



DEPARTMENT OF FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Loyola University Chicago's application to receive a STARS innovation credit for its Compost Collection Network, which was created to help businesses participate in commercial compost programs in order to increase the economy of scale of the compost market in Chicago.

The Compost Collection Network assists businesses and institutions choose a compost hauler, works with key personnel to set up an efficient food scrap collection process, offer essential supplies including biodegradable liners, and pay for 50% of the compost service fee as grant funds are available. With partners including restaurants, local grocers, and institutions, the Compost Collection Network has diverted over 21 tons of food scraps since its inception in May 2013.

This program is a wonderful example of how Loyola has taken its leadership in sustainability beyond its campus and is sharing the knowledge and experience to businesses and institutions so that we can all move sustainability forward.

As the City of Chicago, we know the importance of composting and managing food scraps responsibly, and we commend Loyola for its the innovation and foresight in contributing to growing the compost market in Chicago and Illinois at large.

We highly recommend that Loyola University receive an innovation credit for its stellar work in implementing the Compost Collection Network.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner