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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 11:41 PM
To: Careers
Subject: Executive Secretary Vacancy
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Dear Commission Members:

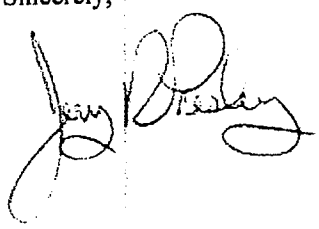
I am writing to request consideration for the position of Executive Secretary with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. I am a 1998 graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. My long-term professional goal is to serve as a public administrator and since my graduation I have been working towards fulfilling that goal. As a part of that effort, I am currently pursuing a master's in Public Administration from Northeastern University where I maintain a 3.97 GPA.

I possess 12-years of professional experience in public policy, public administration, public relations, government relations, communications, project management, grants/funding assistance and research. I have extensive experience planning, developing and implementing quality community programs that are results oriented. I have significant experience in grant writing and fundraising in a professional and personal capacity. I have worked on behalf of non-profits and local governments to secure funding and support for various community projects. I have worked closely with business leaders, elected/appointed officials at all levels of government and the general public in support of quality growth and economic development initiatives. I am an experienced lobbyist with connections throughout North Georgia and Atlanta. I have supervisory experience in an office and field environment. I have extensive experience performing personnel selection and reviews, directing/coaching staff, taking disciplinary actions as necessary and monitoring staff progress on specific projects. I have managed small, medium and large budgets ranging from a few thousand dollars to over ten million dollars. As a result, I have developed excellent management (human resource and financial), negotiation, project management, public relations and presentation skills that are critical to a successful career.

I possess a strong knowledge of local, state and federal government operations and functions. I possess a clear understanding of the political, social and economic objectives of both rural and urban communities. I have a proven track record of responsible and ethical public policy initiatives rooted in practical, reasoned solutions. Most important, however, is my personal and professional experience with State Ethics and Campaign Finance laws and regulations. As a former candidate for public office, registered lobbyist and city clerk, I am very familiar with your agency. I have direct experience assisting elected officials and candidates with complying with campaign finance laws. I have direct experience with regulations governing lobbying activities on a local, state and federal level.

I feel that my experience and knowledge provides me with the skills necessary to perform the duties of this position. I can offer the County strong customer-oriented services and a level of professionalism second to none. Therefore, I respectfully request an opportunity to interview for the position at your earliest convenience. I thank you for taking the time to review my resume and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



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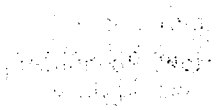

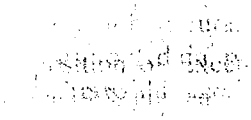

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Statement of Qualifications

Summary of Experience and Knowledge

I am a 1998 graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. I possess over 11-years of professional experience- eight of which has been in the service of non-profits working with and/or on behalf of local governments and affiliated agencies. I am an experienced leader in public administration, public policy, project management, government/public relations, grants/funding assistance and research initiatives. I have worked closely with local business and community leaders in support of quality community initiatives. I have extensive experience in membership services, membership development and professional education. I am an experienced lobbyist focused on local government issues. I have worked with public and appointed officials at all levels of government on a wide variety of issues. My primary focus has been in community planning and economic development policy with a specialization in transportation issues. I also have substantial exposure to environmental, emergency management, fiscal and human resource policy.

I possess a working knowledge of non-profit and local, state and federal government operations and functions. I possess a clear understanding of the political, social and economic objectives of both rural and urban communities. I have a proven track record of responsible and ethical public policy and program initiatives rooted in practical, reasoned solutions. I have extensive experience in program management and organizational development in non-profit and government environments. I am experienced in grassroots campaigns and partnership initiative development. I have had a key role in planning, developing and implementing professional training and development programs for wide-range audiences. I am highly skilled at adapting to fast-paced, high-pressure environments and situations; remaining focused on the task at hand and maintaining a professional and courteous demeanor. Finally, I have developed excellent management (human resource and financial), negotiation, project management and communication skills that are critical to a successful career.

