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Dear Concerned:

This is a letter of referral for Michelle Marley-Knox, Owner of WindSolarUSA Inc. I have had the pleasure of working with Michelle on several projects and found all of her work to be thorough and professional.

Michelle and I have both had extensive training in the renewable energy field from the long established, Midwest Renewable Energy Association of Custer, Wisconsin. Their expertise goes back more than two decades which is why they were chosen to be the umbrella organization for the Upper Midwest Region for the Department of Energy's initiative to train both installers and their instructors. As a result of this training I have been teaching renewable energy classes at Lincoln Land Community College's Workforce Development Center.

Knowing the depth of the expertise of the MREA training, I felt confident to choose Michelle to be my supplier for my own 2 kilowatt array that I installed on my home with the help of some of my graduated students as part of their further training. Even though I changed out modules on the initial design requiring an exchange of power inverters, she was able to quickly facilitate that action with her supplier at no loss of my installation time.

Another project Michelle helped me with was the Rotary Solar Sunflower at Southwind Park on South 2nd Street in Springfield. It required a specially engineered mounting that she worked extensively with the manufacturer to complete this complex installation.

She also facilitated the design parameters and procurement of the 2.7kW array on the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, the first church to receive solar panels in the Springfield area.

I especially appreciate Michelle's commitment to supplying the highest quality <u>American Made</u> SolarWorld modules from the oldest PV maker in the US, with the proven record of long term durability of their products since the 1970s.

I am sure that she will be able to effectively move your solar project forward with as much constant attention and professionalism as she has already demonstrated in my experiences. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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