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It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation for Luke Owen. NPDES Stormwater Training Institute. Luke and I became acquainted in 2010, when we were asked by Jim McCutcheon, owner of HighGrove Partners, to present at a commercial real estate continuing education program. HighGrove Partners is one of Atlanta's top 25 commercial landscape contractor companies, and the CEU training event was comprised of commercial property owners and managers, and the topic was water issues.

Luke's presentation was an overview of stormwater issues both globally and locally, and an introduction for this audience to stormwater mitigation. Luke was able to present a complex topic at an understandable level to novices to the subject. Since this first presentation, Luke and I have made presentations to two more CEU training for HighGrove.

Based on my experience with Luke's presentations to these audiences, I asked Luke to present in December 2011 at the Georgia Urban Ag Council's EDGE Expo. This event is attended by landscape and turfgrass contractors, and Luke's seminar was well attended and received. I will definitely ask him to present an expanded presentation at the 2012 EDGE Expo in December.

Luke is always been well prepared, professional and knowledgeable, and he is able to speak to novices or experts on water related topics. I have recommended Luke to several other professionals who were putting together programs and looking for experts in water related topics. I highly recommend Luke for stormwater training, as he is an expert and entertaining professional.

Sincerely,

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