Professional Achievements

Administrative Initiatives:

- GDOT Office of Transportation Data Organization Proposal- 2000-2001- Planned and designed the original proposal for re-organizing the Georgia Department of Transportation's Data Collection Resources Bureau into the Office of Transportation Data at the specific request of upper management. This effort required the complete restructuring of the division including financial, personnel and resources. The plan required establishing a new organization structure, creation and redefinition of personnel titles and job descriptions, budget expansions and relocation of personnel and equipment into a central location. The plan was refined and implemented in 2002. The Office of Transportation was officially established in 2004.

- City of Baldwin, Georgia – Managed the day-to-day operations of a city government. This includes the supervision of 50+ employees, developing and executing a $5-million annual municipal budget, planning and executing various public services (police, fire, water, sewer, transportation, etc.) for a rural community with a population of 3,279 citizens. Provide technical assistance and guidance to a 6-member City Council regarding various public policy initiatives.

- City of Baldwin, Georgia – Managed the city's Tax Collection Program. During a 12-month period increased delinquent tax collection by 159% above what the city budgeted. Established a new tax collection program that generated $118,579.83 in previously uncollectable taxes using existing internal resources. During a three-month period increased current year (2009) taxes 14% above the budgeted amount bring in an additional $54,172.28 in revenues for FY '09-10. As a result, of my program the city was able to wipe-out three years worth of previous deficit and create a significant revenue surplus for the first time in seven years. During the first seven months of the FY '10-11 budget my program has generated $56,175.50 in delinquent taxes and during a two-month period $382,903 in current year (2010) taxes.

Public Policy Initiatives:

- Influenced specific policy changes to the provisions of the Etowah Habitat Conservation Plan- a federally driven environmental planning document covering nearly 1,000,000 acres across North Georgia- in order to establish reasonable and practical development regulations in an effort to promote balanced, responsible growth within the region.
- Influenced federal and state regulators at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Georgia Department of Natural Resources regarding rule changes to the 2007 Nationwide Permit requirements and Regional Conditions updates for Georgia.
- Influenced state legislators and state agency officials regarding the adoption of the Georgia Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Plan- a first of its kind water planning document for managing Georgia's future water resources as a result of the 2007/2008 Drought.
- Influenced state legislators and regulators regarding the adoption of the 2008 NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit rules and regulations.
- Influenced local government's adoption of Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's model ordinances affecting growth and development policies; providing practical, well-reasoned alternative language that reduced negative impacts, while maintaining the integrity of the policies designed to improve water quality in the region.
- Influenced local governments adoption of state's first Senior Housing Ordinances affecting development and construction standards for senior housing projects; offering alternative solutions that protected the integrity of the policies designed to improve living conditions for seniors.
- Influenced various local government laws and regulations regarding growth and development policies; promoting balanced and responsible policies rooted in well-reasoned, practical solutions.

Grants and Funding Initiatives:

- City of Maysville – 2006 TE Grant, $500,000 for City's 1st streetscape project. It was secured for the purpose of replacing and extending the City's existing network to connect the City library and elementary school.
- City of Oakwood – 2006 TE Grant, $250,000 for City streetscape project. It was secured for the purpose of replacing and extending the City's existing network to connect to the new City hall and promote pedestrian safety in downtown.

- City of Dawsonville – 2006 TE Grant, $250,000 for streetscape project. It was secured for the purpose of replacing and extending the City's existing network to enhance pedestrian safety in the City.
- City of Gillsville – 2006 TE Grant, $100,000 for City's 1st Streetscape project. It was secured for the purpose of developing a new pedestrian network to enhance the safety of pedestrians in the City and promote healthier lifestyles for residents.
- City of Homer – 2005 TE Grant, $250,000 for City streetscape project. It was secured for the purpose of replacing and extending the City's existing network to connect downtown to the new post office.
- City of Mt. Airy – 2004 US Department of Health & Human Services Grant, $25,000 for community recreation project. It was secured for the purpose of developing a network for a new public park to encourage healthier lifestyles of Mt. Airy residents.

