

July 30, 2013

Kate M. Nelson
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Chief Sustainability Office

Dear Ms. Nelson:

UWM has been played a major role in establishing and nurturing the Mid-West Energy Research Consortium (MWERC). MWERC will help drive the Wisconsin/Midwest Region and the USA to be energy independent based on usage of innovative solutions tied to energy related activities such as; generation, transmission, distribution, storage, automation, power conversion and energy efficiency / conservation. MWERC is focused on research and innovative technology advancements in areas such as:

- Distributed Energy Resources & Systems
- Building Energy Efficiency
- Energy Storage/ Renewable Energy
- Biofuels

UWM's involvement as a founding member of MWERC has been critical. UWM is currently leading one of two M-WERC micro-grid research projects. Chancellor Lovell's leadership as M-WERC board chairman for the last two years has continued to grow the organization and enable it to be an impactful organization in the Region

The support that UWM has provided in grant writing, research and other areas has been very important to MWERC. UWM's support of Sustainability Research Projects as well as it's investment in green projects that promote sustainability on its campus are aligned with M-WERC's support of sustainability in areas such as Building Energy and Efficiency and Distributed Energy Resource & Systems projects. M-WERC gladly supports UWM for its STARS application.

Sincerely,



Alan Perlstein
Executive Director & CEO
Mid-West Energy Research Consortium