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**Subject: Call for Sponsorship: 5<sup>th</sup> VEF Alumni Conference**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF)!

I am writing to cordially invite you to be a sponsor of the 5<sup>th</sup> VEF Alumni Conference in Nha Trang City, Vietnam, from June 14 to 16, 2013. The theme of this year's conference, as seen in the attached agenda, is ***VEF Alumni: Giving Back to Vietnam***.

The 5<sup>th</sup> VEF Alumni Conference is one of the events of the year that celebrates an important milestone in the history of VEF: The 10<sup>th</sup> VEF Anniversary (2003-2013). The Conference offers the opportunity for you to showcase your organization and to attract VEF Alumni to enter your employment workforce. Importantly, the Conference offers a unique opportunity to network with a group of extraordinary men and women, who have been educated and trained in the United States and who have returned to Vietnam and are looking at opportunities and resources in Vietnam to contribute to their homeland. The VEF Alumni Conference is an excellent occasion to promote your organization and forge future relationships with the leaders of Vietnam in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine.

The Vietnam Education Foundation is an independent Federal Government agency created by the U.S. Congress. The mission of VEF is to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the United States and Vietnam through educational exchange. VEF carries out its mission by providing fellowships and grants to the most capable Vietnamese nationals to pursue graduate studies as VEF Fellows and to pursue post-graduate development and training as VEF Visiting Scholars in the sciences, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and technology at leading U.S. universities. VEF also provides grants to American professors, U.S. Faculty Scholars, to teach at Vietnamese universities either on site in Vietnam or via video conferencing. VEF began operations in 2003 and the year 2013 marks its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The VEF educational exchange programs strengthen Vietnam's internal capacity to be a recognized contributor in the global market by establishing a community of people and institutions that can implement a strong teaching and research agenda and that can contribute to corporate development related to Vietnam. VEF programs foster collaborative ties between Vietnam and the United States and build positive understanding between the people of both countries.

One of the primary purposes of the 5<sup>th</sup> VEF Alumni Conference is to serve as a forum for VEF Alumni to discuss and lay out a plan of action for prospective collaborative project(s) so that their contributions to Vietnam can be highly productive. In this way, the conference is a platform to share knowledge and to facilitate a dialogue about our Alumni finding opportunities to enhance their contributions to Vietnam and to continue to foster collaborative exchanges between Vietnam and the United States. The 5<sup>th</sup> Alumni Conference also highlights the achievements and contributions of the VEF Alumni, identifies the most significant means to prepare other Fellows and Visiting Scholars to return to Vietnam, and illuminates how best to apply one's education and experience in the United States to the Vietnamese environment.

As of May 2013, VEF has a network of 212 Alumni: 162 Fellows, 31 Visiting Scholars, and 19 U.S. Faculty Scholars. For this conference, VEF expects to have the participation of about 100 Alumni.

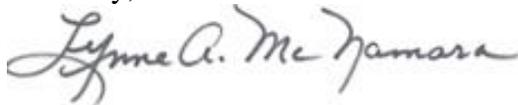
Please find attached information regarding the different levels of sponsorship that are available for this conference. We look forward to your support and contribution to the 5<sup>th</sup> VEF Alumni Conference and to expand the relationships that will begin through your sponsorships.

All sponsorship questions should be directed to:

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We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Vietnam Education Foundation and our Alumni!

Sincerely,



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