

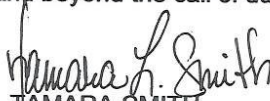
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To Whom It May Concern:

1. Since 20 October 2004, Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi has worked with Civil Affairs Team (Tactical) 124 as a Category I interpreter in the Paktika Providence, Afghanistan. His knowledge of the area, customs, culture, and multiple languages is far superior to any other interpreter on the ground. He has been a great asset to my team, the 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne) and the 278<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion.
2. Mr. Siddiqi participated in 27 missions that included the following: 3 Cooperative Medical Assistance for the local nationals, 10 elders meetings and 15 village assessments/reassessments. His talents enabled these missions to be conducted professionally, and helped to build the trust between the people of Paktika Province and Coalition Forces.
3. As a Category I interpreter, I highly recommend that Mr. Siddiqi be placed in a position at the operational level where his skills and expertise will be utilized to the fullest extent. He became an integral part of CAT-A 124 and will succeed in any position, at any level and with any military element.
4. Ahmad Khalid Siddiqi's honesty and sincerity are most desirable. His commitment to a better future for Afghanistan goes above and beyond the call of duty; he is a true professional.

  
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