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A Message from the President Eddie Gilmore

It is said that patience is a virtue. And, I believe this to be true. I can also testify that our Executive Director exercises this tormenting skill as she deals with this group, especially with the officers, as I will explain. May 23, 8:30pm, we, the officers, Bob Parks, Milburn Davis, and myself, and our Executive Director, Debbie Dickens had a conference call.

Debbie began by discussing some things about a possible upcoming series of backhoe rodeos but didn't have a lot of information as Jeff is chairing the event and was absent due to family concerns. She also went on to discuss the Summer Meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks in July. By the way, all of you that are going and I hope all of you are, you need to be getting your reservations in soon. The lake area is busy that time of year. She, Debbie, went on to tell us about some new research by a person with the name of Kelly Nelson. Who, I think I understand is studying the sub-surface drainage systems. And, as I understood, wanted to know if any LICA contractors would be interested in it.

At this point, I cut Debbie off - being spontaneous as I am and not possessing this virtue of patience, I began to explain to Debbie that tile drainage had been around and used for about 75 years and was nothing new. At this point, Debbie said "no," they want to know if ... this time, our Vice President Bob Parks cuts Debbie off - I suppose doing his job to back me up. Explained that tile drainage doesn't work everywhere and Roger Limback, along with the Boyers and others, know more about tile drainage than a whole host of government people or experts. In other words, Bob and I became the experts on the subject at this point. And, pretty much made it clear we didn't have any use for government agencies, the people that work there, or the buildings they work in. I guess Bob and I must have both drank out of a bad water hole that day.

And poor Milburn, I can only imagine how bored he must have been listening to Bob and I rant and rave. Debbie probably had her hand over the phone and was screaming with frustration or laughing her head off. But after about 45 minutes, she finally broke in and explained to Bob and I that this had nothing to do with when tile was invented, when it was first placed in the ground, who the contractor was, or who's land it was on. What they wanted to know is, if any of you contractors in LICA-land would like to become certified to design tile or sub-surface drainage systems. There's a possibility this could happen.

As President, it is my job to keep all members informed of all the latest. As I have learned from my latest conference call, anyone in LICA-land interested in becoming certified to design or layout tile drainage systems and would like to learn more about it - please contact Debbie Dickens at 573-634-3001. I wouldn't bother contacting Bob or I, maybe Milburn would be a good choice. And, with that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And, Bob Parks thanks you from his bottom, too.

Keep your powder dry, you might run into a bureaucrat.

Eddie Gilmore



With Sympathy

Bob Jones, a former LICA member, passed away at the end of May. He and Alvin Kilburn did a lot of conservation work in Grundy County in the 80's and 90's. According to Leila Kilburn, Bob and his wife, Jeanne, were old school friends of the Kilburns. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Bob Jones' family.

CDL "HAZ MAT Endorsements" Require Security Check

Effective June 1, 2005, renewal of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a Hazardous Materials (HAZ MAT) Endorsement requires clearance by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Persons holding a CDL allowing them to haul hazardous materials must undergo a "security threat assessment", by the TSA (a federal agency), including finger printing, prior to applying with the Missouri Department of Revenue for renewal of their CDL. This additional requirement is a result of the USA Patriot Act.

The Missouri Department of Revenue (MoDOR) has contracted with Integrated Biotech Technologies (IBT) to collect information required for the TSA. IBT offices are currently operated in Springfield, Sikeston, St. Louis and Boonville. **The Department of Revenue suggests that HAZ MAT drivers coming up for renewal contact IBT at least 60 days in advance of renewal at 1-877-429-7740.** More information on the TSA HAZ MAT endorsement program is also available on-line at www.hazprints.com.

Persons currently holding a CDL HAZ MAT endorsement are not required to undergo "security threat assessments" immediately. However, all current CDL HAZ MAT Endorsement drivers will have to comply with the security screening process, before their license is renewed.

Learn from LICA

One of the "hidden" benefits of membership in LICA is the ability of our members to learn from each other's mistakes. Sometimes these mistakes are small and only cost a few dollars or hours. However, sometimes these mistakes are large and can cost the largest price imaginable. Here are two lessons for you to consider:

LESSON 1 ...

Earlier this year, a LICA contractor member from one of our sister chapters was working on a project out in a field. He experienced some trouble with his equipment and decided that it would be faster for him to simply crawl under the machine and quickly fix the problem, rather than take the machine back to his shop and work on it there. That decision cost him his life as the equipment became unstable and rolled over on him.

