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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter addresses my experiences while working with the staff of DataLOGIC over a span of approximately seven years.

Beginning in 2004, DataLOGIC assisted our staff in conducting an information needs assessment (INA) which combined scoping work in support of developing the Network's long-term monitoring protocols and the accompanying data management requirements to support those protocols. To that end, DataLOGIC facilitated 5 scoping meetings with park, network, regional and national NPS staff, as well as subject matter experts from Universities, non-profit agencies and other federal and state agencies. These meetings produced guidance for the development of the network's long-term monitoring protocols as well as a conceptual object model which has served as the foundation for the development of the Network's data management system.

Following the INA, DataLOGIC has assisted the Network with database and application development using SQL Server, SQL Server Reporting Services, Visual Studio, InfoPath and Bing Maps. Over the past few years, DataLOGIC has developed the database back end to house the data from several monitoring protocols (amphibian communities, weather and climate, stream habitat, and others.); the reporting tools to disseminate the data and information from these protocols (e.g. maps, charts, graphs and tables) via the Network's SharePoint site; and the data entry forms to facilitate getting data into the system. Also developed was a data exploration tool which facilitates the development of user defined queries of the data management system and produces products based on the results of those queries including maps, charts, graphs and tables.

Throughout both of these projects, DataLOGIC personnel have been very responsive and professional in all of their dealings with both internal and external staff. In addition, DataLOGIC has met all contract specifications, stayed within budget and has delivered products on time or ahead of schedule. Finally, the work completed by DataLOGIC has integrated seamlessly with the work done internally by SECN staff, helping rapidly develop a decision support system that is streamlined, easy to use and familiar to end-users. I would not hesitate to work with them again.

Sincerely,

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