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Re: Reference letter for Barbara Pietersma

This letter is being written in support of Barbara Pietersma who is currently completing her co-op work term in the Maritime Provinces Spatial Analysis Center at Saint Mary's University. Barbara is an exceptional employee who has been completely responsible for creating a marshlands atlas for the NS Department of Agriculture, Resource Stewardship, Land Protection Division with minimal supervision. In her position, she has been responsible for rectifying, digitizing and updating attribute information of scanned marshland plans into ArcGIS 9.3 and creating ArcPublisher documents for use by Department personnel. Her cartographic work is excellent, with careful attention to detail and adherence to set standards. In addition, her strong interpersonal skills have assisted her in working with Department of Agricultural personnel to map and update shore protection works within the GIS. Barbara is fully capable of working independently, has a strong work ethic and continues to submit her work in a timely matter.

Overall I feel very strongly that Barbara possesses both the technical and interpersonal skills that would make her a definite asset to any workplace.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information,

Sincerely,

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