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Anaerobic Digestion CSU-City of Fort Collins Partnership

To whom it may concern:

Americans dump an estimated 34 million tons of food waste a year into landfills, occupying 14% of the space, second only to paper. A partnership between CSU and the city of Fort Collins seeks to address this disproportionate burden by diverting half a ton of food waste a day away from landfills, sending it to the local water treatment plant. Once integrated into the treatment plant in a pulp form, the waste can be processed through the plant's anaerobic digester. This prevents food from accumulating in landfills where it releases methane. The project is geared at reducing a major driver in climate change.

CSU has had a long standing commitment to reducing Housing and Dining waste and has installed a composting system to manage pre and post-consumer waste from the dining centers. This system captures almost 100,000 pounds of food waste each year.

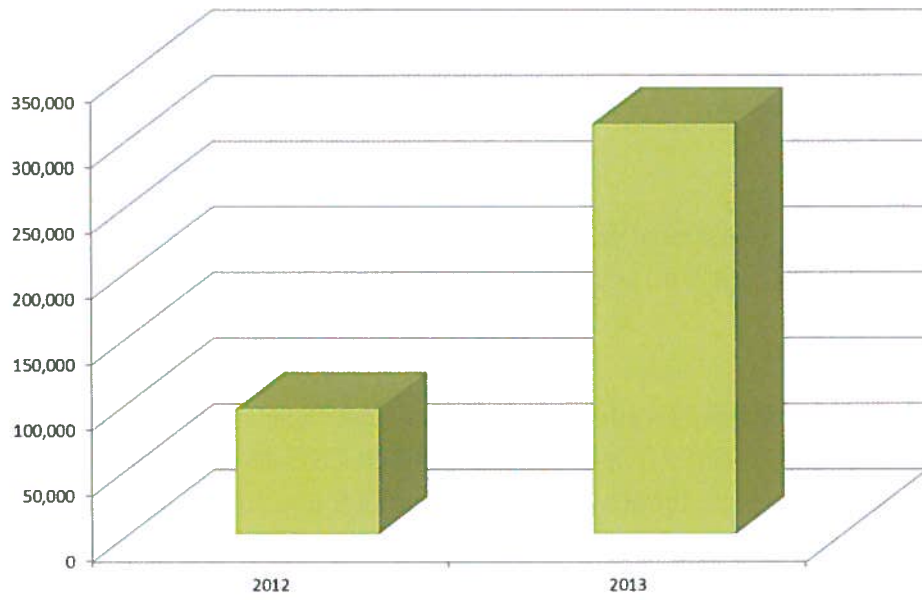
The new partnership with the City of Fort Collins allows Housing & Dining Services to divert three times as much food waste annually – bringing Colorado State's total food diversion to over 300,000 pounds of food waste a year.

Regards,



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Total Food Waste Diversion Increase in 2013 versus 2012 by LBS.



2013 Food Waste Diversion Numbers for Composting versus Food Waste to Energy in LBS.

