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RE: AASHE STARS Letter of Affirmation

To Whom it May Concern:

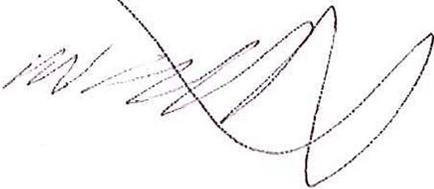
This letter serves as affirmation that the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) meets the criteria for an innovation credit for AASHE STARS 2.2. The report is pertaining to the Situational Awareness Response Assistant (SARA) system.

NSCC's emergency response system was lacking, there was a mixture of legacy and current generation systems from many different vendors. These systems were operating independently and were not integrated with each other. The College did not have an emergency communications system to send broadcast messages based on specific critical situations. As NSCC did not have a true situational awareness system and with a college that has 13 campuses province-wide, the centralized Occupational Health and Safety department were not able to effectively manage each campus. Response management and decision support information was slow, inconsistent and cumbersome.

By creating and installing a centralized situational awareness and response management server system the College had improved student and staff safety, and well-being. Situational awareness and organizational response time to critical situations was significantly improved. It also has significantly improved our risk management capability, specifically, risk mitigation, risk containment, and risk avoidance. Not only did it improve the safety at all the campuses it also improves property and asset protection and environmental risks.

The SARA system has positioned the College for not only conformance to changing regulatory and industry standards but as a front-runner in building occupational health and safety.

Sincerely,



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