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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Dr. James White's application for the position in your institution. I have known Jim for over five years. When I first came to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University in 1995, Jim helped me set up my laboratories. In the process, we set up an Appletalk network, a Solaris UNIX system on a Sun Sparc workstation, a speech perception laboratory, and a speech acoustics laboratory. Setting up these laboratories requires knowledge in both electronic hardware and computer software, and Jim is a superb expert in both. Because of the scope of the task, we assembled a team of students with various backgrounds for the work, and Jim headed team. To my delight, in addition to his expertise, Jim also proved to be an excellent team leader for such complex tasks. As a result of Jim's expertise and leadership, my labs were quickly set up and my research got started without delay.

Helping me with my laboratory setup was only part of Dr. White's duty in our department. Jim also oversees the development and maintenance of all the computing and network in the program of Speech and Language Pathology in our department, a responsibility that involves several dozen computers. And Jim has done a superb job managing the computing needs of our entire program.

Jim is also a friendly and easy-going person, willing to help anyone with even the tiniest problem. It would be a great loss for us if Jim were to decide to leave here. But as a friend and colleague, I am sure that he will prove to be an excellent employee in his new working environment.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,



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