COMMUNITY INFORMATION FIELDS

Community Name: Corvallis, Oregon
2010 US Census Official Population: 55,298
FIPS Code: 15800
List of US Postal Service Zip Codes In the Community: 97330, 97331, 97333, 97339

CONTACT PERSON FOR GUEP EFFORT

First Name: Carly
Last Name: Lettero
Title: Director, Energize Corvallis
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State: Oregon
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Authorized to speak to the press?: YES/NO

MUNICIPALITY INFORMATION

Type of Municipality: City
Name of Top Municipal Official: Julie Manning
Title of Official: Mayor
Municipality Website: http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/

UPLOADS / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Document 1**: Brief biographies of key community and municipal leaders of the GUEP prize effort.
2. **Document 2**: Brief description, history, and current status of existing community energy-savings programs, if any.
3. **Document 3**: Description of the process your community will use to develop the energy-savings Program Plan if your community is selected to participate in the Stage 2 Quarterfinals. The description of your planning process can address both existing efforts that you will focus on as well how you intend to determine new approaches. (Consider using the ACEEE Local Energy Efficiency Self Scoring Tool to assess opportunities for your community to save energy.)
4. **Document 4** (Not Required from Communities that Submitted an LOI): Brief description of your community
5. **Utilities Support Letter** - Standard form agreeing to provide timely, accurate, aggregate energy data for your community.
6. **Municipal Leaders** - Standard form agreeing to support the Community's effort in the competition.
7. **Community Organizations** (at least one Community support letter is required, additional letters of support are optional): Additional letters from community organizations, businesses, and other organizations that will support the community's effort in the competition.

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Stage 1 Application
Corvallis, Oregon
Document 1: Brief biographies of key community and municipal leaders

MUNICIPAL LEADERS

Scott Dybvad, Sustainability Program Specialist, manages the City of Corvallis' Sustainability Program. He works with management and staff in all City departments to advance sustainability efforts within the organization. He also works with organizations and individuals in the community to share best practices and enhance community-wide sustainability projects.

Julie Manning has served as the Corvallis Mayor since 2010. Before becoming mayor, she served eight years as a Corvallis Budget Commissioner; chaired the Corvallis 2020 Vision Committee, which created the document that continues to guide city leaders and policy; co-chaired Benton County's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness; and served 17 years on the Corvallis School District's Budget Committee. Manning also served on numerous nonprofit boards including Community Outreach, Inc., Corvallis Arts Center, Leadership Corvallis, United Way of Benton County, Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis, and Corvallis Area Chamber of Commerce and Corvallis Repertory Singers. She was named Corvallis First Citizen in 2004 and Corvallis Junior First Citizen in 1996. She spent 25 years at Good Samaritan Hospital and oversaw public relations, marketing and fundraising activities for a five-hospital network.

Adam Steele, Franchise Utilities Specialist, has expertise in energy management and energy incentive programs and works regularly with utility companies, the EnergyTrust, and the State of Oregon and federal Departments of Energy. Adam tracks the City's energy use and is responsible for insuring the City complies with all Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant reporting requirements.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

David Dickson has been a member of the Sustainability Coalition Energy Action Team since its creation in 2008 and served as lead facilitator 2011 through 2013. David moved to Corvallis in 2005 to pursue a PhD in Biological & Ecological Engineering studying sustainable fuel production from photosynthetic bacteria in parallel to pursuing a MS in Materials Science. He chose OSU and Corvallis because of the broad commitment to sustainability clearly visible in the research portfolio of the university and a passion for environmental stewardship palpable in the community. Prior to moving to Corvallis, David worked as a consulting environmental engineer primarily engaged in the remediation of soil and groundwater contaminated with various petroleum products, an experience which crystallized his interest in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and developing

sustainable forms of energy. David is currently employed as an intellectual property and licensing manager for OSU's Office of Commercialization and Corporate Development.

Tom Ekstedt recently retired from Hewlett-Packard, where he served for more than 20 years as an IT professional in a variety of systems development, technical leadership, and project management roles. He has been active in sustainability efforts for the past several years, currently serving as the chair of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's Energy Action Team and on the board of directors for the Corvallis Environmental Center and Seeds for the Sol.

John Friedlander has been passionate about saving energy since he learned how to wear heavy wool sweaters as a child enduring long, cold Wisconsin and New England winters. Taught by parents who dreamed of returning to the land but instead turned the heat down in their drafty suburban home, John drew the connection between thinking globally and acting locally when his Dad introduced him to two friendly guys talking about the VietNam war while leaning on their car. Reading in the newspaper the next day that they had been arrested for illegal congregation, John's awareness of personal acts carrying political weight was kindled. Today, as a writer, media producer and communications consultant John helps people build civil dialogue around issues related to energy, sustainability, art and ideas.

Leonard Higgins is a latecomer to energy and sustainability issues. He was focused on budget, contracts, and project management for large IT projects in a 31-year career with several state agencies. He credits his new awareness about environmental and climate threats to seeds planted in his consciousness by Joanna Macy, Work That Reconnects, workshops in 2007 and 2008. Since retirement in 2011, he is committed to volunteer and activism work with a number of social justice groups including 350Corvallis.org, ActOnClimate.net, Corvallis Unitarian Universalist Climate Justice, the local Environmental Action Team with Sierra Club, Rising Tide, the Corvallis Climate Action Plan Task Force, and the Energy Action Team of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. He loves to spend time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren, and is looking forward to backpack travel in Europe.

Carly Lettero, Energize Corvallis Director, is an interdisciplinary researcher, writer, and community organizer. She holds a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies in applied ethics, anthropology, and sociology from Oregon State University with a research focus on climate change. As director of Energize Corvallis with the Corvallis Environmental Center, she has helped raise over $700,000 in grant funds to support energy conservation and climate change programs in Corvallis. She has twelve years of program design and management experience for environmental organizations such as The Wildlife Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Great Basin Institute. She also works as the program director of the Spring Creek Project for

ideas, nature, and the written word and for the Environmental Arts and Humanities Initiative, both at Oregon State University.

Linda Lovett began working on environmental and corporate social responsibility issues as a research analyst for Hewlett-Packard before serving for five years as Sustainability Supervisor for the City of Corvallis. She worked with staff in all departments to develop an ISO 14001-based Sustainability Management System, for which the City in 2008 won awards from the League of Oregon Cities and the American Public Works Association. Ms. Lovett is a founding member of the International Society of Sustainability Professionals and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. She has an MBA in Sustainable Business from the Bainbridge Graduate Institute and currently directs an experiential learning program in the College of Business at Oregon State University.

