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To: Natural Gas Measurement Equipment Suppliers

Enclosed you will find a request for quotation for equipment to be used in both mobile and on campus fixed training facilities designed to provide students with the ability to operate and maintain various technologies of flow measurement equipment inclusive of meters, flow computers, gas chromatographs, samplers and other peripheral instrumentation common to the flow measurement industry. Given the funding shortfall in the program we are soliciting any donations possible to ensure a functional and flexible training facility. Established in response to industry demand, our targeted curriculum serves to develop a skilled workforce for the natural gas industry.

With curriculum designed by experienced gas industry leaders, Barton's program includes a short term 16 credit certificate, an intermediate 33 credit certificate and a 64 credit degree program; all of which are approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. Our graduates and certificate completers have been hired by transmission and distribution companies as well as wind energy leaders and manufacturers.

Recently, Barton partnered with the Southern Gas Association's Joint Industry Project, The Letton-Hall Group and the Kansas Department of Commerce in the state's Energy Sector Project Grant. A portion of that grant will be used to provide Gas Measurement Training. Your donation will be used to enhance the Gas Measurement Training offered through this program as follows:

1. Equipment located in the Midwest Utility Pipeline Training Center on campus at Barton County Community College provides hands-on training using equipment students will most likely work with on the job.
2. Equipment used in Barton's mobile training facility, provides hands-on training at locations that would otherwise lack the opportunity to participate in continuing education and skills development.

The Letton-Hall Group is the engineer and constructor for the design, construction, testing and delivery of this project. The Letton-Hall Group is soliciting bids for the equipment to be used in the design and making recommendations for equipment selection to be utilized, on behalf of Barton. Barton will do the procurement for the project based on analysis of the equipment's suitability for the design and best cost option. In the event an equipment donation is not possible please submit a bid reflective of the scope requirements given in the invitation to bid.

Equipment donated through the Foundation at Barton Community College may also provide tax benefits to your company. All donated equipment is tagged and inventoried. An equipment donation appreciation plaque will be attached in a prominent place in both facilities. A donation form is included in this mailing.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation. Please feel free to visit our website for additional information, and you are always welcome to come to Barton and see the Midwest Utility Pipeline Training Center in person.

Sincerely,

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Natural Gas Technician Training Program