

(Your hospital letterhead)

(Date)

RE: 2009 WSSHE Annual Conference

(Administrator's Name)

(Title)

Dear (Name):

Thank you for allowing me to attend the Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering at the Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition held October 13-16, 2009 in Yakima, WA. Our conference was titled, "The Health Care Gauntlet; Reducing Cost While Improving Care." With a wide variety of subjects presented from 12-speakers, there was lots of opportunity to learn new information that will help me reduce our operating costs.

Programs included energy management opportunities. Some hospitals use their Environmental Services & Security Departments for a "lights out campaign" to shut off lights at night and lower thermostats to 72 degrees. We saw the best in LED lighting technologies and reduced wattage lamps. Sustainability programs addressed recycling issues and cultural change where this becomes the norm. Code updates included the future deletion of minimum humidity levels in anesthetizing locations. All kitchens will be required to have K-type extinguishers for potential grease fires. Much more efficient air filters are now available. We even saw a viable solar energy presentation. Germany, which is above our latitude, leads the world in solar panels with California. There are many new affordable technologies that will assist in extending the service life of our equipment, including infrared testing of electrical systems, oil & refrigerant analysis, ultrasonic test equipment and vibration analysis.

With more than 210-attendees and 80-exhibitors, the conference was a great success. During these economically challenging times, this conference provided an excellent low cost-high quality educational opportunity for me. Thank you!

Sincerely,

(Signature)

(Your name, title)

WSSHE Education Committee Member

