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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to certify that I invited Prof. Roger Z Rios for a short research visit on June 13-14, 2013 at the Center for Transportation, Infrastructure and the Environment in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. As part of is visit, Prof. Rios gave a talk in our research seminar program entitled "Designing Optimal Districts in the recycling of Electronic Goods with Integer Programming and Problem Reformulation". In addition we discussed his research on territory design system and our research on humanitarian logistics where is room and common ground for possible future collaboration. Prof. Rios met with our research group as well to talk in detail about the models, methodology and knowledge we have developed on addressing these very important logistics problems arising in natural disasters. I am positive that the expertise of our research groups and that of Prof. Rios can lead to interesting joint work.

Yours truly,

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