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Dear Lisa Montelione,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Earth Charter US, the University of Tampa / Sykes School of Business and the members of the Sustainable Business Awards Committee, we have the pleasure to announce the selection of Rising Force Construction as one of the 2010 Sustainable Business of the Year Award Winners in Tampa Bay. We look forward to honoring you and the other award recipients at the Sustainable Business Awards Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on February 19, 2010, at the University of Tampa's Vaughn Center, 11:30 AM - 1 PM. We do hope you will be able to attend!

The University of Tampa MBA Selection Committee did a thorough review of a large number of nominees and took a hard, detailed look at their business practices. It was a difficult task of individually evaluating these deserving companies and to complete the task of selecting the awardees. You should be proud to know that during the review, they found your company operates its business with highest regard to the Earth Charter principles of People, Profit, and Planet; the criteria by which the Sustainable Business Awards are measured. We are very proud of your selection.

In the next few days, you will be contacted by a member of the Committee as one (or more) members would like to announce your selection personally and visit your facility to see some, or all, of the great things you described in the application.

In addition, and as a follow up to your selection, the UT graduate business team is currently working on a comprehensive report about the sustainability winners in the Tampa Bay area. The finished product will feature a case study on each of you and will be featured in the February edition of the Tampa Bay Business Journal, showcasing the Sustainable Business Awards and the current winners.

I hope you will take a few minutes and go to <http://www.earthcharterus.org> and click on the Sustainable Business Awards section. It provides details of the event, ticket and sponsorship information. You may register online for all of these opportunities.

Again, congratulations on being one of a select group of companies that truly have shown to be excellent examples of the best and brightest in our community. We look forward to seeing you soon, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Sincerely yours,

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