



December 6, 2005

To The Nominating Committee:

It is with great pleasure and our highest recommendation that we the Grant and Contract Managers of Computer Science & Engineering write in support of John Streck for the Distinguished Staff Award.

We've come to rely on John now more than ever. Since moving into the Paul G. Allen Center there has been increased pressure to maximize building space with additional research staff, specialty computing labs and equipment. To accomplish this we've experienced a major shift in our research approach, we are now targeting significantly larger and more complex, multi-million dollar contract funding, often with special terms, conditions, and compliance issues.

The CALO research project is an example of this. CALO is the largest artificial intelligence project ever funded by the federal government. It is a 5-year project with short-fuse competitive renewals that follow an annual go or no-go test. The project has mushroomed to the point where it now involves faculty investigators from nearly every one of the research groups we manage.

John successfully guided us through the CALO competitive renewal process which was especially challenging this year as the sponsor radically changed the funding and project management structure from one that was project/investigator based to one that was task based. This significantly increasing the amount of work during the pre and post award process. Behind the scenes John negotiated and mitigated new contract details including several Federal Acquisition Regulations introduced this year.

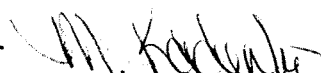
John's strength is his expertise and ability to rapidly assess situations and how best to resolve them quickly, by the book, and with optimal outcomes. What makes John special is even under the most difficult circumstances he always projects a calm level-headed reassurance that lets others know whatever the situation is, it can be resolved no matter how problematic the details or how short the deadline.


John is the most outstanding representative we have ever had at the Office of Sponsored Programs and we feel strongly that he should be recognized for his exceptional work and dedication to the University.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Allen

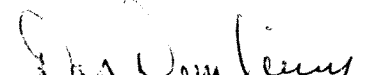
  
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