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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Mr Bill Collins for almost five years, initially through participation in the activities of the Australasian Urban and Regional Information Systems (AURISA) and during the period 1997-1999 in the Australian Capital Territory Land Information Centre (ACTLIC).

AURISA is the Australasian spatial information industry association. ACTLIC is the ACT Government's surveying, mapping and land information agency. In AURISA, I was the Chair of the ACT Chapter for almost 4 years, and an Executive Committee member during the period 1987-95. I was also a Councillor from 1990-93.

My role in ACTLIC was General Manager and I was Bill's immediate manager.

In early 1999, Bill re-located to Brisbane and joined the private sector. Later that year, I moved to Melbourne to take up the appointment of Surveyor General of Victoria.

Bill has an extraordinary range of experience, skills and knowledge in geospatial technologies, the Internet, business development, marketing and government. Within ACTLIC he worked as a senior manager, initially responsible for the management of ACTMAP, the ACT Land Information System, and later as the ACTLIC Business Development Manager.

Knowledge and Experience

Bill is a mature professional with over twenty years experience in Government and industry working "hands on" in the areas of

- Mapping and surveying
- Geographic information systems (GIS)
- Spatial data management
- Land administration and planning
- Internet technology development
- Office software
- Graphics and CAD.

The depth of Bill's knowledge and experience is considerable and adds enormous value to any organisation or project.

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Technical Expertise

There is no doubt that Bill's technical skills in geospatial information technology and the Internet are superior. Through Bill's direct management, the ACT developed innovative new systems including:

- ACTMAPonline, the world's first vector online geographic information system
- TPonline – Australia's first online land planning system involving a web interface to deliver the ACT's Territory Plan, including map images and planning regulations.
- CBSonline – a web-enabled version of "*Canberra by Suburbs*", Canberra's directory of land parcels and streets.

The quality of Bill's contributions was recognised by the presentation of several prestigious awards to ACTLIC including:

- Gold Technology in Government Award for ACTMAP in 1999
- Silver Technology in Government Award for TPonline in 1998
- Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia (MSIA) awards for both ACTMAPonline and TPonline in 1998.

Intergovernmental

Bill has represented the ACT Government on a number of high level intergovernmental committees including:

- the Advisory Committee to the Australia New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC)
- the Board of Management of the Public Sector Mapping Agencies (PSMA)
- the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM) spatial data working groups.

His contributions to these forums over a number of years were significant and he is well regarded by the delegates from all jurisdictions.

Innovation

One of Bill's most outstanding talents is innovation. Bill has the capacity to develop new products and services, especially involving GIS and the web, that deliver practical solutions to meet the needs of government and industry. His capacity to think "outside of the square" is profound.

Management

Bill has an excellent repertoire of management skills, especially in the areas of:

- Project management
- Client management
- Business development
- Marketing
- Customer Service.

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Bill has well developed communication and interpersonal skills, and a dedicated commitment to customer service. His flexibility in being able to work in different environments, undertake varied projects (both technical and non-technical) and communicate to all levels and across all disciplines, means that Bill is an outstanding asset.

Conclusion

I can confidently recommend Bill Collins for any project, task or function involving geospatial or information technologies, GIS/LIS, project management, business development or marketing. There is no doubt that Bill will always deliver and add value.

Keith C. Bell
Surveyor General of Victoria

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