



October 1, 2011

Charles Bensinger
Sustainability Educator at the
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Dear Charles:

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is a New Mexico based non-profit organization dedicated to civil society education and action in the advancement of climate stewardship, clean energy and conservation. We have many functions as you can see on our website www.takeresponsibility.us and one of them is to encourage educational excellence in the field of sustainability. In doing so we give out an annual seed grant award to an instructor or teacher that makes an important impact by thoughtfully preparing students for the era of clean energy and responsibility.

This year CCLI is awarding its Education Leadership Award to you Charles Bensinger in honor of your high quality sustainability related teaching at the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC). In granting you this award which comes with a financial seed grant, we especially want to commend you for your prescient instruction in the field of algae biomass as this is a responsible and opportune energy source particularly fitting for advancement in New Mexico given that algae can grow well in our dry conditions and climate. Thank you for taking a leadership role in this important field of clean energy. Thank you for your dedication to our young people and thank you for your deep commitment to sustainability in our time.

Hopefully CCLI and you through your ties to Santa Fe Community College's sustainability department may stay in touch and collaborate if the opportunity and/or synergies arise. We ask in closing - if you do not mind in regards to your receiving CCLI's 2011 Education Leadership Award - to please provide us a response letter (on SFCC letterhead if possible) so we may post it on our website.

Congratulations again and keep up your stellar work.

Sincerely yours,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director