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Summary: The University of Minnesota, Morris is one of only 12 campuses selected nationally for a site visit and analysis by the Rocky Mountain Institute, a prestigious center for sustainability and renewable energy thinking.

(October 17, 2008)-The University of Minnesota, Morris is one of only 12 campuses selected nationally for a site visit and analysis by the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), a prestigious center for sustainability and renewable energy thinking. RMI is collaborating with the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), of which UMM is a member, to research barriers and solutions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions on college and university campuses. A Morris campus visit is tentatively planned for February 2009.

“This RMI project aims to develop a web-based framework that campuses can consult for guidance in the planning and implementation of a successful climate-change-mitigation initiative that is targeted to campus operations,” according to the RMI’s Web site.

In August, RMI invited U.S. colleges and universities to submit proposal applications to host RMI researchers on their campuses this fall and take part in a collaborative RMI workshop to find solutions to common greenhouse gas mitigation challenges. In addition to the Morris campus, the following campuses were selected for visits and workshop participation:

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
Harford Community College, Bel Air, Maryland
Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland, Wisconsin
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
Richland College, Dallas, Texas
Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts
Unity College, Unity, Maine
University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

The intent of RMI’s campus visits is to meet with three participants from each of the campuses to gain a better understanding of and offer feedback regarding climate-change initiatives.

Visit [RMI](#) for more information about its Accelerating Campus Climate-Change Initiatives.

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