Chrissy Lucas, Energize Corvallis Program Coordinator, has ten years experience working for Oregon State University Extension Service in small farms, groundwater protection education, and natural resources. She has an extensive background in youth & adult education, community outreach, event planning, and volunteer management.

Annette Mills taught public school for nine years and served for 18 years as the Environmental Programs Specialist for Falls Church, Virginia, a community just seven miles outside of Washington, DC. In that capacity, she created programs that won regional, state, and national recognition. Annette has helped establish the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, a network of nearly 300 organizational partners and hundreds of individuals in Corvallis and Benton County, working together to create a sustainable community – one that values environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality. In addition, Annette has been an active member of the League of Women Voters for the past 25 years and has served as an officer of the Corvallis League for the past six years. She currently serves on the City's Healthy Streets Technical Advisory Group and is vice-chair of the City's Public Participation Task Force.

Kris Paul decided to take on a more political role in combating climate change after years of working towards more sustainable living in her personal life. In December 2012, she founded 350Corvallis, a local chapter of 350.org, which is a global climate action network. Working as a volunteer grassroots organizer, she balances her time between, work, activist activities, and being a parent to a teenaged boy.

Cassandra Robertson received her MS and BS in Environmental Engineering from Oregon State University. She has managed energy efficiency and conservation programs for nearly two decades, including working directly with commercial and industrial customers on resource conservation issues. She has been responsible for directing and overseeing all aspects of resource conservation management programs including program development and roll out, on-site conservation analysis and implementation, establishing effective collaborations among public and

private partners, and coordinating outreach campaigns. Cassandra's husband owns and runs Abundant Solar, LLC, a local solar electric installation company and the two recently built a high-efficiency, passive solar, strawbale home which is used for education including tours and classes.

Brandon Trelstad is the Sustainability Coordinator for Oregon State University (OSU). Previously, he worked for in OSU's Government Relations office, during which he interned in the Oregon Governor's office. Brandon manages communication identifies and obtaining funding for conservation and efficiency projects, supports student and academic sustainability efforts, sets OSU's strategic direction toward sustainability and tracks and reports on institutional progress toward that strategic direction. Brandon is also the alternative transportation coordinator for OSU, which involves membership on several transit commissions and committees, managing agreements with transit service providers and executing alternative transportation projects. In 2010, Brandon was recognized by 1000 Friends of Oregon as one of the state's 35 innovators under 35.

Carla Wise is a biologist and writer. Over the past decade, she has grown increasingly alarmed about the threat posed by global warming to everything she cares about, most especially her daughter. In May 2013 she helped launch the Corvallis Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, an international, grassroots organization dedicated to building political will for a stable climate. Since then, she has split her work time between writing and volunteering as a grassroots climate activist.

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Document 2: Brief description, history, and current status of existing community energy-savings programs, if any.

When it comes to promoting energy conservation and renewable energy, the city of Corvallis has shown state and national leadership disproportionate to its small size (population 55,055).

- In 2001 Corvallis became one of the first municipalities to purchase renewable energy, eventually increasing its commitment to 7% of city government usage.

- In 2005 the City Council passed a resolution urging residents and businesses to purchase renewable power.

- In 2006 Corvallis became the first city on the West Coast and the third in the nation to be named an EPA "Green Power Community."

- In 2007 Oregon State University, located in Corvallis, began purchasing enough renewable energy certificates to equal about 72% of its electrical load. In 2008, OSU won a green power leadership award and in 2011 purchased enough RECs to offset 100% of its electrical load. OSU has ranked as high as fourth on the EPA's list of College and University Green Power Partners, and first in the PAC-12.

- In 2008 the City of Corvallis partnered with the non-profit Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to develop and implement a Community Sustainability Action Plan, of which energy is one of 12 topic areas.

- Also in 2008 the Energy Trust of Oregon partnered with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to launch Oregon's first community energy project. The one-year Corvallis Energy Challenge resulted in an increase in residential audits of 335% over the previous year.

- In 2009 the City Council chose to use the bulk of Corvallis's $511,600 federal energy block grant allocation to build on the Corvallis Energy Challenge by providing outreach, incentives, and demonstration projects. Also in 2009, a City Council Energy Strategy Committee developed the *Community Energy Strategy: A 2020 Framework*, which was later adopted by the full Council.

- In 2010 the EPA chose Corvallis as a 2010 Green Power Leadership Award winner for Green Power Community of the Year. Later that year, Corvallis was awarded a 3-year EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant to develop "Energize Corvallis," a series of programs designed to help our residents save energy and to strengthen our community. Upon the completion of our EPA award in 2014, we will have saved

over 15,000 metric tons of CO_2e through residential energy efficiency and conservation programs.

- In 2014 over 250 people attended the first Corvallis Climate Summit. Thirty local organizations that are dedicated to working on climate change shared stories, ideas, and resources.

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Document 3: Description of the process your community will use to develop the energy-savings Program Plan if your community is selected to participate in the Stage 2 Quarterfinals. The description of your planning process can address both existing efforts that you will focus on as well how you intend to determine new approaches.

Two Corvallis non-profits developed a GUEP Steering Committee in February 2014. The Steering Committee will take the lead on developing the energy-saving Program Plan in collaboration with additional committees including the Executive Committee, Stakeholder Representatives, and Working Groups. The Steering Committee has also developed a process outline, which will be used to create Corvallis' detailed energy-saving Program Plan. The planning committees and the process outline are described in detail below.

PLANNING COMMITTEES

Steering Committee – Over the past five months, the Corvallis GUEP Steering Committee developed in collaboration with volunteers from Energize Corvallis and the Energy Action Team. The Steering Committee will continue to evolve, meet frequently throughout the competition, and lead tactical operational activities.

- **Energize Corvallis** is a program of the Corvallis Environmental Center, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to helping Corvallis become one of the most energy-efficient and climate-friendly communities in the United States. Through a number of innovative energy conservation initiatives, Energize Corvallis programs have reduced over 15,000 tons of CO_2e in Corvallis. Energize Corvallis has partnered with the City of Corvallis and Benton County on a number of successful climate programs including a three-year Climate Showcase Communities award from the EPA and Clean Energy Works, a state-wide program offering whole-home energy retrofits.

- The **Energy Action Team** is one of 12 action teams of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, a 501(c)(3) that is a network of organizations and individual volunteers in Corvallis who are working together to create a sustainable community. The Coalition includes businesses, non-profits, faith communities, educational institutions, and government entities that are committed to creating a community that values environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality.

Executive Committee – During the planning process, the Steering Committee will invite political and business leaders to become members of the Executive Committee. This committee will meet quarterly and serve as ambassadors for the

program by helping to guide strategic decisions, clearing political and organizational barriers, and building relationships with partner organizations.

