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Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
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To the leaders of AASHE STARS Self-Assessment:

I am pleased to enclose the data report from Carnegie Mellon University for the AASHE STARS self-assessment for 2015.

Since the last report in 2013, Carnegie Mellon has continued its strong record of advancing research, education, and practice on environmental issues; our concerns range from water-quality assessments related to the development of shale energy in our region, to the more energy-efficient design and operation of the built environment, to international collaborations to respond to challenges of global climate change. Sustainability is a theme that engages students and faculty in every college at the university.

The data contained in this report summarize our recent accomplishments, including the addition of three more LEED-certified buildings to our campus, for a total of 13 facilities to date, evidence of the university's commitment to incorporate energy-conserving strategies as much as possible in all campus renovations and construction. In 2012, we established the Scott Institute for Energy Innovation to bring together engineers, architects, economists, behavioral scientists, and policy experts in research and teaching on the transition to a more sustainable global energy system. The Scott Institute will also collaborate with the Steinbrenner Institute for Environmental Education and Research.

Carnegie Mellon's Green Practices Committee, made up of faculty, staff, and students, is central to shaping how we practice sustainability in our own university community. Largely responsible for Carnegie Mellon's long-standing status as one of the nation's leading purchasers of renewable energy credits, the committee also supports sustainable facilities operations, waste management, and transportation options and provides education and service opportunities to the campus community.

This report reflects all of this activity and more, and it underscores our enduring commitment to promoting sound environmental policies and practices, locally and globally.

Sincerely,



Subra Suresh