Sample Reference Check Questions

- 1. Name of reference completing this form (first and last name)
- 2. Name of the candidate for whom this form is being completed (first and last name)
- 3. What is your relationship to the candidate?
- 4. Where did you work together?
- 5. How long have you known them?
- Can you verify the candidate's title and start/end dates of employment? (approximate dates, okay)
- 7. Could you please describe the type of work for which the candidate was responsible?
- 8. To your knowledge, why did the candidate leave this position?
- 9. What are some of their strengths that you would highlight?
- 10. What are some areas for improvement?
- 11. How would you rate the candidate's ability to [insert competency here]? (On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being Not At All Able and 5 being Extremely Able)
- 12. How would you rate the candidate's ability to [insert competency here]?
- 13. How would you describe the candidate's relationship with co-workers, subordinates (if applicable), and superiors?
- 14. What advice can you give to successfully manage the candidate?
- 15. If you had the opportunity, would you hire the candidate again? Why or why not?
- 16. Is there anything I haven't asked about that someone considering this person for a job should be aware of?