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Re-sending to Leigh since I had an error in her email address.

From: Cathy Havens
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 2:25 PM
To: 'leighlemoine@giv.sc.gov'
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Importance: High

Leigh – It was nice to talk with you. I am so glad you understand our predicament on getting our hotel ballroom booked for this event now. Typically we have about 550 at this event. With the Governor as Keynote Speaker, it could be more. So we need a full ballroom for this Sit Down breakfast. There are only 2 hotels on the island that can handle this – The Westin and The Marriott. We typically book the Westin and that is why I am copying my contact there. She is holding some dates for us but needs to get something confirmed soon before we lose all dates.

So we cannot wait until a few weeks before the event to book it or we won't have a venue. In addition, we promote the event very strongly – newspaper, radio and chamber communications. Our chamber members plan ahead and we would risk the chance that, in addition to not being able to get a venue, people would have plans and we would have a poor turnout.

And....if that is not enough reasons☺.....we have to book the Mayor of Hilton Head, the Mayor of Bluffton and the Chairman of Beaufort County Council and their schedules book up very quickly. So.....I *desperately* need your help in getting this on her schedule now so we can book the event with the hotel and the other speakers.

Another thought.....I went to the Governor's Town Hall meeting last Monday and she said she would be back again in September to give the community an update. Maybe she could move this to October, come for State of the Region (morning)and have the Town Hall update that night. (Killing 2 birds with one stone☺) I estimated less than 200 people at this meeting (is that about right, Katherine?) and I know we will pack the room with our event. So I am sure it would be a great meeting for her to deliver her message to this community. Katherine Veldran can tell you first-hand experience about this event if you would like to ask her.

I hope all of this helps. Please let me know if you need additional information. I look forward to hearing back from you soon. (☺)

All the best,
Cathy

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