Community Planning Initiatives:

- Developed the first-ever Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- Developed the first-ever City of Maysville Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- Completed comprehensive plan updates for Banks, Dawson, Franklin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties and their municipalities from 2002-2006.
- Completed Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Baldwin in 2009.
- Establishment of the Amicalola Scenic Byway- a first-of-its-kind 61-mile inter-jurisdictional, inter-regional scenic preservation & tourism program in Dawson & Pickens Counties.
- Laid the foundations for the development of the Tallulah Falls Scenic Railway Rails-to-Trails project in Habersham and Rabun Counties.
- Provided advisory services and significant policy recommendations for the development of the City of Duluth's Buford Highway Overlay Ordinance and Large-scale Development Ordinance, City of Norcross' CID Overlay Ordinance, Hall County's Gateway Overlay District Ordinance and numerous first-of-their-kind Senior Housing Ordinances in metro Atlanta.

Education Initiatives:

- 2008 Georgia Constitutional Amendments Series- a statewide effort to educate the growth and development industry and the public about three constitutional amendments- Tax Allocation Districts, Infrastructure Development Districts and Forest Land Protection Act- on the 2008 November General Election ballots; designed to encourage voter approval.
- NPDES Plain and Simple Series, 2007-2008- a statewide effort to educate growth and development professionals regarding state and federal NPDES laws and regulations affecting land disturbance activities in Georgia. Participants included state employees, state contractors, professional engineers, architects, land planners and designers, builders, developers, landscapers, land use attorneys and other industry professionals.
- Etowah HCP Workshop Series, 2006-2007- an educational series for growth and development professionals working in the Etowah HCP region designed to educate them about the proposed plan- its policies, implications and implementation timeline.
- Georgia Statewide Water Plan Series, 2007- an educational series for growth and development professionals and the public designed to educate them about the Plan- its policies, implications and implementation timeline.

Employment History

Nov. 2008 to Present **Public Policy Consultants of Georgia, L.L.C.,** Nicholson, GA
President and Owner

Provide professional contract services to local governments, non-profits and select business clients regarding public policy, communications, grants/funding assistance, government relations, project management and organizational development work.

- Provide full-service local, state and federal lobbying efforts on behalf of clients.
- Assist clients with securing grants and funding for project specific needs.
- Provide clients assistance with long- and short-range planning strategies including visioning, goal-setting and implementation.
- Assist clients with organizational development including organizational restructuring, training and development and other related needs.
- Provide technical assistance and guidance for effect project management and administration.
- Provided clients with effective communication strategies related to public affairs, media relations and community outreach efforts.

Sept. 2009 to Feb. 2011 **City of Baldwin,** Baldwin, GA
City Administrator/City Clerk

Provide full-service professional public management services for a municipal government with a population of 3,279 and an annual budget of $5 million.

- Provide technical assistance and guidance to a 6-member City Council regarding public policy and administration.
- Manage the day-to-day operations and programs of the city including but not limited to public safety, public utilities (water, sewer, streets), and general government services.
- Provide direct oversight and management to the Administrative Services Division of the city, which includes utility billing, finance and community development.
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of a $5 million municipal budget.
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of accounts receivables (tax collections and revenues).
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of accounts payables.
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of customer service for all services and programs.
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of city-wide economic and community development programs and initiatives.
  - ✓ Provide day-to-day oversight of city's human resource management programs and activities.
- Represent the city at various public meetings and events.
- Negotiate with both private and public entities in an effort to garner support for needed programs, assistance or services for the benefit of the city and its citizens.
- Research, submit and administer various public and private grant or loan programs for the benefit of the city and its citizens.

Mar. 2006 to Nov. 2008 **Council for Quality Growth,** Duluth, GA
Senior Policy Analyst/Lobbyist

Provide professional senior level policy, communications and government relations work related to the promotion of responsible and balanced growth throughout Metro Atlanta & the State of Georgia.