Stakeholder Representatives – During the planning process, the Steering Committee will invite representatives from neighborhood associations, faith communities, civic organizations, schools, the business community, non-profits, and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition network to become Stakeholder Representatives. These Representatives will give feedback on the development of the Program Plan and serve as community liaisons during the GUEP competition. These representatives will meet quarterly.

Working Groups – The Steering Committee has already developed two working groups: the Stage 1 Application Working Group and the Corvallis Energy Profile Working Group. The Steering Committee will continue to develop working groups as needed throughout the planning process and GUEP competition. Potential working groups may include public outreach and communications, ESL program relations, utility relations, data analysis and physical infrastructure, rental initiatives, and fiscal management.

PROGRAM PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OUTLINE

Step 1: Identify and Engage Leaders and Stakeholders

- Continue monthly Steering Committee meetings
- Establish Executive Committee and Stakeholder Representatives
- Establish initial Working Groups and determine the process to establish new Working Groups
- Establish meeting schedule for Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Stakeholder Representatives, and Working Groups

Step 2: Engage Community

- Establish Outreach and Communications Working Group
- Coordinate outreach and communication with Stakeholder Representatives
- Continue community meetings for Program Plan input
- Establish additional community Working Groups as needed
- Establish methods for ongoing community outreach, input, and involvement

Step 3: Define an Energy Vision

- Review existing Energize Corvallis vision statement and adapt as needed
- Establish Guiding Principles and Priorities
- Obtain community input on draft Guiding Principles and Priorities, revise as needed
- Share the Guiding Principles and Priorities and vision with the broader community through Stakeholder Representatives

Step 4: Assess the Current Energy Profile

- Continue to coordinate with utilities and other sources to obtain ongoing access to pertinent data and demographics for analysis
- Assess current energy use and sources
- Inventory current local, state, regional, and utility policies, plans, projects, and programs
- Organize, validate, and communicate findings

Step 5: Develop Energy Goals and Strategies

- Review goals from existing community energy plans and integrate where appropriate into new goals and strategies
- Identify options for future energy usage and source targets
- Develop clear and measurable goals
- Identify strategies for achieving goals
- Integrate input from stakeholders
- Publicize goals and strategies

Step 6: Prioritize and Define Project Scope

- Establish a system to rank ideas, goals, and strategies
- Identify policies, programs, and projects and the time, cost and Working Groups needed to get them done
- Rank and evaluate options against goals, strategies, and Guiding Principles with regard to required staff and volunteer time, cost, and resources

Step 7: Create a Funding and Financing Strategy

- Evaluate funding required for selected goals, strategies, and projects
- Identify potential financing and funding sources
- Develop funding proposals

Step 8: Develop Program Plan

- Draft Program Plan, incorporating evaluation measures
- Obtain technical and community reviews of Program Plan, revise as needed
- Establish Working Group responsibilities
- Incorporate Program Plan into local government and other planning and budgeting efforts

Step 9: Develop, Adopt, and Publicize the Program Plan

- Prepare a final Program Plan for presentation
- Have the Program Plan officially adopted
- Publicize the adoption and kick-off of the Program Plan
- Use effective communication and public relations strategies for ongoing Program Plan outreach

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Document 4: Brief description of your community

Corvallis, Oregon ~ Enhancing Community Livability

Corvallis is nestled in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley, within 90 minutes of the Portland Metropolitan area, world class skiing, and the spectacular Oregon coast. Corvallis has a residential population of 55,055 and is home to Oregon State University. Our 2020 Vision Statement, developed with extensive citizen input, provides a blueprint for our community.

Location and Weather: Corvallis is located on the eastern slopes of the coastal mountain range in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Corvallis was founded in 1845, incorporated in 1857, and is the county seat of Benton County. Corvallis, Latin for "heart of the valley." Like the rest of the Willamette Valley, Corvallis has a mild temperature year-round. Summers are warm and dry, and winters are wet with persistent overcast skies. Spring and fall are also moist seasons with persistent cloudiness and light rain falling for extended periods. Winter snow is rare.

Population and Housing: Corvallis is also the home of Oregon State University (OSU), which is the only Land Grant University in Oregon. As with many other small- and medium-sized university cities, students make up a significant share of the residential population. As a result, the population declines significantly during the summer and there is a competitive rental market. The average home ownership rate in Corvallis from 2008-2012 was 43.8%, which is significantly less than the United States' rate of 65.5%. The share of housing units in multi-unit structures in Corvallis averaged 45%, which is nearly double the United States' average of 25.9%. The median household income in Corvallis was $37,793, which is 29% less than the United States median of $53,046. There were 28.9% of persons below the poverty line in Corvallis, which is nearly double the United States' poverty rate of 14.9%.

Awards and Recognition: Corvallis is an award-winning city that has been recognized as one of the best college towns; one of the top ten places to live; and as having the highest Peace Corps volunteers, green buildings, and patents per capita. Some of Corvallis' awards from the last decade include:

- 2002: **Oregon's most bicycle-friendly city** according to the Bicycle Transportation Alliance

- 2002 & 2003: **Tree City USA Award** by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Corvallis has at least 47 public parks within and adjacent to the city limits.

- 2003: **Gold-rated Bicycle-Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Corvallis was one of only four such cities in the nation to receive this rating as of 2006.

- 2004: **15th most creative city in the nation** according to the *Harvard Business Review*

- 2005: **9th best car-free community in the nation** according to *Bike at Work*

- 2006: First city in the West Coast and third in the nation to receive the **Green Power Community** designation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

- 2008: **Best green place to live in America** according to *Country Home Magazine*

- 2009: Corvallis High School awarded $20,000 for **America's most eco-friendly school**

- 2009: **#1 Green Power Community in the nation** according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The ranking is determined by the amount of green energy purchased per capita.

- 2011: **Highest percentage of bicycle commuters** (9.3%) of any city in the United States according to data from 2009 released by the United States Census Bureau

- 2014: Oregon State University listed in the 2014 edition of the **Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges**

- 2014: Chosen to be **one of ten Regional Climate Hubs** for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The hubs deliver information to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to help them adapt to climate change and weather variability. The Corvallis hub is in the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station on the OSU campus.

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Letters of Support – Municipal Leaders

Corvallis received letters of support from Corvallis Mayor, Julie Manning, and from Corvallis City Council President, Richard Hervey, who submitted a letter expressing support on behalf of the entire Corvallis City Council.

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June 16, 2014

RE: Letter of Support for Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposal being submitted by Corvallis, Oregon for the Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition.

