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To: MLPA Members
From: MLPA Scholarship Foundation
Re: Annual Convention Silent Auction

THURSDAY NIGHT.....SILENT AUCTION

We will again have a silent auction during the MLPA Convention to raise revenue for our tax-exempt Scholarship Foundation. This event has been a huge success and a highlight of the convention.

The Missouri Limestone Producers Association (MLPA) and the MLPA Scholarship Foundation are raising \$100,000 to establish the Chris Upp Memorial Scholarship Endowment at Missouri S&T. Chris attended Missouri S&T before beginning his 26-year career at Conco where he served as Vice President and General Manager. Chris was also active with NSSGA and MLPA and served as the MLPA President in 2015.

This endowment will create a \$4000 annual scholarship for a Mining and Explosives Engineering student in the College of Engineering and Computing. MLPA hopes to honor the memory of Chris Upp by helping future miners complete their education and enter the industry. After many MLPA members reached out to ask how they could help memorialized Chris Upp, the Scholarship Foundation settled on this idea. Please join us in honoring Chris' memory by educating the next generation of miners.

We are soliciting items to be donated by your company with a **minimum value of \$100.00**. These items will be included in our Silent Auction, which will happen on **Thursday, November 30, from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. in Salon A**. We have included the donation sheet for each item you wish to offer for the auction. Please remember that the value of donated items is fully tax deductible.

Everyone will receive their Bid Ticket Number on their name badge this year. **NOTE:** A bid ticket number is required to bid on items and **\$20** of the registration fee **qualifies for an income tax deduction as a charitable donation**.

If you can help by donating one or more items, please fill out the Silent Auction Registration Form and mail or FAX back to the MLPA office. This will allow us to create a list prior to the event so we can send it out to all of the members to generate interest in the auction and get people prepared to spend money! A photo of the item would also be helpful.

Our hope is to receive at least 80 items for bidding and raise in excess of \$20,000 this year. Since 1980 MLPA's Scholarship program has helped **261** students pay for a portion of their higher education expenses, with total awards during that time of **\$406,000**. If you have any questions about this auction or what might be an appropriate item to donate, feel free to contact Todd by using the information below.

Todd Griesemer, todd@anchorstoneco.com, (417) 825-0914

Thanks again for your support of this event!!

MLPA Scholarship Foundation

Silent Auction Rules

- Donated items have a **minimum value of \$100.00.**
- Read all auction package descriptions carefully as they list the package descriptions and restrictions.
- Please be aware that reservations for trips, hotel accommodations, and use of facilities have been arranged by the donor. All items are sold “as is”, are subject to availability, and have no cash redemption value. The Scholarship Foundation is grateful to our donors, but is unable to endorse any product or service.
- All items must be paid for and picked by 8:30 a.m. on Friday.
- The stated value of auction goods and services are good-faith estimates only and are not warranted for tax purposes. Please contact your tax advisor regarding the tax deductibility of purchases and contributions. Any purchase amount over the stated market value of an item is tax deductible.
- The Scholarship Foundation does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of any description of items or packages.
- The Scholarship Foundation is not responsible for certificates/vouchers that are misplaced or lost following receipt.
- All services must be redeemed by the listed expiration date. The Scholarship Foundation cannot extend the expiration date of any service as listed on the certificate.
- **All sales are final. There can be no exchanges, transfers, or refunds.**

How to Participate in the Silent Auction

- Participants must purchase a Bid Number to use during the silent auction. **Payment will only be accepted from individuals with a bid number.**
- Bid Number will be attached to your name badge and qualify for a tax donation of \$20.
- A Bid Sheet is displayed with each auction item and includes the item description, value, and minimum opening bid. You may bid on as many items as you wish.
- To bid on an item, simply write your Bid Number and Bid Amount on the appropriate Bid Sheet.
- Each Bid Sheet lists a Bid Increment, which is the minimum value by which the existing bid must be increased in order to constitute a higher value bid. All bids must be in even dollar amounts.
- Notice will be given for the closing of the bidding on specific items. After bidding is closed, Bid Sheets will be collected by Auction Monitors to verify the validity of all winning bids (bid number, minimum bid increment increases, etc.). The highest valid bid will be declared the winner.

Payment & Pick-Up

- Winning bidders will be notified as soon as possible after the bidding closes.
- All accounts **MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND PICKED UP BY 8:30 a.m. ON FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF ITEMS. PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM INDIVIDUALS WITH A BID NUMBER DUE TO IRS REQUIREMENTS. WE CANNOT BILL OR SHIP ITEMS.** Cash or checks payable to the “**MLPA Scholarship Foundation**” will be accepted as payment. Credit Card processing will be available at the registration desk. Only that portion of the winning bid that is above the fair market value is tax deductible.

MLPA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2023 Silent Auction Donation Form

(Please submit one form for each item donated)

NOTE: Donated items a minimum value of \$100. Sponsors of these items will be given special recognition.

Company Name: _____

Company Representative: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ **(required)**

Name of Donation and Description of Item: _____ **(required)**

(For example, 4 St. Louis Cardinals Tickets in Section ###, Seats #-# for any game in April of 2024)

Estimated Fair Market Value of Donation: \$ _____ **(required by the IRS)**

Do you want to suggest a minimum bid? No _____ Yes _____ If Yes, what amount: \$ _____

Forms are due on or before **Friday, November 17, 2023**. We prefer you bring your items to the convention and take them to registration area for direction (**but please return this form prior to the convention**). You may also send a message to Todd Griesemer at todd@anchorstoneco.com for item shipment or pick up.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MLPA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

(Since 1980 MLPA's scholarship program has helped 261 students pay for a portion of their higher education expenses, with total awards during that time of \$(\$406,000).

Thank you for your tax-exempt donation!!

Please Return Form by **November 17:**

MLPA, P.O. Box 1725, Jefferson City, MO 65102 - FAX: 573-634-8006 – jean@molimestone.com

Any questions? Please email or call:

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