry for the delay.

Bistro Five Thirty Seven is a fully student run restaurant within the Culinary Arts Institute at Richland Community College. In this setting the students in the culinary program use state of the art equipment to leave both front of the house and back of the house operations in a restaurant setting. The students continually learn new techniques and incorporate them into the menu or service style. Bistro Five Thirty Seven is also unique in its respect to sustainability. Not only does the restaurant participate in single stream recycling but also uses all food waste for the purpose of creating compost. The culinary program operates a Rocket composter which turns food waste into compost in a short period of time. Once the compost is completed it will be used by the student farms here at Richland, which in turn provides some of the produce used in the restaurant. This practice creates a full cycle in the usage of resources.

Let me know if you need anything else.

#### **Chef Brian Tucker**

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From: Barry Schwalbe

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 3:35 PM

To: Brian Tucker

**Subject:** Letter for Bistro

Hi Brian,

I'll still need the letter we discussed...

To help ensure that the policy, practice, program, or outcome that the institution is claiming for an innovation credit is truly innovative, institutions must submit a letter of affirmation from an individual with relevant expertise in the associated content area. The letter should affirm how the innovation meets new, extraordinary, unique, ground-breaking, or uncommon outcomes, policies, and/or practices.

Thanks Brian!

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