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Dear Mayor Leppert, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Greene, and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Director Eastland,

Environmental improvement is achieved through cooperative action. Merriman Associates/Architects, Inc is pleased to partner with the City of Dallas, US EPA, and NCTCOG to work towards implementing sustainable practices that help improve Dallas' air quality. Through the Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative, Merriman Associates/Architects, Inc pledges to support one or more of the following project categories:

- Enhancing central city livability  
Brief project description: Implement and Alternative Commute Solutions System for employees so that they can reduce their carbon footprint.  
Proposed measurement of results: Number of DART pass users multiplied by an average commute distance to calculate miles and thus emissions saved.
- Promoting green buildings and developments  
Brief project description: Continue to provide education material to affordable home developers in Dallas and include "Green" technologies in building specs and construction, and work with sustainability in mind.  
Proposed measurement of results: Number of individuals educated
- Implementing and promoting renewable energy/energy efficiency  
Brief project description: Commit to using and promoting renewable energy such as installing small scale wind turbines or solar panels, and buying clean energy. Also, educate company personnel in marketing for energy efficient items and using energy efficient lighting in offices.  
Proposed measurement of results: Calculate energy savings from utility bills as compared to other building structures in the area with similar square footage.
- Reducing emissions from stationary and area sources  
Brief project description:  
Proposed measurement of results:
- Reducing air emissions from off-road equipment  
Brief project description:  
Proposed measurement of results:

As members of the Dallas community, we recognize our responsibility to be good environmental stewards and manage our environmental impacts in a way that provides for a sustainable future. We look forward to building a sustainable Dallas with you.

Sincerely,

*Aimee Sanborn*

The **Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative** is a joint effort with the primary goal of implementing sustainable practices to help improve Dallas' air quality. Through Initiative-guided voluntary projects, the Initiative aims to achieve measurable environmental benefits--particularly the reduction of air emissions, but also the significant improvement of water and land quality--while simultaneously contributing to the vitality of the Dallas economy and the quality of life of Dallas' citizens. In the longer term, the Initiative aims to create a successful and reproducible program that serves as a model for other cities.