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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for considering being a host company for Ascend International's "Passages" program. Passages is a program designed to expose foreign students and young adults to professions and professional expertise here in the U.S.A. This program's aim is to help develop the next generation of leader in a developing country, but also to build bridges of friendship between countries that will benefit from avenues of cooperation. You can read more about this specific program on the AI website: <http://www.ascend-international.com/programs/university/>

Most of AI's clients are foreign collegians or young adults looking for experience that will aid them in their own personal and professional development. Ideally, AI's programs will expose them to U.S leaders in various fields, but also to a way of life that will help them excel in their future vocation, family and community.

AI partners with U.S companies who agree to "host" these foreign students in their company for as little as one day or as long as four weeks sometime in January-February or between the middle of July and early September. AI secures lodging, food, insurance and transportation for the student. In the partnering company, we seek companies that will expose the students to a U.S profession. If the company needs assistance, AI will work with them to design a program that best suits the student while being sensitive to the ongoing needs of the company. Our desire is that the foreign national be a blessing to the company while the company and employees are a blessing to him/her.

When not in the company, students will participate in personal and professional development sessions with AI staff and volunteers. They will be placed in a volunteer, host home, where they will learn about the U.S. family and culture. Finally, ample time is provided in their summer program for brief touring areas of interest in the U.S.A.

Again, thank you for considering this opportunity. If I can be of further assistance or answer any questions you may have please email (garmstrong@ascend-international.com) or call 919-332-9004.

Sincerely,



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