



Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

January 27, 2012

Applicant: Morgan Johnston, Facilities and Services
Project: Campus Compost Project

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Ms. Johnston:

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 Sustainable Campus Environment 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 **\$250,000 grant to be matched with \$250,000 in Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant funding for a total of \$500,000.** Approximately \$360,000 shall be used for site work, approximately \$30,000 shall be used for water at the site, and approximately \$110,000 shall be used for equipment as outlined in the DCEO grant application. **This funding is contingent upon grant approval from DCEO.**

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 30, 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.

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Project Information

Project: Campus Compost Project

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$250,000

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.