Often, we are falsely rewarded for our unsafe behavior with no bad consequences. The more often this happens, the more we are likely to repeat the unsafe behavior. However, it only takes one split second to make the wrong decision and put your life or the lives of your employees in danger. So, as tired as the phrase is ... it is no less true or vital to our survival ... **THINK SAFETY FIRST!**

LESSON 2 ...

This spring, one of our Missouri LICA members had one of his excavators catch fire and burn beyond repair. When he checked, he discovered that this particular excavator was the only piece of equipment not listed on his insurance policy. This means that he will still owe for the purchase of this now useless piece of equipment, while still needing to purchase another. As his wife said, "How do you tell your child that their college education just burned to a crisp?"

A word to the wise ... check the specific equipment listed on your insurance policy at least annually ... and make sure you list the new pieces as you get them. Yes, it's more paperwork - but a lot less painful than filling out the more loan papers!

From the Mail Bag

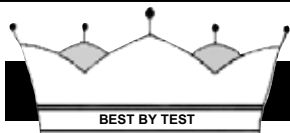
As a result of the article about Missouri LICA being named the Top State at the 2005 National LICA Winter Convention, Ron Redden sent us this nice note:

Hi Debbie ~

A real BIG CONGRATULATIONS to you and all of the Missouri LICA members for your Top State Award at your National Convention! I will ask Sarah to put a copy of the front page of your April/May Missouri LICA NEWS in the [Department of Natural Resource's Soil and Water] Commission packet for our next meeting. You all do a great job and I am glad to see you get this kind of recognition.

Have a good afternoon and thanks for all that you folks do for us.

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New Workers' Compensation Legislation

Below is a summary of the new Workers' Compensation legislation signed into law by Governor Blunt on March 30, 2005. LICA members are encouraged to become familiar with these new regulations and incorporate them into their safety programs.

Accident and Injury

The act modifies the definition of "accident" to include only events that are "an unexpected traumatic event or unusual strain identifiable by time and place of occurrence producing at the time objective symptoms of an injury, caused by a specific event during a single work shift".

The act modifies the definition of "injury" by limiting the definition to only allow compensation if the accident was the prevailing factor in causing the condition. The act limits benefits for pre-existing conditions in cases where a work-related injury causes increased permanent disability and reduces compensation by the amount of permanent partial disability that was pre-existing.

The act exempts from coverage injuries from unknown causes and personal health conditions that manifest themselves at work, when an accident is not the prevailing factor in the need for medical treatment. The act prohibits accidents which are sustained while traveling to the employer's principal place of business from the employee's home or to the employee's home from the employer's principal place of business from being compensable.

Abrogation of Case Law

It is the intent of the Legislature to reject and abrogate earlier case law interpretations on the meaning of or definition of "accident", "occupational disease", "arising out of", and "in the course of the employment". It is also the intent of the Legislature to reject and abrogate earlier case law interpretations on the meaning of or definition of "owner".

Employer Liability

Any person who contracts to have work done as part of the usual course of business on their premises shall be liable to the contractor, it's subcontractors and employees for death or injury which occurs on the premises. If the erection of improvements, demolition, alteration or repair of the premises is being provided by an independent contractor, the independent contractor shall be deemed the employer of the subcontractors and employees where the principle contractor is on the premises and doing work. The immediate contractor or subcontractor shall have primary liability as an employer of the employees of his subcontractor. A right to contribution is available for any secondarily liable parties.

Compensability

Occupational disease is only compensable if the occupational exposure was the prevailing factor in causing the condition. Injury due to repetitive motion is recognized as an occupational disease and is only compensable if the occupational exposure is a prevailing factor in causing the medical condition or disability. Disease of the lungs or respiratory tract, hypotension, hypertension, or disease of the heart or cardiovascular system, including carcinoma, may be recognized as occupational diseases for the purposes of workers' compensation law and are defined to be disability due to exposure to smoke, gases, carcinogens, inadequate oxygen of paid firefighters of a paid fire department or paid police officers of a paid police department certified under Chapter 590, RSMo, if a direct causal relationship is established.

Reduction of Benefits for Certain Acts

The act eliminates the posting requirements for reduction of compensation and death benefits where an injury is caused by the failure of the employee to use employer provided safety devices. An employee who suffers an injury as a result of the failure to obey employer safety rules will have benefits reduced by 25 to 50 percent. The act increases the penalty when violation of a drug or alcohol rule is involved, by mandating that workers' compensation and death benefits reduced by fifty percent. Intoxication at or above the legal blood level shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that the voluntary use of alcohol was the proximate cause of injury. A preponderance of the evidence standard will apply to rebut such presumption.

Notice Posting by Employers

Every employer must post notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which notifies employees of the requirement that such employees must inform their employers of an accident within thirty days from such accident and that failure to do so may jeopardize their ability to receive medical coverage, compensation or any other benefit for the injury under workers' compensation law.

