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Business Record – Forty under 40 Award
Re: Letter of recommendation for Mitchel Sellers

To whom it may concern:

I have known Mitchel Sellers for over 13 years, and have worked both with and for him in various positions. In that timeframe, I have seen him go from a fledgling developer to the owner of a very successful computer consulting firm using mainly his skill, determination, and business acumen.

Along the way, Mitchel has always gone out of his way to contribute both time and financial support to various organizations that he feels strongly about. He has participated in the Des Moines Area Community College Alumni Foundation Board for several years, and is currently the President of the Board. He has also participated for several years in the CIS Advisory Board at DMACC, in which he is able to help shape the curriculum of the computer technology program to better suit the fast pace at which technology evolves. He is also involved in the Microsoft Patterns and Practices Advisory council, has served as a technical judge in the Microsoft Imagine Cup student competition, and has donated his time and travel expenses to various technical organizations across the country as a volunteer speaker for numerous events.

One thing that stands out to me as an example of Mitchel’s dedication to furthering technology education is the IowaComputerGurus Scholarship at DMACC. This scholarship offers $500/semester to a student that is pursuing an IT degree in a non-traditional manner.

For the past several years, Mitchel has taught at DMACC in the Web Development program, as well as Simpson College. He’s expressed to me on many occasions the pride that he takes in being able to help people truly understand the technology that he’s teaching, and having a role in helping prepare them for future success in the business world.

From a professional aspect, Mitchel has built a successful computer consulting business from the ground up. He takes pride in providing the very best service to his customers, and is constantly working to improve his skills to that end. In doing so, he has been recognized with numerous awards for his contributions to the wider technology community, including: Five time Microsoft C# MVP, Microsoft Developer MVP of the year, two time DotNetNuke MVP, and 2011 DMACC Outstanding Alumni award. Mitchel is also a published author in 2 books, and has been a technical editor on more than 10 additional books.

I give my highest recommendation of Mitchel to you for your consideration in making the decision for this award. I believe that his professional accomplishments and civic contributions are extraordinary, and I truly believe that he deserves to be recognized for his work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 515-339-4334, and I will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,
Andrew B Weber