May 31, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am delighted to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Norma Martinez, master’s student in the Instructional Specialist Degree at the University of Texas at El Paso. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Martinez in March 2012 when she began to work as a research software educator in the computer laboratory of the College of Education. As a doctoral student, I have had numerous opportunities to interact with Ms. Martinez while attending the workshops that she has conducted and utilizing the computer software in the laboratory where she is employed. Because of her excellent teaching skills and deep knowledge, many students have benefited from her outstanding instructional knowledge, skills, and abilities.

In addition to her exceptional mathematical abilities, Norma has excellent bilingual/bicultural skills. I have observed her in action, engaged in teaching with students, faculty, and staff. Without a doubt, her successful professional career as an engineer has contributed to her success in dealing with complex problems and finding creative solutions in the areas of teaching and learning. Norma’s motivation and discipline have played a major role in her academic and professional achievements.

In sum, I recommend Ms. Martinez as a mathematics teacher. She will be an asset to any organization that employs her. Her professionalism and pedagogical skills will contribute to the academic success of students in her classroom.

Please feel free to contact me for any inquiries you may have at (915) 562-3520.

Sincerely,

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