

January 14, 2009

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

Re: Request for funding from the UIUC Sustainability / Clean Energy Technology Fees  
Project: Chip PC Thin Client  
Applicant: Matthew C. Childress

Dear Matthew:

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 fund the purchase of thin client computing devices and a server) be **funded in full in the amount of \$7,000, with the following requirements:** 1) that internal financial support also be provided and that funds be requested from SORF, 2) that devices purchased with the committee's funds will be used in public access areas, for testing, in student kiosks, and for loans to other departments to encourage widespread adoption of this technology, 3) that the purchased devices in some way indicate the committee's financial support, and 4) that the project be completed by April 2010, and any unspent funds revert back to the Student Sustainability Committee. If the project is not completed by the target date, you may apply for an extension. If you have any questions regarding these requests, please contact us at [sustainability-committee@uiuc.edu](mailto: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, a list of locations where devices are deployed, and account statements describing how funds are being used will be required in addition to a final report on project completion.

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



**Project:** Chip PC Thin Client

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** \$7,000

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Swanlund System Services

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**Project Description:**

The goal of this project is to fund the purchase of thin client computing devices and a server. These devices have extremely low power consumption and increased lifetime as compared to ordinary desktop computers. Devices purchased with the committee's funds will be used in public access areas, for testing, in student kiosks, and for loans to other departments to encourage widespread adoption of this technology. Due to time constraints on the purchase, the committee agrees to provide support on a reimbursement basis. Thus, the Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding the full requested amount of \$7,000.

**Student Sustainability Committee:**

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Suhail Barot, 08-09 Committee Chair

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Paul Cheng, 08-09 Committee Vice-Chair

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Ying Fang, 08-09 Committee Treasurer

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Sustainability:**

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Richard Warner, Director, Office of Sustainability

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Steve Sonka, Vice-Chancellor for Public Engagement

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