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Dear Colleague:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Krista Wlodek, a student of mine that completed two ecology courses, Ecology and Materials Workshop III and IV at Illinois Institute of Technology during the 2008-09 academic school years.

During the time I spent with Krista, she consistently impressed me with her ability to perform the assigned work, her willingness to work independently and in groups, and her commitment to the field of landscape architecture coupled with ecological design, the general premise behind the two classes. The breadth of knowledge Krista was exposed to included topics such as LEED, constructed wetlands for gray and blackwater cleansing, alternative energy sources, phytoremediation, and permaculture. Class projects revolved around the understanding and use of permeable pavement systems, green roofs, rainwater harvesting and recycling, and ecosystem management, subjects that are becoming quite dominant in the field of landscape architecture.

To gain better insight for these sustainable strategies, students visited sites throughout the Chicagoland area in order to see firsthand how these systems can be applied. Class discussions often covered the more technical details of these systems, showing how they work and that other applications may be more appropriate for locations outside the Midwest. Krista showed a strong enthusiasm for these topics, approaching the classes with an inquisitive, involved, and positive attitude. I am confident that she would be able to successfully apply these principles in real life design situations, and that she can and will offer insightful and meaningful contributions to the landscape architecture community.

Please consider Krista Wlodek for employment and do not hesitate to contact me at [jwomack@wightco.com](mailto:jwomack@wightco.com) if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

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