

June 10th, 2010

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
Student Sustainability Committee

Re: Request for funding from the UIUC Sustainability / Clean Energy Technology Fees
Project: UI Webstore Thin Computing
Applicants: Brent M. West \ Chris D. Clausen

Dear Brent and Chris:

On behalf of the Student Sustainability Committee for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I would like to thank you for responding to our call for proposals to use funds raised by the student Clean Energy Technology and Sustainability Fees to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. Each proposal was evaluated based on its sustainability impact (i.e. energy or sustainability impact, campus presence, project longevity, and budget) and broader impact (i.e. education and creativity).

The Committee is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Office of Sustainability that your project (to make thin clients available at reduced costs for campus units) **receive \$45,000 in funding, with the following requirements:** 1) that the grant component allocated for funding server/virtual machines at CITES (\$5,000) may not be used until a final scheme to charge participating units for those costs is determined and implemented, 2) That if feasible, this program will work to add estimates of life-cycle costs to sales of this equipment and other computers as encouragement for units to purchase these thin clients, 3) That \$40,000 of the funding be used to subsidize at least 200 thin client units (on a basis of 50% of cost capped at \$200 per device), and that remaining funds for the clients will come directly from units' allocated budgets for replacement computer hardware, 4) That the Committee's support of the project be indicated by a decal on thin client cases, screensavers, purchase screen information, or similar method, 5) That the College of FAA be afforded the option of purchasing 100 units through this program, 6) That every effort to arrange for savings through use of volume purchasing be undertaken, and 7) That all funds provided by the SSC be expended by December 31st 2010 and that a final report of all work completed and accounting of funds spent be provided to us by January 31st 2011. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact us at sustainability-committee@uiuc.edu

The Committee will contact you when the Office of Sustainability officially approves this project. At that point, we will discuss the Committee's protocol for financial and progress management to complete this project, and make arrangements for transfer of funds. As previously discussed, semesterly updates and account statements describing how funds are being used will be required in addition to a final report on project completion. You may apply for an extension, if the project is not completed in time.

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.

Sincerely,



Suhail F. Barot
UIUC Student Sustainability Committee, Chair