



January 16, 2009

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce the Bureau of Economic Geology's Centennial Celebration in 2009. To celebrate this momentous occasion in the Bureau's history, there are many things planned including a symposium with distinguished lecturers, podcasts and much more. Of course, a celebration of this quality costs money and we need your assistance.

As you probably already know, the Bureau of Economic Geology is the oldest research unit at The University of Texas at Austin. As part of The John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences we serve the geosciences community in a number of very important ways.

Our mission is to provide research and advice related to energy and environmental issues and to perform State Geological Survey functions as requested by the State Legislature. The Bureau disseminates scientific knowledge by (1) publishing research results in scientific journals, in Bureau reports, and on the Internet; (2) conducting technology transfer workshops and schools; (3) participating in professional meetings; (4) training undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs by providing hands-on research experience with modern datasets; and (5) promoting K-12 and public outreach.

But we do more than just research at the Bureau. We also function as the State Geological Survey, curate the largest volume of subsurface core and cuttings in the United States (located in Houston, Austin, and Midland), run a major Texas well log library (with nearly 1 million well records on file), and lead the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council for the Texas region.

In 2009 we want to celebrate all the accomplishments of the Bureau and its staff over the last 100 years. [Click here to see a brochure](#) that describes the different areas where we need monetary assistance. If you have questions, please contact me or Jay Kipper our Associate Director who is in charge of the fund raising either by email at [jay.kipper@beg.utexas.edu](mailto:jay.kipper@beg.utexas.edu) or call him at (512) 475-9505.

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help in our celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott W. Tinker".

Scott W. Tinker  
Director

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Yes, I support the celebration of the BEG's 100 years of providing important contributions to the field of geology.

Please find enclosed my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to The University of Texas at Austin and send to:

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