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Dear Mr. Magpile:

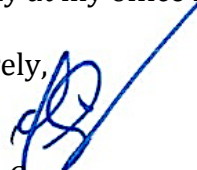
I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Tahlequah Steel Inc. that is owned and operated by Mr. Guy Barton in connection with their bid for a project with your company.

Tahlequah Steel Inc. has been associated with the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), a bureau of the United States Department of Commerce, since 2003 when the Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Economic Development and Business Policy accepted them into our program. Later on, Tahlequah Steel expanded their membership with our MBDA network through our Native American center in Phoenix, Arizona before they were recommended to our Los Angeles MBDA Business Center that is operated by the University of Southern California.

Our federally funded program is dedicated to working with minority-owned companies that have a history of contract-readiness and deliverables that demonstrate a capacity to complete awarded contracts. Tahlequah satisfies this criteria and they consistently exhibit a high level of professionalism with our MBDA Business Center and with other source organizations that we connect them with for purposes of bidding, or to simply explore strategic growth opportunities. A professional demeanor is very important to us since we place a high degree of importance on the limited availability of staff at our center. In this regard, Tahlequah Steel has worked closely with our senior staff business consultant who expresses a strong desire to continue working with Tahlequah Steel due to their firm commitment to first-rate service and the sincere desire to strengthen their business relationships that aligns with excellent character and reliability.

I gladly submit my letter of recommendation for Mr. Guy Barton of Tahlequah Steel, Inc. If you desire additional information related to this matter, please contact me directly at my office number 213-743-4518. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Sergio Gascon