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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS)
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Dear AASHE STARS Review Team,

Early in 2013, Wayne French, Director of the Center for Print Production at Ithaca College and his staff began working with the *InGreen Group FSC Program* offered through *Printers Green Resource™ LLC* and the *Rainforest Alliance* to become *Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC)* chain-of-custody certified. The rigorous process of becoming FSC certified required the organization to develop and implement numerous FSC procedures including: FSC certified material purchasing and segregated storage, supplier verification, FSC product group schedule development, external and internal document compliance, production and material tracking, external reporting, on-product and promotional trademark use and approval procedures and the training of all employees.

With the completion of all FSC certification requirements, Ithaca College's Center for Print Production successfully passed its first chain-of-custody audit on August 13, 2013 and was awarded FSC certified status. As an FSC certified printer, they now produce FSC certified products which bear the FSC label and the optional *Rainforest Alliance* mark.

In undertaking this demanding effort, Ithaca College's Center for Print Production has proven itself an innovator and leader by becoming one of the few *Forest Stewardship Council* certified college printing facilities in New York State and the country. They will be used as an example for other higher education printing operations to demonstrate the potential which FSC certification offers to serve its environmentally-conscious customers through the use of FSC certified paper produced from responsibly managed forests and a verifiable chain-of-custody system for production and distribution of FSC materials. By choosing to become FSC certified, the Center for Print Production has demonstrated tangible support for global sustainability and thoughtful use of our precious resources.

Respectfully,

Rick Huntoon
President