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Criminal Penalties for Violations of Workers' Compensation Law

Any insurance company or self-insurer who intentionally refuses to comply with known and legally indisputable compensation obligations with an intent to defraud will be guilty of a Class D felony and receive the greater of a fine up to \$10,000 or double the value of the fraud. The punishment for a subsequent offense is a Class C felony.

Any person who knowingly makes a false or fraudulent statement to an investigator of the Division of Workers' Compensation in the course of investigating fraud or noncompliance will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and receive a fine of up to \$10,000. The punishment for a subsequent offense is increased to a Class C felony.

Any person, company, or other entity that prepares or provides an invalid certificate of insurance as proof of workers' compensation insurance will be guilty of a Class D felony and receive a fine of the greater of a fine up to \$10,000 or double the value of the fraud.

Any employer who knowingly fails to insure his liability under workers' compensation law will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and will receive the greater of a fine in an amount up to three times the amount of annual premiums the employer would have paid or \$50,000.

Any health care provider who commits fraudulent billing practices will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and receive a fine of up to \$20,000. The punishment for a subsequent offense is increased to a Class D felony.

Annual Report from the Attorney General

By January 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall forward to the Division of Workers' Compensation, an annual report of the costs of prosecuting fraud and noncompliance under workers' compensation law. The report will include the number of cases filed with the Attorney General by county, by the fraud and noncompliance unit; the number of cases prosecuted by county by the Attorney General and county prosecutor; fines and penalties levied and received; and all incidental costs.

Vocational Testing and Assessment

The act provides that an employee must submit to appropriate vocational testing and a vocational rehabilitation assessment required by an employer or insurer.

Subrogation Liens

The act grants an employer a subrogation lien when a third person is liable for the death of an employee.

Disqualification for Receipt of Unemployment Compensation or Post Injury Misconduct

The act disqualifies an employee from receiving temporary total disability during any period of time in which the claimant applies and receives unemployment compensation. Any employee who is terminated from post injury employment based upon post injury misconduct shall be ineligible to receive either temporary total disability or temporary partial disability benefits.

Proof of Permanent Disability

Permanent partial or total disability shall be demonstrated and certified by a physician. In determining compensability and disability, where inconsistent or conflicting medical opinions exist, objective medical findings shall prevail over subjective medical findings. Objective medical findings are those findings demonstrable on physical examination or by appropriate tests or diagnostic procedures.

Compensation for Hearing Loss

Loss of hearing of 26 decibels or less shall not constitute any compensable hearing disability and loss of hearing average 92 decibels shall constitute total or 100% compensable hearing loss.

Costs

If the Division or the Commission determines that any proceedings have been brought, prosecuted, or defended without reasonable grounds, the Division may assess the whole cost of the proceedings upon the party who brought, prosecuted, or defended them.

Wages and Bonuses

A monetary bonus, paid by an employer to an employee, of up to three percent of the employee's yearly compensation from such employer shall not have the effect of increasing the compensation amount used in calculating the employee's compensation or wages for purposes of any workers' compensation claim governed under workers' compensation law.

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Accident Reporting

The act requires every employer or his insurer in this state to file with the Division a full and complete report of every injury or death to any employee within thirty days after knowledge of the injury or death.

Voluntary Settlement Agreements

The act allows parties to enter into voluntary agreements to settle claims and states that approval shall be granted, as long as the settlement is not the result of undue influence or fraud, and the employee fully understands his or her rights and benefits and voluntarily agrees to accept the terms of the agreement. In any claim where an offer of settlement is made in writing, and the employee is not represented by counsel, the employee is entitled to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount offered. Legal counsel representing the employee will receive reasonable fees for services rendered.

Notice of Repetitive Trauma Case

The act requires written notice to an employer be made no later than thirty days after diagnosis of the condition before proceedings are maintained for a repetitive trauma or occupational disease case.

Administrative Law Judges

After August 28, 2005, the Governor may appoint additional Administrative Law Judges for a maximum of 40 authorized Administrative Law Judges. Performance audits shall be conducted every two years by the six-member Administrative Law Judge Review Committee with a recommendation of confidence or no confidence for each Administrative Law Judge. Administrative Law Judges will stand for retention votes by the Committee every 12 years. An Administrative Law Judge will not receive a retention vote if the Administrative Law Judge has received two or more votes of no confidence for performance audits and may be removed from the appointment immediately.

Compensation for Chief Counsel

Each Chief Legal Counsel located at the Division office in Jefferson City shall be compensated at \$ 2,000 above 80% of the rate at which an Associate Circuit Judge is compensated.