Corvallis has a long history of involvement and demonstrated success in efforts to conserve energy and become more effective stewards of our finite natural resources. With hundreds of community partners and a comprehensive plan of action, the non-profit Corvallis Sustainability Coalition has mobilized community action in a dozen different areas of focus over the past decade and has received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of its efforts. The City of Corvallis is a founding partner of the Coalition, and participates in the teams developed to implement the action plan.

One of these areas of focus is energy conservation. In recent years, the City has received several significant grants to assist with our community education and outreach efforts, including the Environmental Protection Agency's three-year Climate Showcase Communities Grant. The grant supported the formation of Energize Corvallis!, a strategic collection of residential energy efficiency programs implemented collectively by the City, the non-profit Corvallis Environmental Center, Oregon State University's Extension Service, and the Resource Innovation Group. The grant also funded a Community Greenhouse Gas (CHC) Inventory, which identified emissions in the City during the calendar year 2012 and which serves as a baseline measurement from which to devise climate preparedness and other related activities.

For more than a decade, the City of Corvallis and its many partners have demonstrated a commitment to achieving measurable results in the various aspects of sustainability, particularly as it relates to energy conservation. The infrastructure of organizations, volunteers, data and a history of collaboration bodes well for our ability to successfully carry out the goals of the Energy Prize Competition. As a community, we look forward to working with Georgetown University and the competition organizers on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Julie Jones Manning

Julie Jones Manning
Mayor

3022

CORVALLIS
ENHANCING COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

June 16, 2014

RE: Corvallis City Council Letter of Support for Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition

At last night's meeting, the Corvallis City Council expressed the desire to provide their unified support for the proposal being submitted by Corvallis, Oregon, for the Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition. They asked that I, as Council President write on their behalf.

Our Mayor, Julie Manning, has already written about our community's history of working to reduce energy use. I'll not repeat that discussion; however, I will mention an item that occurred in Corvallis before she became mayor, of which she may not be aware. Early in President Obama's first term, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Many communities used those funds for needed maintenance projects to streets and other infrastructure. Corvallis chose to invest those funds on projects to reduce our energy usage, including upgrades to City building heating systems, photovoltaic installations, and a $250,000 revolving loan fund for citizens to perform energy reduction projects for their homes.

We, the City Councilors of Corvallis, look forward to working with Georgetown University, the competition organizers, and our city volunteers on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Richard Hervey
Corvallis City Council President

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ENERGY PRIZE

LETTER OF SUPPORT
MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL

RICHARD F. HERVEY (name of "Municipal Official"), through this letter of commitment, express my support of CORVALLIS 's (name of "Community") effort to compete in the Georgetown University Energy Prize ("GUEP").

I will, to the extent possible, support other municipal officials and staff, work with stakeholders, speak to the public and the press, and otherwise engage our residents in energy savings efforts.

I understand that, if our community receives a monetary award from the GUEP, CITY OF CORVALLIS (name of "Entity") will be the recipient of the funds and will be required to use those funds to the benefit of the whole community, as described in the Competition Guidelines.

Richard F Hervey 6/24/2014
By: (date)

RICHARD HERVEY (Name of Official) CORVALLIS COUNCIL PRESIDENT (Title)
CITY OF CORVALLIS (Organization)
501 SW MADISON AVENUE (Street Address)
CORVALLIS, OREGON 97339 (City, State Zipcode)

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Corvallis, Oregon
Letters of Support – Utility Providers

Corvallis, Oregon has three utility providers: Consumers Power, Inc.; Norwest Natural; and Pacific Power. A letter of support from each utility provider is included below.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT
UTILITY

Consumers Power, Inc. (name of "Utility"), through this letter of commitment, expresses its support of Corvallis 's (name of "Community") effort to compete in the Georgetown University Energy Prize ("GUEP") and its commitment to provide timely, accurate, energy data as required by the Competition Guidelines (see guep.georgetown.edu/rules-timeline).

Utility provides the following energy services to the below types of customers within the Community (check all that apply):

- ☒ Electric
- ☐ Natural Gas
- ☒ Residential Customers
- ☐ Municipal Customers

Utility will support Community's GUEP effort by providing the Georgetown University Energy Prize, quarterly, with the total (aggregate) monthly energy directly supplied by natural gas and electric utilities to all of their residential and municipal customers in the community, as well as the current number of residential accounts. Aggregate data will be reported separately for the residential and municipal sectors. Using the optional Attachment A, Utility may describe their prospective data collection capabilities and provide feedback to GUEP.

Utility will work with Community to comply with all current and future energy data requirements in the Competition Guidelines. Georgetown University will continue working with our partners and with interested communities to ensure that data requirements are as simple as possible, however, it is ultimately the Community and the Utility's responsibility to ensure that data is supplied.

Utility understands that Georgetown University will use the energy to: (1) administer the GUEP Competition and select the Finalists in accordance with the Competition Guidelines; (2) educate the public through our Competition Dashboard, as well as other media outlets; (3) conduct research directly and in conjunction with collaborating organizations; and (4) conduct all other activities consistent with the Master Team Agreement signed by Community during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Competition.

Utility may provide additional support for the Community's GUEP effort, consistent with the Community's Energy Efficiency Program Plan, submitted in Phase 2 of the Competition.

By: Thomas Elsea (Name of Representative) 6/23/14 (date)
Energy Services Rep. (Title)
Consumers Power, Inc. (Organization)
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Philomath, OR 97370 (City, State Zipcode)

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UTILITY

Attachment A – Description of Data Methods
OPTIONAL

Utility understands that, during the two-year energy competition (Quarterfinals), Utility will need to report at least quarterly to GUEP the total (aggregate) monthly energy directly supplied by natural gas and electric utilities to all of their residential and municipal customers in the community. Aggregate data will be reported separately for the residential and municipal sectors. A given month's aggregate energy use is defined as the total of the energy billed or metered during that month.

