February 16, 2010 Perspective Employers

Re: Michael Irish

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Assistant Director of Transportation for Portland Public Schools and am responsible for interviewing and hiring personnel for my department. As such I take the act of writing a letter of recommendation seriously.

I have known Michael Irish for over 7 years, first as his mentor and leader in the Water's Edge Youth Group, and since as a friend and coworker in other community projects. Michael's greatest asset is his integrity. Very simply put, he does what he say's he will do when he say's he will do it.

In addition to his integrity, Michael is a creative lateral thinker. Whether it is problem solving for a tough situation, or thinking of a better way to communicate through media, he is great at thinking outside of the box. Mike has used his natural talents and education to complete several media projects for me. His products have exceeded my expectations and resulted in very successful events.

Mike reminds me of E.F. Hutton: when he talks, people listen. He is soft spoken but people still listen: first because he has really good ideas, and second because he gets to the point and doesn't waste time.

Last, but certainly not least, is Mike's dedication to quality. He is constantly asking, "How can we do this better?" and gives everything he does, his best.

Based on Michael's integrity, creativity, communication and quest for excellence in all he does, I would highly recommend him to any company that is seeking a professional with Mike's outstanding qualifications.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like clarification or further information.

Respectfully,

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