- Represent the interest of more than 450 growth & development industry business leaders including developers, attorneys, financial managers, bankers, builders, contractors, engineers, architects, land planners, real estate professionals, utilities and other organizations.
- Gathers, analyzes, and interprets data related to infrastructure planning, legislative initiatives, regulatory issues, land use, transportation and environmental policies.

- Actively lobby local, state and federal officials (both elected/appointed) for public policies that advance the mission, goals and objectives of the organization and its members.
- Attends, participates and reports on a variety of public meetings and citizen advisory activities including Board of Commissioners, City Councils, Planning Commissions, State Boards and Commissions, advisory boards, technical committees, steering committees and general public information meetings.
- Prepare reports and coordinates committee meetings for member volunteers related to government affairs activities.
- Coordinate moderated discussions with elected and appointed local government officials and Council members.
- Represent growth industry interests to the public via speaking engagements and other community activity.
- Provide programmatic assistance for professional development workshops and briefings on relevant policy and regulatory issues.

July 2001 to Mar. 2006 **Georgia Mountains Regional Commission,** Gainesville, GA
***Regional Planner** (Government Services)*

Provided technical assistance and guidance to thirteen counties and thirty-eight municipalities in Northeast Georgia on a variety of local planning related issues including land use, infrastructure, economic development and environmental planning with a primary emphasis on transportation services.

- Acted as project manager for GMRDC's Transportation Planning Division. Responsible for managing and implementing the planning work scope of a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation that provides regional planning services throughout the Georgia Mountains area. Provided technical and administrative management of local and regional transportation planning programs.
- Possessed working knowledge of various grant programs, regional transportation planning processes and plan development and analysis methods for providing local public/private agency assistance as requested.
- Conducted various studies and developed comprehensive land use, transportation and community redevelopment/enhancement planning documents for local governments as requested. Reviewed various plans and studies providing comprehensive feedback regarding compliance with state and federal regulations, as well as determining consistency with local and regional goals and objectives.
- Conducted reviews of various projects meeting the criteria for the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) program. Attended various meetings as requested by the Planning Director/DCA/GRTA regarding individual DRI's or the DRI process. Established criteria for impact studies/analysis for individual DRI's as required. Communicated with various local/state agencies and private entities regarding impacts of new developments.
- Reviewed and commented on various individual DRI's based on studies/analysis as required. Conducted impact analysis as needed. Made recommendations regarding new developments as needed.
- Maintained a working knowledge of the issues and legislation that impacted the region and its member governments. Researched, monitored, and developed reports on various topics and state/federal legislation to determine their impact(s) on the region and communicated findings to management, other staff and member governments.
- Attended, planned, and hosted public/private discussions, meetings, conferences and workshops regarding various topics that affected the region. These meetings included participation with organization such as GDOT, GRTA, SRTA, DCA, DHR, FHWA, FTA, USDOT, EPA, GA EPD, other RDCs, MPOs, local governments and various private entities.

Oct. 1999 to July 2001 **Georgia Department of Transportation,** Atlanta, GA
Interim Branch Chief and Assistant Branch Chief

Managed the day-to-day operations of a federally mandated, multi-million dollar statewide data collection program for GDOT. I had the honor of serving as Interim Branch Chief on two separate occasions (under OIS from June 2000 to August 2000 and under Planning from October 2000 to March 2001). In November 1999, I was appointed to serve, indefinitely, as the Safety Representative for the Department's North Annex facility. As a part of my responsibilities, I was required to investigate reports of injury to personnel or damage to GDOT property, maintain safety compliance, and develop proposals and plans for the North Annex in support of GDOT's safety mission.

