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Recommendation of Mr. Seyedhamed (Hamed) Sadati for the DJ Belarbi Graduate Scholarship

Dear Mr. Shaw, Dear Missouri ACI Chapter Officers,

I am writing this letter to give my highest possible recommendation for Mr. Seyedhamed Sadati, as an excellent candidate for the DJ Belarbi Scholarship. I currently serve as Hamed's advisor in a special research course at Missouri University of Science and Technology and have had him as a student in a Summer Workshop on Rheology. It is my pleasure to say that Hamed is one of the best PhD students in our department and of course in our research group.

Being active in thinking and an independent worker, participating enthusiastically during the workshop, and conducting well-organized and articulate research, Hamed has proven to be a promising student for our department. In the lab, after an initial training period, he is very comfortable working and helping the other students in our research group. He has often suggested ways to improve our test setups or protocols, not only for his own research work, but also to help out fellow graduate students. As an example, his enthusiasm in learning and improving test methods has resulted into the interesting idea of developing a simple and affordable test setup for determining the rheological properties of cement pastes and mortars. This is the subject he proposed to me as a special research course for the Spring 2015 semester, to which I fully agreed to stimulate his creativity.

Besides all his course work and intensive laboratory research, he has also accepted to be the lab instructor (GTA) for transportation engineering course in our department which I strongly believe is another sign of his hard work, self-confidence, and management abilities. He is one of the only graduate students in our research group who has consistently maintained a 4.0 GPA from the beginning of his PhD course work and is a member of the honored society of civil engineering students "Chi Epsilon" and engineering honor society "Tau Beta Pi".

I believe that being elected as the winner of such a prestigious award as DJ Belarbi Scholarship will really encourage him to continue his endeavors. I know for sure that Hamed is an excellent example of those qualities held dear by ACI, namely scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability. Please consider Hamed for this prestigious award.

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