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Soil Scientist Reference Form

From: _____

Applicant's Name

To: _____

Reference's Name

Applicant's Address

Reference's Address

Applicant's Phone Number

Note to Soil Scientist: Applicants who are certified by the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) as Certified Professional Soil Classifiers (CPSC) need not provide any references. Applicants who are SSSA-certified as Certified Professional Soil Scientists (CPSS) must provide at least three (3) references who are familiar with their experience. Please complete the above information and give this form to each reference. References need to respond to the questions below and forward this form to Department of Land Conservation and Development, 635 Capitol Street NE, STE 150, Salem, Oregon 97301, attn: Julie Hall, or email Julie.hall@state.or.us, or fax to 503-378-6033.

Not to Reference: The above-named individual is applying to be included in a pool of soil scientists who will contract with the State of Oregon to perform soils classification and mapping fieldwork and analysis. By completing and signing this form you will be acting as a reference for the applicant named above. Please answer the questions below and include any additional comments that you feel may be helpful. This form will be reviewed by an independent panel of soils professionals to ensure that the applicant has the necessary education and experience to be selected. Because we want to select only individuals who meet the professional standards of the SSSA for CPSC as they exist on October 1, 2011, we solicit your confidential and frank opinion of the applicant. Once completed, please submit this form to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, 635 Capitol Street NE, STE 150, Salem, Oregon 97301, attn: Julie Hall, or email Julie.hall@state.or.us, or fax to 503-378-6033.

Qualifications: Prospective applicants must be either CPSC or CPSS with equivalent education and experience as CPSC. Specifically, CPSS-certified applicants must submit transcripts, sample work and references that demonstrate satisfaction of the following qualifications:

1. Completion of five semester hours in soil genesis, morphology and classification;
2. Not less than five years of field experience in soils classification and mapping meeting National Cooperative Soil Survey standards; and
3. Demonstrated competence in practicing soils classification and mapping without direct supervision.

Please respond to the following items and include any pertinent information that you feel will aid in the evaluation of the applicant's credentials.

1. In what capacity have you had association with the applicant? I am (was) the applicant's: Supervisor ____: Colleague ____: Friend ____: Relative ____: Classmate ____: Subordinate ____: Client ____: Academic Adv ____: Other _____

2. What length of time have you known the applicant in the above capacity? _____ years

3. For what period of time are you familiar with the applicant's professional work experience

From _____ to _____
Month/year Month/year

4. Considering the qualifications noted on p. 1, describe the applicant's field experience in soils classification and mapping meeting National Cooperative Soil Survey standards: _____

5. Considering the qualifications noted on p. 1, describe the applicant's competence in practicing soils classification and mapping without direct supervision.

6. Please make any additional comments which will aid in making a fair evaluation of this applicant.

7. Do you recommend this applicant to be accepted as a contractor for the State of Oregon to provide soil analysis? Yes _____ No _____

Your responses will remain confidential

Print Name: _____ Date _____

Signature: _____ Professional Title: _____

Location: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____