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To Whom It May Concern,

For exceptionally meritorious service while serving as the Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team Trade School Rug Weaving Instructor. I would like to recommend Khalid Sadiqi for further service to the United States Military or any high level position in Afghanistan. He is exceptionally competent and carries himself with a professional manner. This is a contributing factor to the success of the Qalat PRT as he led the missions not only as an Interpreter, but also as the Rug Weaving Class Instructor.

Khalid Sadiqi was crucial to the success of the Qalat PRT Trade School. He was in charge of three rug-weaving classes with a total of 15 students per class. He quickly gained respect by providing resources the rug weaving class needed to function. He took time to travel to Kabul and purchase wool, looms, and tools for each class. He ensured every student had adequate supplies to start their own rug weaving business at the end of graduation.

He dedicated long hours creating rug designs for the instructors and students. It was going to be their blueprint for success. He was in charge of the custom-made rugs being made for the Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team soldiers. Khalid Sadiqi made sound decisions and showed great leadership skills in each class. The instructors sought his advice when they faced challenges with the students. He provided oversight for 3 large rug projects and 10 small rug projects valued over \$5,000.00. Khalid Sadiqi successfully led his students to creating three beautiful custom-made rugs for PRT military personnel. The design and quality of the rugs led to more request by the new PRT arriving in April 2006.

Khalid Sadiqi logged over 12 hours a day ensuring the Rug Weaving class ran smoothly. One class was in the morning and the other was in the afternoon. The interpreters were motivated to continue working on the rugs after the classes ended for the day.

Khalid Sadiqi carried out these responsibilities in one of the most dangerous provinces in Afghanistan. Khalid Sadiqi courageously balanced the responsibilities of the class with his interpreter duties. Finally, all of his students graduated with honors, and the military personnel appreciated the custom-made rugs. The U.S military and Afghan leadership sought after his talents and expertise when they came to visit the PRT. President Karzai visited the Qalat PRT and was impressed with the Rug Weaving Class.

Khalid Sadiqi's professionalism and ability to work with a joint team of Afghan PRT leadership; United States Army, Navy and Air Force is one of the main reasons the Qalat PRT has become one of the most successful Trade Schools in Afghanistan. We greatly appreciate his efforts. Thank you Khalid Sadiqi!

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