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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 1/2 North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Re: Portland State University's STARS 2015 submission

On behalf of Portland State University, I am pleased to submit the results of our third STARS assessment. I affirm this report to be an honest and accurate account of sustainability programs and practices on campus.

PSU's remains committed to sustainability in every aspect of the institution—from curriculum and operations to research and community partnerships. This new submission of data maintains our STARS Gold rating and illustrates continued progress toward a culture of stewardship, interdisciplinary thinking, innovative problem solving, and sustainability literacy.

The last year at PSU saw numerous sustainability achievements on both the operational and academic front. We have made strides in operational capacities by expanding composting efforts across campus, establishing Green Events and Energy Conservation Guidelines, integrating sustainability criteria throughout our Technical Design Standards, formalizing our commitment to sustainable sourcing in Dining Services, investing over \$300,000 in energy efficiency through the Green Revolving Fund, going smoke-free on campus, and working on the initial designs for a School of Business renovation aiming for LEED Platinum.

On the academic front, our Living Lab program is pairing the innovation of our students and faculty with the expertise of our operational staff to make progress on our campus sustainability goals. Our Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative engaged students and faculty from 30 classes across the university with four Portland community organizations to work on grassroots sustainability goals. And, while the University continues to push multiple sustainability-related research agendas, new funding this year will further enrich our faculty and students' green building expertise spanning the disciplines of engineering and architecture.

PSU takes seriously its motto, Let Knowledge Serve the City, and sustainability is a key part of our contribution. I appreciate the opportunity to share these highlights with your organization and I look forward to reporting on our continued innovation in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Will Wiewel

President, Portland State University