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Reference: Jerry Bennett

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to substantiate and validate Mr. Jerry Bennett as a consummate professional in the area of Information Technology.

I have had many occasions to work with Mr. Bennett over the course of about eight years, both in my role as Practice Leader for an IBM Global Consulting organization and as Vice President of Performance Engineering Services for HyPerformix.

While Jerry wasn't an employee of either of these organizations, because of his extremely high skill level, I have seen the need to call upon Jerry to assist in providing technical and thought leadership in a variety of my key consulting engagements. Sometimes he provided that assistance by himself, sometimes he led teams of professional information technology consultants in delivering the needed results, and still other times he facilitated getting the right resources for an engagement. In all cases, he always provided the highest level skill with the best possible attitude.

As an example, on one large consulting engagement for a major insurance company, Jerry led the team that worked with the customer to build the technical requirements for a very complex multi-location data center consolidation. In my opinion, there are few people that can successfully do this in the entire country. It takes a rare combination of extremely detailed technical knowledge, combined with an excellent grasp of the big picture, and an ability to work with people to pull together all the disparate pieces together. This was a bedrock part of the consulting engagement that was successfully delivered to a very satisfied client.

If I can be of any assistance in providing additional supporting input please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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