Chris Bilson 253/709-3415 cbilson@pobox.com 2009-08-13 Dear Sirs.

I am interested in the F# Development position I recently learned about through James Woods of Kaizen Partnership.

I have been using F# non-professionally for about 2 1/2 years. Since then I have learned other functional programming languages, developed sample programs, and given several presentations at user groups and Code Camps including:

- "F# For Real Applications" at Boise Code Camp where we talked about building WPF, Silverlight, and ASP.NET MVC applications using F# as a general purpose programming language
- Various sessions at the Seattle ALT.NET monthly meetings.

I've read all the published F# books, the almost-published "Functional Programming for the Real World," and started a book club late last year around "F# For Scientists."

Finally, I've been to several workshops on functional programming and F# specifically, such as the F# session Matthew Podwysocki did at Kaizen Conf in Austin last year.

I have 5 years experience in Financial Services, primarily building applications for portfolio management, replication, analytics, and am currently studying for the CFA Level I.

Thanks for considering me for this position and I look forward to the chance to work with you.

-Chris Bilson