**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

March 28, 2012

Applicant: Rebecca McBride, Senior Associate Director, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

Project: Solar Array Installation Project – Conceptualization Phase

Re: Clean Energy Technology Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Ms. McBride:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), we would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Clean Energy Technology Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus.

SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Office of Sustainability that your project **receive a $100,000 grant** to complete the conceptualization phase of the solar array installation project. SSC is aware that there are several roadblocks facing this project—structural analysis, Architecture Review Committee approval, etc.—however, SSC is committed to increasing the existence of solar power on this campus and is therefore in favor of funding the conceptualization phase of the project to address the aforementioned roadblocks with the invitation to resubmit a proposal once this phase is complete. SSC would like to request that multiple solar options are considered during this phase, such as: electrochromic glass, building-integrated solar, photovoltaic systems, and thin-film technologies. We look forward to seeing the results of this conceptualization phase.

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2013.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by July 31, 2013.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
4. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the SSC Program Advisor, Mckenzie Beverage, at mbeverag@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Office of Sustainability officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.

**SSC Signatories** **Awardee Signatory**

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 Associate Chancellor

 Interim Director, Office of Sustainability

**Project Information**

**Project:** Campus Bike Parking Overhaul, Phase 1

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** $225,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Facilities and Services

**Award Code:** 1-629514-915000-191200-915CCP

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**Project Description:**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pursuing development of a large-scale food waste composting facility on the University’s property, in order to compost food waste from University dining halls. This interest is precipitated by the commitment made by the University in the 2010 Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP): “The University will commit to… a large‐scale food composting project by 2012.” The new facility will initially receive and process all acceptable pre and post-consumer food waste from six dining halls on campus, as well as supplementary landscape waste as necessary carbon bulking material from Campus Grounds. In the future, if needed, the system may accept additional landscape waste from the city of Champaign as well as livestock bedding and other animal-related organic waste from the University’s Agricultural and Animal Sciences Departments. The finished product will provide rich compost material to agricultural projects on campus such as the Sustainable Student Farm, as well as to campus grounds and athletic fields.