1 Identifying Contributors to the Residential and Municipal Aggregate Energy Usage

1.1 Identifying Accounts or Addresses within the Municipality

Utility would be able to identify properties served in the municipality, with at least 95% accuracy, by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☐	Identify by selecting for municipality name in service addresses
☐	Identify by Zip Codes
☒	Identify by Tax Districts
☐	Other Identification Method(s) – [*please describe*]

Comments: [*insert any comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

1.2 Identifying Residential Accounts or Addresses

Given the properties selected via 1.1 (above), Utility would be able identify residential properties by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☒	Identify by billing rate class
☐	Identify by other database field [please *describe*]
☐	Other identification method(s) – [please *describe*]

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If multi-unit apartment buildings are problematic, please explain: [*insert description of any problems, and propose a possible solution*]

Additional Comments: [*insert any other comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

1.3 Identifying Municipal Accounts or Addresses

Given the GUEP's definition of municipal energy use, as described in the Competition Guidelines (guep.georgetown.edu/rules-timeline) or subsequent information that may have been provided by GUEP, Utility would be able to identify all contributors to the municipal energy use by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant accounts, given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant service agreements (SAIDs), given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant service addresses, given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant meters given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by billing rate class
☐	Other identification method(s) – [please *describe*]

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UTILITY

2 Computing Aggregate Energy Usage

Utility will need to report to GUEP the aggregate residential and (separately) the aggregate municipal energy uses, as well as the number of contributors to the aggregates. Given the residential and municipal property identification methods discussed above in 1.0, Utility would be able to compute the aggregates based on information from [*check all that could be used*]:

☐	Energy use meters
☐	Energy use bills
☐	Energy use accounts
☐	Energy use service agreements (SAIDs)
	Other Identification Method(s) – [*please describe*]

Comments: [*insert any comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

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LETTER OF SUPPORT
UTILITY

NW Natural (name of "Utility"), through this letter of commitment, expresses its support of Corvallis 's (name of "Community") effort to compete in the Georgetown University Energy Prize ("GUEP") and its commitment to provide timely, accurate, energy data as required by the Competition Guidelines (see guep.georgetown.edu/rules-timeline).

Utility provides the following energy services to the below types of customers within the Community (check all that apply):

- ☐ Electric
- ☒ Natural Gas
- ☐ Residential Customers
- ☐ Municipal Customers

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Utility will work with Community to comply with all current and future energy data requirements in the Competition Guidelines. Georgetown University will continue working with our partners and with interested communities to ensure that data requirements are as simple as possible, however, it is ultimately the Community and the Utility's responsibility to ensure that data is supplied.

Utility understands that Georgetown University will use the energy to: (1) administer the GUEP Competition and select the Finalists in accordance with the Competition Guidelines; (2) educate the public through our Competition Dashboard, as well as other media outlets; (3) conduct research directly and in conjunction with collaborating organizations; and (4) conduct all other activities consistent with the Master Team Agreement signed by Community during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Competition.

Utility may provide additional support for the Community's GUEP effort, consistent with the Community's Energy Efficiency Program Plan, submitted in Phase 2 of the Competition.

Gary Bauer 6/26/14

By: Gary Bauer (Name of Representative) (date) Dir. of Govt Affairs (Title)

NW Natural (Organization)

220 NW 2nd Ave (Street Address)

Portland, OR 97209 (City, State Zipcode)

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Attachment A – Description of Data Methods
OPTIONAL

Utility understands that, during the two-year energy competition (Quarterfinals), Utility will need to report at least quarterly to GUEP the total (aggregate) monthly energy directly supplied by natural gas and electric utilities to all of their residential and municipal customers in the community. Aggregate data will be reported separately for the residential and municipal sectors. A given month's aggregate energy use is defined as the total of the energy billed or metered during that month.

1 Identifying Contributors to the Residential and Municipal Aggregate Energy Usage

1.1 Identifying Accounts or Addresses within the Municipality

Utility would be able to identify properties served in the municipality, with at least 95% accuracy, by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☐	Identify by selecting for municipality name in service addresses
☒	Identify by Zip Codes
☐	Identify by Tax Districts
☒	Other Identification Method(s) – [*please describe*] city name county name

Comments: [*insert any comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

1.2 Identifying Residential Accounts or Addresses

Given the properties selected via 1.1 (above), Utility would be able identify residential properties by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☒	Identify by billing rate class
☐	Identify by other database field [please *describe*]
☐	Other identification method(s) – [please *describe*]

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ENERGY PRIZE

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If multi-unit apartment buildings are problematic, please explain: [*insert description of any problems, and propose a possible solution*]

Individually metered units would be in our system as Residential accounts. Boilers or central systems will be commercial accounts

Additional Comments: [*insert any other comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*] The info we provide is aggregated usage by customer class: Residential, commercial & industrial for the time period requested

1.3 Identifying Municipal Accounts or Addresses

Given the GUEP's definition of municipal energy use, as described in the Competition Guidelines (guep.georgetown.edu/rules-timeline) or subsequent information that may have been provided by GUEP, Utility would be able to identify all contributors to the municipal energy use by these methods [*check all that could be used*]:

☒	Identify by enumeration of relevant accounts, given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant service agreements (SAIDs), given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant service addresses, given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☐	Identify by enumeration of relevant meters given that the community provides a reliable list of contributors
☒	Identify by billing rate class
☐	Other identification method(s) – [please *describe*]

not this one

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
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2 Computing Aggregate Energy Usage

Utility will need to report to GUEP the aggregate residential and (separately) the aggregate municipal energy uses, as well as the number of contributors to the aggregates. Given the residential and municipal property identification methods discussed above in 1.0, Utility would be able to compute the aggregates based on information from [*check all that could be used*]:

☒	Energy use meters
☐	Energy use bills
☑	Energy use accounts
☐	Energy use service agreements (SAIDs)
	Other Identification Method(s) – [*please describe*]

Comments: [*insert any comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
ENERGY PRIZE

LETTER OF SUPPORT
UTILITY

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Utility may provide additional support for the Community's GUEP effort, consistent with the Community's Energy Efficiency Program Plan, submitted in Phase 2 of the Competition.

Doris R Johnston June 25, 2014

By: (date)

Doris R. Johnston (Name of Representative) Regional Community Mgr. (Title)

Pacific Power (Organization)

830 Old Salem Rd. NE (Street Address)

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Comments: [*insert any comments, e.g., about concerns regarding difficulty or reliability*]

Georgetown University Energy Prize
Stage 1 Application
Corvallis, Oregon
Letters of Support – Community Organizations

Corvallis has received 15 letters of support from the following organizations, which represent non-profits, businesses, faith communities, Oregon State University, and the Department of Public Works:

1. 350Corvallis
2. Citizens Climate Lobby
3. Corvallis Climate Action Task Force
4. Corvallis Environmental Center
5. Corvallis Independent Business Alliance
6. Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
7. Extension Service Benton County, Oregon State University
8. Farmland LP
9. First United Methodist Church
10. League of Women Voters
11. Marys Peak Group of Sierra Club
12. Public Works, City of Corvallis
13. Sustainability Office, Oregon State University
14. Student Sustainability Initiative, Oregon State University
15. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

350Corvallis
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Corvallis, OR 97333
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June 4, 2014

To whom it may concern,

I am happy to endorse the application of Corvallis, Oregon to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis is a great town to live in with many of our residents devoted to living a more sustainable lifestyle. 350Corvallis has helped these efforts by initiating the first ever Corvallis Climate Summit to bring together local groups working on sustainability and climate change issues. The summit had more than 20 local groups participating and attracted over 250 community members. Brainstorming sessions were held to look for new and innovative ways to reduce energy use. The results were collected and recorded for future projects such as this one. Following the summit a climate group leader's council was formed and will continue to meet to foster continued collaboration among the groups.

