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Re: Donation request for silent auction benefiting students

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I am writing you regarding a special request for CalGeo, the California Geotechnical Engineering Association, which is a non-profit association. We will be holding our Annual Conference this year in Lake Tahoe, April 22-24, 2020. We have planned a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet and silent auction reception on Thursday April 23, 2020 to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year in existence.

As part of our program, we hold our usual silent auction to raise money for our Student Outreach Fund. Those funds go to California University Engineering programs to promote geotechnical engineering among the students, and to create student chapters to further educate engineering students about geotechnical engineering as a career. We also help fund student groups on educational, fact-finding trips and fund their Geo-Wall competition teams and related travel. The fund also assists in sponsoring student's attendance at our annual conferences where the students are able to highlight their projects and interact with their "future" peers.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 towards our student programs this year and for our new scholarship. The scholarship will be for college students involved in one of CalGeo's student chapters to continue studying engineering or geology. In addition, funds raised allow current chapter presidents and vice-presidents to attend the conference for free. Other chapter members can attend for a highly reduced rate of only \$100. This exposure greatly enhances student's ability to gain summer internships and secure positions for when they graduate.

Would you be willing to donate a gift item, gift card or experience for our silent auction? We appreciate your consideration of this request and hope that you can help contribute to the higher education of a California Engineer. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to contribute and what the donation is so that we can plan accordingly. We will add your company or name to the bid sheet to acknowledge your donation.

Sincerely,



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