



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
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Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I submit our first ever STARS assessment on behalf of Boise State University. Our submission follows a grand effort on campus to coordinate our sustainability efforts through a campuswide governance structure that will continue to serve us into the future. Our newly adopted Strategic Plan has also identified a goal related to sustainable practices for the first time in our history.

Boise State University has a longstanding commitment to sustainable practices through volunteer programs, innovative research as well as a history of building retrofits, upgrades and standards in the interest of energy efficiency. The time was right this past year to create a structure to ensure the university is establishing goals, tracking progress and maintaining operations, infrastructure and education in a manner that is both environmentally and socially responsible, as well as economically feasible. Our structure is composed of faculty, staff and students whose first assignment was to gather data for our STARS submission in the interest of assessing progress to date. We are looking forward to taking the results of this assessment and applying what we have learned to our first ever Sustainability Action Plan, with guidance and oversight to be provided through this same governance structure.

While the Boise State commitment to sustainability is longstanding, we are proud to have formalized our practices through these new mechanisms to ensure our work remains focused, coordinated and transparent. We are especially proud to have completed our STARS assessment as a first official step toward a bright future filled with targeted and intentional conversations and innovations in the area of campus sustainability.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our progress with the AASHE community and are committed to increased engagement in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marlene Tromp
President