



Office of University Sustainability

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to affirm the Sea Level Solutions Center as an Innovation credit for the 2016 STARS submission by Florida International University (FIU).

With rising seas threatening coastal communities all across the world, FIU has launched the Sea Level Solutions Center (SLSC) to help people understand, adapt and persevere. Founded in 2016, FIU's Sea Level Solutions Center, serves as an important local and international resource for research, collaboration, education, communication, and outreach. The Center is unique in the fact that it brings together expertise in the natural, physical and social sciences, along with architecture, engineering, computer sciences, law, communications, business, health and tourism management to develop long-term strategies in the face of rising seas.

FIU's Miami location will be key in advancing the center's mission as it is one of the world's most vulnerable locations to sea level rise. Recognizing the imminent need for more research and collaboration the Sea Level Solutions Center provides a toolkit for everyone – scientists, educators, city planners, businesses, citizens – looking for the latest information on sea level rise and how it will impact our communities. Utilizing a toolkit, the Office of University Sustainability had the pleasure of collaborating with the Center by building awareness and inspiring action through a self-reporting tidal flooding video recording during King tide. We look forward to continuing a relationship with them in the future.

Please accept the Sea Level Solutions Center as an innovative program for the 2016 STARS submission. For more information click the link [Sea Level Solutions Center](#) or feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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