



June 9, 2015

Mr. Michael Stifter
Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Management
Facilities Management
102 Maintenance & Central Stores
River Falls, WI 54022


Dear Mr. Stifter:

I am writing in support of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Center of Innovation and Business Development (CIBD) for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System report.

The University's CIBD continues to provide an important service for the community by leveraging new and existing resources and relationships to support and foster entrepreneurship, small business growth, and job creation throughout the region. Already the CIBD has supported the growth in entrepreneurship in the City and connected students and businesses in a way that did not previously exist. The University students, staff, and faculty play an important role in our community that is only further enriched by the work of the CIBD. The CIBD serves as an effective gateway to the community for businesses of all sizes who wish to take advantage of all the region has to offer. Because of the value placed on this work by City leaders, the City is pleased to provide space rent and utility free in the retired Municipal Power Plant for use by the CIBD.

The partnership between the University, City, and local economic development leaders through the CIBD continues our legacy of collaboration and connection for a stronger region. We look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come.

Sincerely,



Scott Simpson
City Administrator