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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)

RE: IUPUI Innovation Credit

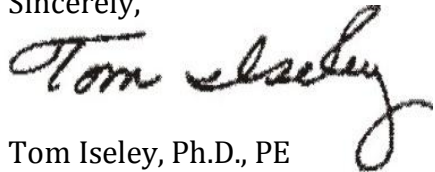
Dear AASHE:

The Purdue School of Engineering & Technology at IUPUI has been awarded a grant to launch a project aimed at revitalizing Riverside, a neighborhood on the west side of Indianapolis, just north of IUPUI's campus. The School of Engineering & Technology and the Riverside Civic League (RCL) are joining forces for the Riverside Watershed Environmental Living Lab for Sustainability (RWELLS) initiative, developed to improve quality of life by creating jobs through entrepreneurship in the area of sustainability.

The RWELLS initiative is a result of cooperation between IUPUI, and the RCL, the community organization of the Riverside neighborhood. Riverside is a very distinctive urban neighborhood in Indianapolis, shaped by the three waterways existing in Indianapolis (White River, Fall Creek and the Canal). It is also home for three golf courses and many other cultural areas. However, this neighborhood has been subject to urban decay over the last three decades. The quality of life has fallen and the infrastructure has aged and been poorly maintained. This situation has led many people and businesses to move from the neighborhood. The RWELLS initiative was conceived to address the challenges of this neighborhood (specifically related to energy, water and quality of life) with an innovative approach that includes local residents in the decision making process.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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