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Dear Al,

I am writing on behalf of the Illinois Climate Action Plan Working Group (iWG) to thank you for F&S's response to our recommendation regarding "Wind Power Purchase Agreement." We were very much heartened by the collaborative spirit of Morgan's letter.

The iWG feels strongly that simply establishing certain checkpoints where F&S would share information with the iWG will be insufficient to ensure that the campus sustainability perspective is infused throughout the RFP process. Instead, the iWG would like to be considered one of the "responsible parties" listed in the RFP timeline, along with F&S, PEI, and FM. We would like a representative from our group to be a part of all stages of the RFP process, beginning with the review of RFI responses. This will ensure not only that the full iWG can be kept informed about progress, but also that input from the iWG is considered at every stage.

As you know, the evaluation of the financial aspects of a wind PPA is complex. The iWG believes that enough information is now in hand (between the RFI results and the extensive data that F&S maintains about campus usage) to make an early estimate of the financial premium for wind power, and the maximum size of a wind PPA that would fit within our campus demand profile. If this estimate suggests the premium may be significant, it will be essential to begin a conversation with the campus community about what level of additional investment is appropriate to advance our climate commitment. This conversation should begin well before the RFP process concludes.

We hope you will agree that F&S, the iCAP Working Group, and iSEE can most effectively advise the campus on advancing our shared sustainability objectives if we work together. Please let me know whether our recommendation to include a representative of the iWG on the wind PPA RFP team is acceptable to you. We will then work quickly to identify the representative and engage with your team.

We very much look forward to building a more robust and effective partnership with F&S on these issues and many others in the arena of campus sustainability!

Sincerely,



Benjamin J. McCall
Chair, Illinois Climate Action Plan Working Group