Our organization is looking forward to participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by using our networks established at the climate summit to engage and educate local citizens. We will promote participation to our members both through email and at meetings. We can help with publicity efforts by writing about it on our website blog and facebook page. We will continue to work with local leadership to find other appropriate roles for our group as they arise.

Thank you for considering our town, I look forward to this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,
Kris Paul
Leadership Council
350Corvallis

June 9, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Corvallis Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a strong history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable in many different ways. Our local chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby has helped these efforts by educating and lobbying on behalf or working to stabilize the climate by rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and switching to renewable energy sources. Our group's main focus is on building political will for a stable climate. In addition, we support all efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuel energy to preserve a stable climate for the benefit of all of us, and future generations.

Corvallis is a leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation because we understand the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. Reducing energy use is a positive investment in Oregon's future and the future of all living things.

Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by promoting the project to our members, on our mailing lists, and at our outreach events.

Sincerely,

Carla Wise and Brian Dougherty
co-leaders
Citizens' Climate Lobby, Corvallis Chapter

Linda K. Lovett
1785 NW Arbol Place
Corvallis, OR 97330

June 14, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Corvallis Climate Action Plan (CAP) Task Force, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to compete for the Georgetown University Energy Prize.

When it comes to promoting renewable energy and conservation, Corvallis has demonstrated state and national leadership disproportionate to its small size. The City was an early signatory to the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (2000) and the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (2005). One of the first municipalities to purchase renewable energy, Corvallis was the first city on the West Coast to be named an EPA "Green Power Community" (2006) and four years later garnered the EPA's first Green Power Community of the Year award. These commitments and accomplishments led to the Energy Trust of Oregon selecting Corvallis to pilot Oregon's first community energy project (2008) and an EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant for $492,000 (2010).

The Corvallis CAP Task Force is a grassroots group comprised of representatives from the Sierra Club, 350Corvallis, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the League of Women Voters and individual members. It aims to build on previous energy and climate efforts by encouraging the City of Corvallis to carry out the pledge made under the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign to develop and implement a Climate Action Plan and to measure, verify, and report progress on the reduction or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions.

Our group is eager to partner with other organizations in our community to improve the Corvallis energy profile by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by promoting the competition through our organizations' websites, newsletters, and social media; by attending community meetings about GUEP; by helping to plan and staff events; and by calling on the talents of our members and the organizations we represent to provide in-kind support where possible.

Thank you for your vision in creating this prize and for giving us the opportunity to compete for it.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Lovett

Linda K. Lovett
Facilitator, Corvallis Climate Action Task Force
Representing Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

Corvallis Environmental Center

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Corvallis, OR 97339
541.753.9211

June 24, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Corvallis Environmental Center, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a proud and lengthy history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable in many different ways. Our non-profit organization has helped these efforts by through our Energize Corvallis programs, which are dedicated to helping Corvallis become one of the most energy-efficient, climate-friendly communities in the United States. Over 10% of Corvallis residents have participated in Energize Corvallis programs and saved over 16,000 tons CO_2e.

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Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by developing and managing energy efficiency and conservation programs, serving on the GUEP Steering Committee and Working Groups, and seeking funding for GUEP-related programs.

Sincerely,

Carly Lettero
Director, Energize Corvallis
Corvallis Environmental Center
214 SW Monroe Ave
Corvallis, OR 97339

Animal Crackers Pet Supply

June 12, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of The Corvallis Independent Business Alliance (CIBA), I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a proud and lengthy history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable in many different ways. Our business organization has helped these efforts by working with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to produce the "Business of the Week" program. Each week a different independent business in Corvallis is interviewed and encouraged to share their sustainability efforts with the Corvallis community. Our member businesses have retrofitted their interior lighting, installed solar electric sytems, and purchased more efficient machinery, vehicles and equipment, just to name a few. The feedback from the community regarding the Business of the Week articles, posted on both the Sustainability Coalition and the CIBA websites, has been overwhelmingly positive. The citizens of Corvallis are pleased to know that the business community here takes sustainability and energy efficiency seriously and the businesses are eager to showcase their efforts.

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Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by promoting the prize through our existing newsletter and by encouraging our member businesses to promote it to their employees and customers when possible.

Sincerely,

Kate Lindburg
Past President
Corvallis Independent Business Alliance
Owner
Animal Crackers Pet Supply

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CORVALLIS sustainability COALITION

Working Together to Create a Sustainable Community

P.O. Box 2310, Corvallis, OR 97339
www.sustainablecorvallis.org

June 14, 2014

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition to express our support of the Corvallis, Oregon, application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. Formed in 2007, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is the flagship organization for sustainability in Corvallis. We are a thriving non-profit with a network of more than 300 partner organizations and hundreds of volunteers working to create a more sustainable community. Our varied partners represent a cross section of businesses, non-profits, faith communities, educational institutions, and local governments.

In 2008, with substantial financial and political support from the City of Corvallis, our grassroots-led coalition organized a series of three sustainability town hall meetings, each attended by 400 to 600 community members. The purpose of the town hall meetings was to create a *Community Sustainability Action Plan*, which was completed in December 2008. The plan addresses 12 topic areas: Community Inclusion, Economic Vitality, Education, Energy, Food, Health and Human Services, Housing, Land Use, Natural Areas, Transportation, Waste Prevention, and Water. Each of these areas includes long-range visionary goals and actions to achieve them.

Concurrently, the Sustainability Coalition partnered with the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) to plan and implement the Corvallis Energy Challenge, a year-long campaign to increase energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy in residences, businesses, and at city government facilities. Through the Energy Challenge, the Sustainability Coalition and the ETO reached thousands of local energy customers. This initiative and associated projects laid the foundation for other efforts such as development of the City's Energy Policy and the creation of Energize Corvallis.

Our community's vision for Energy, as expressed in the *Community Sustainability Action Plan*, is: "Corvallis has achieved energy security and net zero greenhouse gas emissions." For the past five years, the Sustainability Coalition's Energy Action Team has worked hard to support actions toward this vision. In addition, the Coalition's Sustainability Fair and Town Hall, attended by 500 to 600 community members annually, provides our partner organizations with opportunities to celebrate their accomplishments, many of which are related to energy conservation, energy efficiency, and use of renewables.

