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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write in support of Bob Andrew's candidacy for Director of Communications and University Relations at Western Washington University.

Bob and I first met while competing for the rights to research and author a publication for the CIO Council of the Federal Government, "Extending Digital Dividends—Public Goods and Services that Work for All". Although I won the contract (based on my background with the "Council for Excellence in Government" and Internet issues at the National Performance Review, the White House reinventing government initiative) an indication of the esteem with which Bob is held is the fact that GSA immediately invited him to peer review our work product. He is both a terrific competitor and collaborator as I can personally attest.

Bob and I then partnered through our respective consulting firms on a proposal to upgrade the [www.Firstgov.gov](http://www.Firstgov.gov) website, and cooperated on a private-brand initiative through [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) to make public data such as beach water quality quickly accessible to citizens using distributed content management roles and tools. This was all very innovative at the time. Bob is a creative original thinker on these issues.

During the period 2002-2004, Bob and I crossed paths professionally several times: he was a regular contributor in the monthly "Universal Access" workshops at the National Science Foundation, and set up their initial digital collaboration space to enable those unable to attend to fully experience all the presentations, both live and afterwards. In that context his 1995-1998 global experience in best practices sharing technology was evident and very useful.

Most recently I was happy to bring Bob in to assume the information technology role that I had established at the St. Albans School "School of Public Service", located on the National Cathedral grounds in Washington DC. For 40 rising High School seniors each summer, he ensured (with patience and good humor) that they had all the tools they needed for four weeks of intensive exposure to a career in public service, including laptops with wireless access, courseware and assignments on Blackboard, multi-media support for their own "Hardball" with Chris Matthews on campus. Check out the website [www.SchoolofPublicService.org](http://www.SchoolofPublicService.org) to glimpse of the quality of the web communications he set up—now being maintained by one of our own Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Bob Andrew is a class professional act and a decent man. His "Kiwi" charm makes him easy and pleasant to work with—which further contributes to his effectiveness. My only reservation about recommending him is that this position would deprive us within the DC beltway, seemingly once and for all, of his sage and salutary presence. Our loss, and your gain, I'm afraid. Bob has always made me and the organizations we've served smarter and more effective. I believe strongly the same would be true for you.

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