## 1961 · 2011

## UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

## INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH

College of Business and Public Policy 3211 Providence Drive • Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4614

December 14, 12

Reference: Charles Wohlforth

Charles is an outstanding writer, researcher, and communicator. We just spent three years working together on a book, *To Russia with Love: An Alaskan's Journey*, during which I came to know him well -- and I found his talents awe inspiring.

Charles is highly organized and disciplined. He lays out directions and gets his tasks done well and on time. He is great in dealing with broad concepts as well as specific details. His research skills are excellent, and he is most skillful in synthesizing disparate sources and materials.

And, of course, Charles is a brilliant writer and editor. Whether it's his own creative writing or dealing with the material of others, the words, sentences, and paragraphs flow, and themes and facts are clearly presented.

Behind his self-effacing personality are a brilliant mind and a strong character. He functions phenomenally well with other people. He is most likable and has a delightful sense of humor.

To me, Charles was an inspiring and delightful partner, a true collaborator. I value and respect him, and recommend him without reservation.

Please feel free to contact me for further comment.

Victor Fischer, Director Emeritus

(907) 351-6359

vicfischer24@alaska.com