

April 7, 2003

To whom it May Concerns

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Dennis Vodicka

Mr. Vodicka worked under my direct supervision as a bridge designer while I was employed at the Nebraska Department of Roads, Bridge Division as a Squad Leader in charge of preliminary and final design of bridges.

While under my supervision, Dennis's responsibilities included the design of steel and concrete superstructures and substructures and all other miscellaneous designs required for bridge construction. Dennis also carried out some quality control checks on other designs within my direct supervision and was involved in field problems resolution and engineering support during the construction phase of bridges. Dennis was also involved in technical committees in the bridge office of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Dennis's designs were very complete and his plans were compiled in an extremely professional manner. Dennis is a very intelligent and innovative person. Dennis is a very quick learner and exhibits a high degree of common sense that included good engineering judgment. Dennis posses a good understanding of the AASHTO code governing the design of bridges.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Dennis Vodicka 206 8<sup>th</sup> Corso Nebraska City, NE 68410

Re: Reference Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today in reference to Dennis Vodicka's experience and capability to design vehicular bridges for use on public roads. I supervised Dennis when I was a Squad Leader in the Bridge Division at the Nebraska Department of Roads. During my tenure at the Department, Dennis was the key person in my design squad. I counted on Dennis's experience and understanding of the behavior of bridges. That understanding allows him to apply the AASHTO code requirements to safely design vehicular bridges.

The most dramatic example of Dennis's design capabilities that comes to mind is the US-20 bridge over the Niobrara River southeast of Valentine. This deck of the steel girder, 846 foot long, five span bridge is over 150 feet above the Niobrara River and provides an aesthetically pleasing crossing over the river. This structure was the first of its kind that was designed in the NDOR bridge office due to the tall unique shapes of the piers. Dennis was the lead designer on that structure which was constructed in the mid 1990's and provides a dramatic vista over the river.

In summary, I have the utmost confidence in Dennis's capability to design vehicular bridges and encourage you to call me concerning his capabilities.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter of recommendation for Dennis Vodicka.

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Vodicka while I was assigned to the Nebraska Department of Roads, Bridge Division as a Bridge Designer.

During my time at Bridge Division I was assigned the task to check one of Mr. Vodicka's designs. The design I checked was for a multiple span continuous deck steel girder bridge that was constructed in Omaha to carry Interstate 80 traffic. I found Mr. Vodicka's design to be complete, constructible and well thought out.

Mr. Vodicka is highly intelligent and uses a great deal of common sense. He is very familiar with the ASSHTO codes pertaining to bridge design.

Sincerely, July J. My.

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