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Thanks to the generous support of some in the engineering community, we are getting closer to our goal of retiring the debt on the Louisiana Engineering Center. Once the building debt is retired, we will be able to turn our attention to the other goals of the Foundation, including; providing scholarships, promoting engineering and providing guidance to high school students interested in the field of engineering.

We have completed three years in our five year campaign to retire the debt on the Louisiana Engineering Center. Since we began our fund raising efforts three years ago, we have collected over \$256,000 and received pledges for an additional \$50,000 over the next two years. We have reduced the principal on the building loan from \$485,000 to just under \$135,000. We are now within reach with two years remaining.

We are reaching out to companies that employ engineers or use engineering services, to ask each of you to consider supporting our efforts. Every donation helps. To date, we have received donations and pledges from firms ranging from a total of \$35 to \$10,000. **The scholarships provided by the Foundation, through your donations, can help attract bright students to our rewarding field. As part of our fund raising efforts, we have been able to establish over \$170,000 in endowed scholarships.**

Once again, the Foundation is sending this request to all Louisiana registered Engineering Firms and firms that employ or use the services of engineers. The goal of this campaign is to retire the building debt in the next two years. To accomplish this, we need your help. **We are asking EVERY Engineering Company to make a donation this year.** All donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible and will result in the funding of scholarships for engineering students in Louisiana.

If you choose, you can direct your donation to be added to one of the existing endowed scholarships or your local Chapter's efforts to create a scholarship. Please indicate on the pledge card where you would like your donation to be directed. The scholarships which have been established are:

- Charles L. Eustis, P.E. Scholarship
- LEF Civil Engineering Scholarship
- James and Margaret Mohr Civil Engineering Scholarship
- Waldemar Nelson Engineering Scholarship
- Albert "Al" J., Jerri H., David Scott Dunn Civil Engineering Scholarship
- NSPE Hurricane Katrina Scholarship
- NSPE Hurricane Rita Scholarship
- LES Alexandria Chapter Engineering Scholarship
- LES Lake Charles Chapter Engineering Scholarship
- LES Baton Rouge Chapter Engineering Scholarship
- LES Engineering Scholarship
- Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, Inc. Scholarship

Every company that donates a total of \$2,500 or more will be recognized by having their name engraved on a plaque located in the lobby of the Engineering Center. Donations totaling \$10,000 or more can be used to create an endowed scholarship at the Donor's direction, once the building debt is retired. Please see the attached pledge form for more information.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the Engineering Profession in Louisiana and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me or contact Brenda Gajan at the Foundation office.

Sincerely,



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President
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