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To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to: Recommendation for Allan Middleton

Allan Middleton worked with us on the project of building our house during the period of November 2010 until June 2012.

In order to understand the project, and the nature of the work with which Allan got involved, it may help to first tell a little bit about us. My wife, Nava Beja, is a professional architect and teacher and manager of the architecture department of the Beer Sheva Technical College. Nava's specialty is climatic/ecological design. She designed our house, a straw bale structure with earth plaster. I am an agricultural and environmental engineer by training but I left the field, two years ago to fulfill the dream of building my own house.

Allan joined us, originally as a volunteer through the Workaway program, after the shell of the house had already been constructed. He participated in all phases of the inside construction, including laying of toe-up walls (from stone), plumbing, electrical installation, carpentry, construction of light-straw partitions, earth plastering and sculpting of various architectural details with earth and straw. Allan built a stone wall for our basement, ingeniously using local river stone to create a beautiful architectural feature, and went on to build other stone walls and details in other homes in our community. Though he had little experience with working with earth before he joined, he came to us with a rich background of construction and artistic skills, and proved to be a fine craftsman in any endeavor that he undertook. He exhibited great desire and aptitude to learn new skills, and in a short time mastered work with earth plasters and renders. Allan proved to be a natural leader, and quite effectively managed teams of workers in my absences. He also proved to be a very effective teacher in passing on plastering skills to new workers. In general Allan is a hard worker, diligent and meticulous, with a fine sense of attention to detail. I learned at least as much from him as he did from me, if not more. He is a straightforward person, very honest, a good communicator and motivator and very easy to get along with. I very much enjoyed working with Allan. He left an unforgettable impression on us and on all the various workers who passed through the house over the years.

I heartily recommend Allan for any position he sets himself to take on. He will prove to be a highly valuable addition to your team and project.

If you have any further questions, you may contact Nava or me by mail, phone or email, as listed below.

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