

Re: Approval to Proceed to Construction Phase of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

Dear Dean David Ferguson,

The organizers of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon® 2023 Build Challenge are pleased to provide your team with an approval to proceed from the design development phase of the competition. We are delighted to have your collegiate institution as a competing team in the competition and cannot wait to see what you build and present!

As you likely are aware, the [Solar Decathlon](#) is an international collegiate competition, comprising 10 contests, that challenges student teams to design and build highly efficient and innovative buildings powered by renewable energy. Since its inception in 2002, the competition has engaged tens of thousands of students globally. It now includes more than 100 participant teams each year with six international competitions in addition to the U.S. edition.

In accordance with the Solar Decathlon Prize Award documentation, the team affiliated with your institution has been approved to receive award funding of \$50,000 as [one of 21 finalist teams](#). The organizers of the competition are working directly with each team to facilitate the transfer of this funding. From this competition milestone, your team will begin construction of the project house in your institution's local community/region; the completed house will be measured, judged, and exhibited for the final competition event next year.

We look forward to seeing your team's house displayed in your community during the 2023 public exhibition period, as well as online for guests to visit virtually from around the world.

Congratulations to Ball State University on your successful performance at the Solar Decathlon 2022 Competition Event, which is the culmination of countless hours of work and innovation in design, building science, and renewable energy. Your team represents the bright future of buildings!

Sincerely,

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