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Re: Class Tour of Sullivan Construction Company Premises

Dear Tom:

On behalf of my colleague, Maria Colby, and the students in my Environmental Science class, I wish to extend a sincere appreciation for the wonderful hospitality you, Bob, and your staff gave us during the very informative tour of your facilities Monday. While we have yet to discuss the topics of “energy, building technologies, and sustainability” in the class lectures (coming up after our mid-semester break), providing a first-hand experience in seeing what sustainable building practices are will make the lectures “come alive” as a result of this truly educational experience.

The students commented on the return trip to the campus on the “warm, comfortable and natural-like” working environment your offices provide for its employees. They now know that such pleasant indoor environments, using as much non-virgin building materials as possible while at the same time seeking to conserve the use of energy, are doable and financially rewarding – whether in the home, office, schools, or other uses.

As Maria alluded to during our conversations, New England College is committed to implementing as many sustainable practices as possible as it proceeds forward with its ambitious new master plan for the 21st century. We have instituted a new major in Sustainability, and fully anticipate that this will grow in numbers in the very near future. If you click on the College’s website (www.nec.edu) you will see a link for the College’s “Commitment to Sustainability.” I believe the College would welcome a visit to the campus to learn more about your company’s building philosophy and see examples of your workmanship.

I have asked my colleague Mark Mitch to “plug in” Sullivan Construction Company in the Environmental Science lab tours for next year and beyond. I will forward to him the necessary contact information for his use.

Again, congratulations on your achievement of the LEEDs Platinum Office award – it’s quite an accomplishment. New Hampshire should be proud of your presence in the State!

Best wishes,

Robert Seaman

Associate Professor of Environmental Science