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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written upon the request of PhD candidate, Mr. Abbasi Shureshjani who has spent a six month period (Sep. 2015-Feb. 2016) as an exchange visitor under my supervision. I am recognized as one of the top authors of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)-related articles and among the top authors in DEA with respect to citation indexes.

Mr. Abbasi Shureshjani joined my current research program on DEA. He worked on network DEA topics and had a full literature review on the related research. In his research, he developed an optimization methodology for measuring efficiency of weighted additive two-stage DEA models. The conducted research has been successful and the result of the study had led to a technical article titled "Additive Network DEA Pitfalls" that is being finalized and submitted to the prestigious peer-reviewed journal of *European Journal of Operational Research*.

He is a self-motivated student and is able to work in a team and I believe he has enough capabilities and motivation to do high level research work. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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