



**Subject: Humboldt State University Innovation Credit**

April 1, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer my affirmation and endorsement of the STARS Innovation Credits being submitted by Humboldt State University (HSU) as part of the campus STARS submittal.

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is a local government Joint Powers Authority representing the County of Humboldt, the seven Cities within the County, and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. The Energy Authority's purpose is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in Northern California.

The Energy Authority has a long history of partnering with HSU and the University's Schatz Energy Research Center. I can affirm our work with the Schatz Center on the RePower Humboldt project to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to maximize Humboldt County's long-term reliance on local renewable energy resources. The goals of the strategic plan are to meet our local energy needs while securing a sustainable energy future controlling costs to Humboldt county residents as we strive for:

- less reliance on energy sources from outside the area/country
- reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- creation of local jobs and economic stimulus
- and less reliance on fossil fuels.

The groundbreaking work of the Schatz Center on the RePower Humboldt project fits well STARS innovation credit criteria of efforts seeking innovative solutions to sustainability challenges and demonstrating sustainability leadership.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Marshall".

Matthew R. Marshall  
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