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Subject: SELKIRK COLLEGE INNOVATION CREDIT # 1

**State of the Basin 2015**

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of the Basin is a Selkirk College, Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI) initiative that monitors and reports on information relating to the well-being of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region. State of the Basin research draws on data from a variety of sources including federal, provincial, and local governments, not-for-profit initiatives, and other research organizations. Some information in the Snapshot Report was collected by the RDI through an August 2015 poll of 400 Basin-Boundary residents.

Research and reporting out is now complete and several products have been produced including:

- The 2015 State of the Basin Snapshot Report which provides current highlights of ongoing research;
- Trends Analyses Report;
- The Digital Basin Portal which is an interactive online GIS tool launched in 2014; and the
- Digital Basin feedback tool.

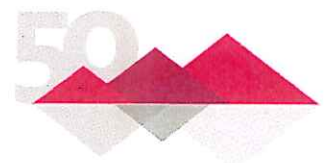
This project is unique in that it examines the conditions in our rural communities in British Columbia and it has provided the data in an interactive online tool. The State of the Basin indicators provide an overview of our region's well-being and point to issues that may be cause for celebration or concern. This project also helps to guide the Rural Development Institute setting its research priorities.

I confirm that the State of the Basin Project 2015 meets the criteria of the ASSHE STARS Innovation category.

Sincerely



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