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Welcome AASHE conference participants! Boston University is pleased to be one of the host institutions for the conference. As a major research university embedded in the heart of the City of Boston, Boston University is actively engaged as an institution and with our city partners in the work of meeting long-term shared goals of achieving carbon neutrality.

We hope you enjoy our city and take the opportunity to visit our campus. You may wish to take advantage of the Experiential Learning Opportunity on Sunday, October 29, to tour our recently completed Center for Computing & Data Sciences - the largest fossil fuel free, carbon neutral building in Boston. This LEED Platinum building is an important step toward achieving our [Climate Action Plan](#)'s climate ready and carbon neutrality goals and demonstrates how a carbon free, Zero Waste future is possible. As a long-standing member of AASHE and a STARS Gold rated institution, BU has benefitted from the collegiality and expertise of this network and will continue this tradition.

We hope the knowledge exchange that AASHE brings to Boston and the connections you make while you are here will help your continuing work to make your institutions and communities sustainable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth W. Freeman".

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