

## Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

April 25, 2019

Project: Expansion and increased utilization of biomass heating at the Energy Farm

Dear Mx. Mies:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I 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 Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) that your project receives \$40,000 in grant funding. This fully funds all items on your proposal.

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

- 1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Coordinator by May 31, 2021.
- 2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester, in the method requested, until the project is completed.
- 3. The Contact Person will be individually responsible for all official communication and the execution of this agreement.
- 4. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
- 5. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Coordinator.
- 6. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
- 7. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
- 8. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.
- 9. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.

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 Chair, Adrian Chendra, at <a href="mailto:chendra2@illinois.edu">chendra2@illinois.edu</a>. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs 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.

## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

SSC Signatories

Adrian Chendra, Chair Student Sustainability Committee

Prahallad Badami, Treasurer

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Awardee Signatory

Tim Mies Applicant

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## **Project Information**

Project: Expansion and increased utilization of biomass heating at the Energy Farm

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$40,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Crop Sciences

Unit Financial Contact: Anna Tammen

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## **Project Description:**

This project will retrofit drying ovens and associated workspace to utilize renewable energy heat from an existing biomass boiler. The College of ACES is financially supporting the construction of a sample processing room to better utilize the existing drying over assets at the Energy Farm, for which the current energy source is propane. The biomass boiler, installed in 2017, has proven to be functional and capable of decreasing carbon. Right now, the primary structure it heats is a greenhouse, from October to April each year. By expanding the months of operation and utilizing excess capacity, an increased value and return on investment will be realized.