In 2011, the Coalition received the Governor's Sustainability Award in recognition of our serving as a model to other Oregon communities. The newly-formed Lake Oswego Sustainability Network is modeled after the Sustainability Coalition, and, over the past several years, we have received numerous inquiries from communities in Oregon, across the US, and throughout the world. A student from Utrecht University in the Netherlands did her Master's thesis on "Sustainability in Communities: Conditions and Strategies for a New Planning Paradigm" and used the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition as the primary case study.

We are excited to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition and believe it will help move our community and others toward greater energy independence. We will use all of our outreach tools (e-newsletters, social media, press releases, posters, ads, presentations, events, etc.) to support this effort, and we look forward to the challenge that the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition offers.

Sincerely,

Annette Mills, Facilitator/Director
Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

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June 8, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Oregon State University Extension Service, Benton County, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a proud and lengthy history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable in many different ways. OSU Extension Service, Benton County has long helped these efforts by providing resources and programs for local residents. We were instrumental in the roll out of the Climate Masters at Home, a program to reduce carbon emissions through behavior change in residents. We have recently developed a similar program, Neighborhood Sustainability Stewards Program which trains volunteers who in turn educate others on topics related to energy use, transportation, food miles, conservation and behavior change to reduce carbon emissions that result from human activities. This program was made possible through an EPA grant in partnership with the City of Corvallis and the Corvallis Environmental Center.

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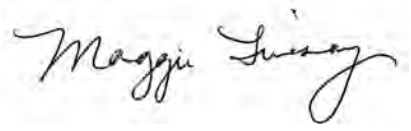
Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by continuing to offer energy saving and conservation resources to residents through programs (when funding is available), newsletters and other outreach efforts, alerting residents about this effort through various communication channels and by supporting a community event.

Sincerely,



Maggie Livesay
County Leader/ 4-H Environmental Programs Faculty
OSU Extension Service, Benton County

Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Family and Community Health, 4-H Youth, Forestry & Natural Resources, and Extension Sea Grant programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Benton County cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

FARMLAND LP
Investing in Sustainability™

June 24, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to compete in the Georgetown Energy competition. Energy use and abuse is one of my passions as I see it as the best lens through which to understand the modern human condition and the existential threats facing us over the next century. In the past I have been on the board of an energy-focused non-profit, the Renewable Energy Development Institute, and am currently a board member of the Post Carbon Institute.

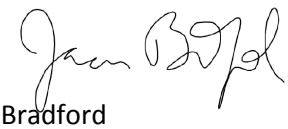
My community work in Corvallis includes being a City Economic Development Commissioner, where I am leading the adoption of metrics by which policies and actions can be judged in terms of carbon and ecological footprints. It would be fantastic to have the focus that comes with the Georgetown Energy competition to assist the Economic Development Commission's work.

Five years ago I co-founder of Farmland LP, a U.S. real estate fund that acquires conventional farmland and converts it into organic, sustainably managed farmland. The agronomic goal is to reduce the reliance on high-embedded energy external inputs, such as synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, to farming. The fund currently owns and manages 6750 acres of farmland east of the San Francisco Bay Area and Oregon's Willamette Valley.

There are potential synergies between Corvallis' work on energy reduction and my business. Many businesses opportunities arise when investments are made by other economic actors, whether public or private. When we think about the food system and its reliance on fossil fuels, most energy is used after food leaves the farm. I'd like to see a city populous engage the farming community and work out how to lower food-related energy use through conscious design that deals with issues such as seasonality, storage, transportation, processing, crop diversity, market development, and food waste. Corvallis has strong support for local and organic foods, but the scale is not yet present to reduce food system energy use significantly. I have formal and informal partnerships with regional organizations such as Ecotrust and Ten Rivers Food Web that could be leveraged to accelerate the growth of an associative economy for food that reduces energy use.

I applaud Georgetown University in this innovative endeavor. It appears you share my serious commitment to sustainability and reversing the impacts of overconsumption. I am happy to provide my support for innovative strategies that will reduce Corvallis energy usage.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jason Bradford

First United Methodist Church
1165 NW Monroe Avenue
Corvallis OR 97330

June 4, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Natural Step Ministry Team of the First United Methodist Church of Corvallis, we are writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a proud and lengthy history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable in many different ways. Our church has helped these efforts by taking measures to reduce energy consumption in our building, including retrofitting with energy efficient lighting and by having a sustainability committee focused on reducing the footprint of our facility and parishioners.

Corvallis is a leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation because we understand the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. Reducing energy use is a positive investment in Oregon's future. In addition, as a community of faith, it is a demonstration of our care for creation.

Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by promoting it through our existing newsletters and other outreach efforts.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Stevens and the Natural Step Ministry Team
First United Methodist Church
Corvallis, Oregon

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June 24, 2014

To whom it may concern:

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis supports the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. Since 1978, the League has acted from a position that supports environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation, and encourage the use of renewable resources.

In our community, we have organized solar home tours, held numerous public education programs on energy conservation, renewable resources, and alternative transportation. In 2008, the League won the Corvallis Energy Challenge by signing up over a hundred households for a home energy audit.

Much of League's work involves monitoring the activities of City government, and supporting local policies and ordinances that promote energy efficiency and sustainability. For example, we have supported protection of solar access in the land development code, fare free bus service and the establishment of a loop bus to serve the community college outside of the City, and provision of bike lanes and trails and pedestrian accommodation.

Currently, our organization is an active member of a Climate Change Task Force along with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the Sierra Club and the local chapter of 350.org. This Task Force is working on a Climate Action Plan for the City.

There is much more to do in Corvallis to educate community members and advocate for City ordinances that use energy efficiently. For instance, land use practices, building codes, and transportation habits all need to change. The League of Women Voters looks forward to the chance to further this effort along with other community organizations by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Brodie and Laura Lahm Evenson,
Co-presidents
League of Women Voters of Corvallis



SIERRA CLUB
FOUNDED 1892

July 28, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

In many ways, the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club has supported community efforts to become more sustainable. For example, we are a supporting member of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition. We are also a member of the Corvallis Climate Action Plan Task Force, which is in the process of devising a plan to help Corvallis move forward with greenhouse gas reduction. Also, through the MPG's Environmental Action Team's Climate Change Campaign, the MPG has given forums on issues that inform the public regarding sustainability and energy issues. For example, in the forum "Sol Power: Community Energy Resilience," local leaders in the solar power movement discussed ways individuals and the community can move towards a more sustainable future. In the forum "Seven Steps toward a more Sustainable Household," seven experts spoke about how good it can be on the path toward a low-carbon footprint. The presenters taught and inspired attendees about how to make practical and meaningful changes in the areas of energy, consumption, gardening, transportation and simplifying our lives. The MPG plans on continuing with these efforts.

Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by promoting it through our existing newsletter and other outreach efforts, by promoting it to our members when possible, by attending community meetings about GUEP, and by helping plan future events.

Sincerely,

Bruce Encke

Bruce Encke
Executive Committee Chair
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Corvallis, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

The Corvallis community has a proud and lengthy history of supporting efforts to become more sustainable and our organization has helped in several ways. The City of Corvallis recently completed a three-year, $500,000 Environmental Protection Agency Climate Showcase Community grant that helped Corvallis residents reduce energy use and eliminate the emission of nearly 18,000 MT CO2e. Internally, our organization works to implement best practices to improve resource efficiency, and then works to share our most effective practices with the community and other organizations that may benefit. For example, the City has installed 52 kW of designed capacity in solar panels on several City facilities over the past few years with interpretive educational signage. Another effort involved replacing several landscapes with water-wise and pesticide-free plantings and promoting those efforts with signs describing the benefits.

Corvallis is a leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation because we understand the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. Reducing energy use is a positive investment in Oregon's future.

Our organization is eager to assist with the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort by working with utilities to provide usage data in an effective manner and by promoting the effort through our newsletters to encourage participation by the community and our employees.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Oregon State University (OSU) Sustainability Office, I am writing to enthusiastically support the Corvallis, Oregon application for the Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP)!

Corvallis has a proud, diverse and long history of supporting community efforts to become more sustainable. The Sustainability Office has been an active part of these efforts since our formation in 2005, promoting to the entire Corvallis community energy efficiency and conservation actions, adoption of photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies both on and off campus, use of alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle, and many other practices that support a healthy planet, society and economy. Our primary audiences – students, faculty and staff of OSU – represent more than half the population of Corvallis. Because of our university focus and the many outreach channels to which we have access, we have been a proud partner in communicating city-wide opportunities. This supports our goal of fostering a culture of sustainability on campus and develops a sense or place, whether it is for students living in Corvallis for a few years or those who have lived here for decades.

As you may know, Corvallis is a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy because it is a community that understands the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. The State of Oregon is a great place to do this work, and Corvallis stands out even in this state. Work like the GUEP is an investment in Oregon's future.

We are eager to partner with local efforts to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the GUEP. The Sustainability Office looks forward to utilizing our communication and marketing channels even further, and improving "town and gown" connections that permeate the university boundary. GUEP is a perfect way for us to accelerate our work educating students who may have lived in communities that don't value sustainability to the degree we do in Corvallis. What better way is there to learn about and practice sustainability than to live it in your community? With GUEP efforts in Corvallis, the student, faculty and staff experience can be greatly enriched, and we look forward to the partnership.

Sincerely,



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June 15, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Student Sustainability Initiative at Oregon State University (OSU), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition.

Corvallis has a proud and lengthy history of grassroots and institutional efforts to lead the transition towards more sustainable, climate-friendly communities. Home to over 26,000 students, Corvallis hosts OSU, Oregon's land-grant institution and Corvallis' largest employer. At OSU, the Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI) plays a vital role in shifting the culture of our campus community. SSI is a student-directed organization dedicated to developing student leadership for sustainability on campus and beyond. We have 12 student staff members working in the areas of sustainable energy, food, landscaping, transportation, water, and waste reduction. SSI hosts annual conservation competitions in the residence halls, leads dialogues on climate justice, and funds student projects to realize their own visions of a sustainable campus.

Corvallis is a leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation because we understand the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. In 2007, SSI made huge strides in reducing our community's carbon footprint by launching a ballot measure to create a Green Energy Fee. Students overwhelmingly supported the initiative to fund the purchase of renewable power. As a result of this effort, Corvallis was recognized by the EPA in 2009 as the city purchasing the most renewable energy in the nation, and in 2010 Corvallis was awarded the EPA's Green Power Leadership Award. In subsequent years, students have funded infrastructure investments to grow our campus' on-site solar production and increase energy efficiency in existing buildings to meet OSU's ambitious goal to achieve climate neutrality by 2025.

Our organization is eager to partner with the local effort to improve the Corvallis' energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. SSI will support this effort by continuing to educate students about the importance of sustainable

energy production and use, and by providing students tools to reduce their personal impact as members of the Corvallis community. We are funding a student research project to develop a carbon footprint calculator customized to Corvallis and OSU. Our student director is the leader of OSU's fossil fuel divestment campaign, which sponsored a resolution calling for the OSU Foundation to divest that passed in both the faculty and student senates in the fall of 2013. Student sustainability leaders are essential stakeholders in any effort to build a climate-friendly future and will be vital partners in our community's efforts to implement the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will assist in every step of the process: advertising the program on campus to foster student engagement, providing data to the Corvallis team about student sustainability efforts, and participating in planning and implementation. We are truly excited about this opportunity and look forward to the important work ahead.

Sincerely,

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June 18, 2014

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, I am writing in support of the Corvallis, Oregon application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. Corvallis is already a leader in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation because we understand the positive economic and environmental impacts that these projects produce across the county and region. Reducing energy use is a positive investment in Oregon's future.

Corvallis has a long history of community efforts toward sustainability, and environmental protection and justice. Our congregation has been active in these efforts for many years. We are part of a global liberal religious movement (Unitarian Universalism) with a long and proud history of progressive philosophy and action, including leadership in human rights and freedom, for nearly 500 years. Here in Corvallis for 65 years, we have been dedicated to environmental protection and sustainable living for most of our history. We have an active Environmental Justice Steering Committee which led the congregation in April to a vote to re-invest our common funds away from fossil fuel industries, and we are working with other congregations around the country to bring that issue to a vote at the General Assembly of our national organization, the Unitarian Universalist Association, next week. We have an active Environmental Action Committee which monitors our energy use with the goal of continual reduction. We have retrofitted our building with energy efficient lighting, have installed solar panels on our building and the rental properties we own, and are in the process of replacing 30-yr old furnaces with newer, more efficient models. We take seriously our understanding of the earth as sacred, and sustainability as a moral issue and a justice issue.

The UU Fellowship is eager be a partner in the local effort to improve the Corvallis energy profile even further by participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. We will support this effort with volunteers, with leadership in building the community coalition, with publicity through our print and social media, and with workshops and training opportunities for the wider community, among other things. We will encourage our members to be as active as possible in these efforts.

With hope and dedication –

Jill McAllister

The Rev. Jill K. McAllister
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