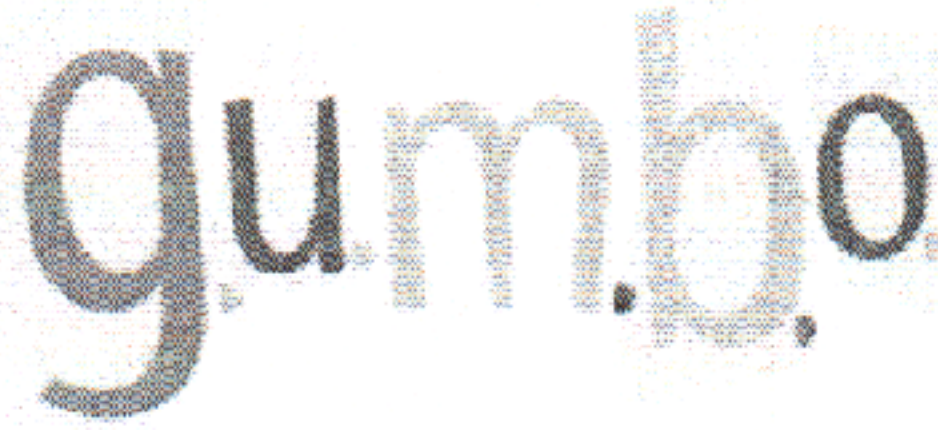




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Mr. Albritton,

Gulf United Metro Business Organization (GUMBO) is seeking pre-clearance for a Tourism Economic Development Summit, hosted by GUMBO and other Baldwin County sponsors, October 16 - 18, 2019, in Baldwin County. All members of the House and Senate Tourism Committees and entire Baldwin County legislative delegation will be invited to attend. Spouses/guests will also be invited.

A draft agenda is attached to this letter. The agenda will include tours of Gulf State Park, including the lodge and conference center, and OWA. Attendees will also hear presentations from Lee Sentell, Director of Alabama Department of Tourism; Herb Malone, President and CEO of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Tourism; Chris Blankenship, Director of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Lee Lawson, President of Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance; and Governor Kay Ivey.

Attendees' expenses for meals and lodging at Gulf State Park Lodge will be covered by GUMBO and other summit sponsors. We expect 8 - 10 sponsors and will provide a list once they are finalized.

Due to the educational nature of the agenda and large invitee list, we trust this event will fall under the widely attended, educational event exception as outlined in the Ethics law.

Expenses will be reported as required by the Ethics Law.

GUMBO is a coalition of local business leaders, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors' bureaus, and tourism/travel organizations who are committed to the intelligent growth and development of south Baldwin County, Alabama. Our mission is to foster better communication between area business leaders and government officials at the local, state, and federal levels to enhance the growth and sustainability of south Baldwin County and provide economic opportunity for our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tommy Lee
Chairman, GUMBO