- Managed the operations of the Portable Traffic Data Collection Branch and units within the Data Collection Resources Bureau.
- Responsible for ensuring the Branch accurately collects, analyzes and processes transportation data. Provided general support and assistance to management and staff in the data collection process. This included writing reports and documentation, conducting research of equipment for procurement and installation and with the annual preparation, development and implementation of department budgets.
- Developed and executed RFPs and RFQs for services and products for procurement under annual contracts. Oversaw the work activities of contractors and sub-contractors for the Department. This included procurement of services, scheduling and monitoring data collection activities and processing payments for services rendered to the Department.
- Performed a variety of administrative responsibilities that included maintaining personnel files and related information, monitoring payroll information, purchases and accounts payable information and project scheduling. Performed evaluations of personnel, staff selection and promotion.
- Provided consistent, high-quality, customer focused services to clients, the public, and other external customers (both government and non-government agencies).

Mar. 1999 to Oct. 1999 **Jackson County Government,** Jefferson, GA
Communications Officer

Maintained emergency and non-emergency communications between police, fire, EMS personnel, county officials and the public.

- Maintained good communication and cooperation with government agencies involved in law enforcement and public safety.
- Operated various emergency equipment, which included E-911 computer automated system, GIS database, NCIC and GCIC computer systems and two-way radios and other dispatch systems.
- Maintained various electronic and paper form documents and records related to communications and law enforcement.

Feb. 1997 to Jan. 1999 **KLD Associates, Inc.,** Tuscaloosa, AL
Traffic Accident Researcher

Researched and investigated various selected traffic accidents for the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Automotive Sampling System (NASS).

- Collected and analyzed data related to accidents, using such data to reconstruct the events of accidents, identifying potential safety hazards and defects in various vehicle components and classifying accidents for NASS.
- Determined the source of injuries incurred by occupants of the vehicle. Documented and classified such injuries and their causes.

- Filed weekly and monthly reports regarding accident investigations. Communicated findings and notified management of potential safety hazards that warranted further investigation by upper management and senior researchers.
- Interviewed accident victims, witnesses, emergency and hospital personnel when necessary.

Education History

August 1998 **University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL
Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science

Earned a degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in English.

- Specialized studies in American legislative processes.
- Specialized studies in English composition and literature.
- Specialized studies in Psychology
- Studies in research methodologies and statistical analysis.

September 2009 -May 2012 **Northeastern University**, Boston, MA
Master's of Public Administration

I am currently enrolled in Northeastern University's first online MPA program, which is nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). My current GPA is 3.917.

Key courses taken:

- Public Personnel Administration
- Organization and Management of Non-profit Organizations
- Public Budgeting & Financial Management
- Economic Institutions and Analysis

Professional Certifications & Training:

September 2003 **Georgia Department of Transportation LTAP**, Atlanta, GA
Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility (ADA Requirements)

October 2002 **University of Georgia, CVIG**, NG Technical College Campus, Clarkesville, GA
Management Development Program, Level 1

November 2001 **Georgia Department of Transportation LTAP**, Athens, GA
Strategies for Improving Air and Water Quality

August 2001 **Georgia Department of Transportation LTAP**, Gainesville, GA
Improving Operational Safety on Local Roads and Streets

April 2001 **State of Georgia Merit System**, Marietta, Georgia
Microsoft Project

March & June 2000 **University of Georgia, CVIG**, Athens, Georgia
Workplace Violence, Threats and Acts of

November 1999 **State of Georgia Merit System**, Atlanta, Georgia
Teamwork and Leadership Development

October 1999	**State of Georgia Merit System**, Atlanta, Georgia ***Georgia Performance Management Program***
April 1997, *June 1998 &* *August 1998*	**U.S. Department of Transportation**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma ***National Automotive Sampling System: Traffic Accident Research Basic Training I, II, III***

Professional Membership History

American League of Lobbyist (ALL)- Since November 2008- Current Status: Active

American Planning Association (APA)- Since 2006 to 2008- Current Status: In-Active

Georgia Planning Association (GPA)- 2006-2008 Current Status: In-Active

International City and County Management Association (ICMA)- 2005 to 2007- Current Status: Active.

