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Contract Proposal for Full-stack Software Engineer Consultant

Dear ReFED Recruitment Team,

Why ReFED?_____

I am completely aligned with ReFED's mission, and I would be proud to help make progress towards the goal of reducing food waste. But frankly, the biggest reason for my interest in working for ReFED is the recommendation from my colleage, Skyler Sinclair. Throughout our time together at Harvey Mudd College I always regarded them as being very intelligent both academically and practically, so their recommendation is a strong positive signal for me about the mission and working environment at your company. I would be excited to work with them and the rest of the team, and to contribute to your mission.

Why Me? _

My varied past work experiences means that I approach all new problems with a strong foundation of full stack understanding, and because I've experienced several ends of the tech-stack spectrum, I have a unique understanding of how much complexity and optimization is necessary to solve a problem efficiently.

As an example, working on the cache service deployment for the (at-the-time) world's largest MySQL deployment at Facebook taught me just how optimized and streamlined some services need to be. I also implemented and deployed up a bespoke inventory management website for just three employees at JMKRIDE, which taught me to seek feedback early and to spend the extra time understanding the requirements and designing before starting the code. And of course, I've thrived in several past-positions with technical requirements that fall between those two extremes.

Lastly, because of the consistently relaxed development pace of my current employer, Trellisware, which I have worked at for almost two years, I have plenty of availability and flexibility during my week. In the past two years, I have proven this availability by tackling various website deployment issues for JMKRIDE, or by acheiving an embarrasing level of progression in my favorite factory building video game, Satisfactory. I am very goal-oriented person, and I can assure you that when I have agreed to a delivery date, those deliverables will always be delivered on time and without sacrificing quality.

MyProposal_

I would be happy to accept the \$125 hourly rate as mentioned in the job posting. My current commitments means that I am able to work a maximum of 20 hours per week. All my commitments are fully remote individually driven engineering development, so my specific time availability is almost entirely flexible. The exception being weekly scrums on Tuesdays 11:00am - 12:00pm PST, and a weekly in-person meeting which is Wednesday mornings, when I am unavailable before 2:00pm.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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