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Re: IT Innovation Contest—time spent by Employee

Dear IT Innovation Contest Panel:

I wholeheartedly endorse and encourage the full extent of activities of my employee, Raman Khanna, as he pursues your award.

I am aware he plans to spend approximately 200 hours on this project over a 7-week time period. Approximately 25% of this will come from his personal time and 75% of this will come from department time. I have spoken with him and have agreed to let him use the time percentages as delineated, including department time equivalent to approximately 150 hours. If more time is required we will discuss this but I don't anticipate it being a problem.

Dr. Khanna is an extraordinary young faculty member who is building a career that combines his skills in IT program development with his strong research training. I wholeheartedly support him and the proposed project, which will take full advantage of these skills and meets a crucial patient care need.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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