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To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as both a recommendation and hearty endorsement for Susan Gohd. Susan and I worked together for over three years on both commercial and health care projects and it was a delight to have her on the team. She is a highly competent Technical Architect with a passion for sustainability and enriching the built environment where it needs it most – urban centers in need of revitalization.

Susan was instrumental in working out the complex issues of fitting a large, program rich high-rise condominium tower podium on a tight urban site in downtown Seattle. It was on this project I realized if you want to have things done correctly and completely, you need Susan.

For a 1,000,000 s.f. high-rise office building in downtown Seattle, not only did Susan lead the development of the building core and coordination with multiple consultants, she oversaw all of the energy code compliance drawing documentation and LEED checklist coordination. Her diligence, thoughtfulness and caring was reflected in all aspects of her work. Susan also went above and beyond expectations as she coordinated complex system transfers and inter-relationships with multiple consultants and worked with our developer client to fine tune core program elements for maximum space use efficiency without compromising design quality. She was a vital team member on a large commercial project with a relatively small five person team. We would not have made it without her.

The third project we worked on together is one that Susan is very passionate about – the LSU Academic Medical Center replacement hospital in downtown New Orleans. Susan and I worked through the Schematic Design Phase together on the Ambulatory Care Building. Once again, Susan oversaw a critical element, the Building Code and Life Safety requirements for this 250,000 s.f. outpatient clinic facility. Susan was also at the front end of the firm's introduction to a new CAD platform, Revit. Susan developed a system for the whole project team to develop Life Safety documentation utilizing the new platform.

You will discover Susan is a vital team member for just about any size or type of project, and that she will meet any challenge with a positive and "can do" attitude.

Sincerely,



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