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**Computer Science
Department**

Center for Systems and
Software Engineering

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Mr. Raed Shomali who has shown exceptional software engineering capacity and dedication this past year with the University of Southern California and particularly with the Center for Systems and Software Engineering. He worked as a volunteer this past summer (2008) for the center where his input was significant in developing the COINCOMO Cost Estimation tool for Incremental Software development. Working with Ramin Moazeni from Sun Microsystems and Professor Winsor Brown they were able to develop the tool in Java to enable the ability to work on different platforms and interact with a Postgres database.

Further, Mr. Shomali's work in software architecture and user interaction on a team project with the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation proved to be a wonderful asset to the community. The project was targeted to attract young people in Los Angeles away from anti-social behavior (i.e. gang activity, drug interaction) to interact on new popular Web 2.0 technologies. He was a good team player and received the highest grade in a class of 126 students.

On these projects, he has developed strong experiences with the following techniques & tools:

- Cost Estimation
- Project Review Techniques
- Software Architecting
- Expectation Management
- Risk Management
- Working with real clients
- User interface design and development

He is extremely thorough, thoughtful, helpful and has been a tremendous asset amongst our Teaching Assistants for our graduate software engineering program.

Sincerely,



Barry W. Boehm