American Society of Public Administration (ASAP)- 2005 to 2007- Current Status: Active

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)- 1999 to 2006- Current Status: In-Active

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City of Gainesville, GA Municipal Airport Advisory Board- 2001 to 2006

GRTA Northern Sub-Area Task Force- 2002 to 2004

GRTA DRI Steering Committee & Task Force- 2003-2008

GDCA DRI Steering Committee & Task Force- 2005 to 2008

GDOT Environmental Justice Task Force- 2004 to 2005

GDOT Various Multi-jurisdictional Transportation Plan Committees- 2005 to 2006

GMRDC Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee- 2003 to 2005

Forsyth County Multi-modal Transportation Plan Update Steering Committee- 2002

Forsyth County Vision 2030 Plan Steering Committee- 2007 to 2008

City of Duluth LSDO/LSCD Impact Study Steering Committee- 2007-2008

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March 8, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to write this Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jerry Presley. We have known Jerry for approximately two years.

Jerry served the City of Baldwin in the position of City Clerk and City Administrator. Jerry was a dedicated employee that was not afraid of hard work and long hours. Jerry worked well with other staff members. Jerry's position required him to interact with elected officials, local officials, employees and the general public. Jerry was always professional and courteous, and was comfortable giving a presentation to a large or small group.

From a Council member's viewpoint we would describe Jerry as dependable, honest, prompt and last but not least loyal. As an administrator he was competent, knowledgeable, and well respected by staff, citizens and community leaders. The Council often received praised from citizens and business leaders regarding his professionalism and customer-friendly approach to public service. He was truly an asset to the City of Baldwin and he is missed.

Sincerely,

Post 1 Beverly Holcomb

Post 5 Robert Bohannon

Post 3 Rodney King

Should you have questions please call at the following numbers:

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Promoting balanced & responsible growth

January 22, 2009

Re: Jerry Presley

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jerry Presley. Mr. Presley was employed by the Council for Quality Growth from March 2006 until the end of October 2008. Regretfully, CGQ had to release Mr. Presley for budgetary reasons.

Mr. Presley's primary duties at CQG required him to perform a variety of public policy research and analysis, and government relations/lobbying services. He worked with government officials within his assigned work area to further the mission, goals and objectives of CQG and to protect the interests of our 450-plus company members.

Mr. Presley is a highly professional individual who is dedicated and loyal to his employer/clients. He served our organization with distinction during his time of service at CQG. He is highly dependable, very independent and requires little supervision. He was always eager to serve and often volunteered to help management and other staff. His skills, knowledge and abilities were of great value to CQG and to me personally. I know that whatever new employment he takes on, he will serve with same level of distinction, dedication, and commitment he showed while employed with CQG.

If you have need to speak with me further regarding Mr. Presley, you may do so via email at jp@councilforqualitygrowth.org or call (770)-813-3374.

Sincerely,

Jahnee Prince

Jahnee Prince,
Vice President of Policy

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Planning Dir
GMRDC Planning

June 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that Mr. Jerry Presley has a pending employment application with your agency. Please accept this letter of recommendation on his behalf.

I have known Jerry for approximately eight years, first as an employee and now a colleague. From 2001 to 2005 he was a Regional Planner with the Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center (GMRDC) where I served as Planning Director and had supervision of Jerry as a member of the GMRDC Planning Staff.

Jerry was a dedicated, hard working employee who was task oriented and did not hesitate to accept work assignments with determination and enthusiasm. Jerry carried out his tasks with minimal supervision and was also a "team player" who worked well with other staff members on group projects. Jerry's position required him to interact with elected/appointed state and local officials, as well as the general public. My observation is that he did this in a positive manner. He was at ease in making presentations to both small and large groups and was comfortable in using various audio visual aids to enhance and clarify the topic of discussion. I further found his contract management and reporting skills to be above average.

As an employee, Jerry was prompt, dependable and exhibited excellent citizenship traits that made him a valuable employee. I would highly recommend him for employment with your agency.

H. Lamar Scroggs
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Sincerely,

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