

March 11, 2003

Mr. Bill Dean
Branch Manager
Quality PFG-Batesville
506 Hwy. 35 North
Batesville, Mississippi 38606

Dear Mr. Dean:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Quality PFG-Batesville with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Quality PFG-Batesville can receive as a sponsor.

Please take a few minutes and consider investing in your business and our region's future by becoming a sponsor of **The Southern Leadership Summit**. A member of our conference development team will be calling you soon to discuss the conference in more detail. Your support is essential to the success of the conference and the prosperity of our region.

I look forward to seeing you this June in Biloxi.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Ken Auttonberry
Branch President
Quality PFG-Magee
1800 Simpson Hwy. 49
Magee, Mississippi 39111

Dear Mr. Auttonberry:

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

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Mr. Travis Gallaher
Plant Manager
Tecumseh Products Company
2500 Tecumseh Way
Corinth, Mississippi 38835-2230

Dear Mr. Gallaher:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Tecumseh Products Company with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Tecumseh Products Company can receive as a sponsor.

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March 11, 2003

Mr. Charles Chandler
President
Soterra LLC
439 A Katherine Drive
Flowood, Mississippi 39208

Dear Mr. Chandler:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Soterra LLC with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Soterra LLC can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Jay Collins
Chairman & CEO
Friede Goldman Halter, Inc
13085 Seaway Road
Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

Dear Mr. Collins:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Steve Pilgrim
President
Bauhaus USA, Inc.
1 Bauhaus Drive
Sattilo, Mississippi 38866

Dear Mr. Pilgrim:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Bauhaus USA, Inc. with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Bauhaus USA, Inc. can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Mark Grovich
General Manager
La-Z-Boy Leland
Rte. 2, Box 500
Leland, Mississippi 38756

Dear Mr. Grovich:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position La-Z-Boy Leland with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits La-Z-Boy Leland can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Daniel Breeding
General Manager
La-Z-Boy South
133 Scanlan
Newton, Mississippi 39345

Dear Mr. Breeding:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position La-Z-Boy South with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits La-Z-Boy South can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Ronald Schnoor
Group President
Friede Goldman Offshore
P.O. Box 7007
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39568

Dear Mr. Schnoor:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Friede Goldman Offshore with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Friede Goldman Offshore can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

President
Piper Impact
922 State Road
New Albany, Mississippi 38652

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Thomas Morgan
President
Paine Supply of Jackson
220 One Stop Place
Pearl, Mississippi 39208

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Paine Supply of Jackson with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Paine Supply of Jackson can receive as a sponsor.

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Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Richard Rompala
President
Valspar Refinish, Inc.
210 Crosby Street
Picayune, Mississippi 39466-1042

Dear Mr. Rompala:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Valspar Refinish, Inc. with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Valspar Refinish, Inc. can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Eric Duggan
Vice President
Terex Distribution Center
8800 Rostin Road
Southaven, Mississippi 38671

Dear Mr. Duggan:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Terex Distribution Center with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Terex Distribution Center can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. John Foy
President & CEO
Lane Furniture Industries, Inc
P.O. Box 1627
Tupelo, Mississippi 38802

Dear Mr. Foy:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position Lane Furniture Industries, Inc. with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits Lane Furniture Industries, Inc. can receive as a sponsor.

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

March 11, 2003

Mr. Tom Wacaster
Vice President
The Phil Hardin Foundation
1921 24th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

Dear Mr. Wacaster:

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This conference presents a great opportunity to position The Phil Hardin Foundation with the governors, legislators, corporate executives, and economic development experts who are shaping the future of the South. Because of your strong business presence in the South, I sincerely hope you will be a generous sponsor. Your contribution will enable you to play a significant, highly visible role in the Conference. The enclosed package provides information about the benefits The Phil Hardin Foundation can receive as a sponsor.

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