Second Injury Fund

Beginning October 31, 2005, the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation is required to estimate the amount of benefits payable for each year and calculate the total amount of annual surcharge to be imposed upon all workers' compensation policyholders and self-insured for the following calendar year. The amount of the annual surcharge shall be set at a percentage not to exceed three percent.

Standard of Review

The act imposes a strict construction review with regard to the provisions of the workers compensation chapter and an impartial standard of review for the facts and evidence of a case. Beginning January 1, 2006, only Administrative Law Judges, the Commission, and the Appellate Courts of this state shall have the power to review claims filed under workers' compensation law.

Opt-Out Provision

Allows an employee to opt out of the provisions of workers' compensation law for religious reasons.

Burden of Proof

The burden of proof for establishing an affirmative defense is on the employer. The burden of proving an entitlement to compensation under workers' compensation law is on the employee or dependent.

Claims Against Insolvent Self-Insured Parties

The act requires the Division of Workers' Compensation to notify each employee of a self-insured member filing bankruptcy, liquidation, or dissolution of his or her obligation to file a notice of claim with the court of jurisdiction and of the need of the employee to provide the guarantee fund and the Division with the records set out in this section. The act then requires the claimant to file a claim with the appropriate bankruptcy court prior to the time the Division attaches jurisdiction.

Trend Factors

The Director of Insurance will allow pure premium rate data to be distributed, upon filing with the Director with a final distribution, in a format which allows for comparison of such data with trend factors developed by the advisory organization for each of the job classifications.

Editor's Note: *The above information is provided by Missouri LICA as a summary only. Missouri LICA takes no responsibility in the interpretation and/or presentation of this information. It is advised that our contractor members become familiar with these regulations and maintain a regular, up-to-date safety program for their employees. If you would like help designing a safety program for your company, please contact the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001).*



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Coming This Winter MLICA's First Drainage School

The Missouri LICA staff is working with the representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and University of Missouri - Extension, to plan a Drainage School which is tentatively scheduled to take place January 4 & 5, 2006. Our Winter Convention will begin the evening of January 5 with an Exhibit Hall.

The University has been conducting research on sub-surface drainage with some very positive results. Landowners are beginning to catch on to the benefits of a well-designed system and are looking for contractors who are trained in the design and implementation of these research-based systems. Now, it's our turn to train our members in the latest techniques involved in sub-surface drainage.

Obviously, this practice will not work in all types of soil nor all areas of the state. However, where it does work, this may be an opportunity for our members to increase their skill and customer bases.

Below is a tentative list of topics for this course:

- Hands-on Subsurface Drainage Design Problems
 - Using a Topographic Map in Drainage Design
 - Design of Mains and Laterals
 - Teams of Two Complete a Drainage System Design
- Subsurface Drainage Installation Considerations
 - Proper Installation
 - Common Mistakes
 - Contractor Experiences
- Yield Improvements & Economics of Drainage Improvements
- Current Drainage Research in Missouri
- Soil Properties Important for Water Management
- Water Movement in Soils
- Cost Sharing
- Q & A Session

A Word To The Wise ...

You can see first-hand the results of the University's research at this year's Greenley Research Center Field Day on August 4th. [See the *Field Day* article on page 9 of this newsletter for more details.]

The current plans for this Drainage School include a follow-up, hands-on session next summer at the annual Greenley Research Center Field Day.

If you are interested in this training, PLEASE complete the "Drainage School" form and return it to the Missouri LICA office as soon as possible ... or give us a call (573-634-3001) and let us know you're interested! This type of school has been very successful in Ohio (The Overholt Drainage School) and we are hoping to see this same effort grow in Missouri ... but we need to know if you're interested. So, LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!

Attention Pipe Dealers

Missouri LICA is planning a Drainage School with the University of Missouri - Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, based on very positive results of research at the Greenley Research Center. The initial Drainage School is tentatively scheduled to take place January 4 & 5. Our Winter Convention will begin the evening of January 5 with an Exhibit Hall.

A second phase of the training is tentatively scheduled to take place in August of 2006, in conjunction with the annual Greenley Research Center Field Day.

If you are interested in helping Missouri LICA build this Drainage School, please contact the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001). We are looking for companies willing to help promote the Drainage School, prospective contractors to invite, funds to help defray the costs.

Many of you may be familiar with the very successful Overholt Drainage School held in Ohio. This is our chance to bring the same training closer to home. We hope you are as excited about the possibilities as we are.

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MoDOT Motor Carrier Services Has Moved

The MoDOT Motor Carrier Services Division moved in the last few months to a new location. For overweight/overdimension permits, certificates of authority, or any other purpose, MoDOT's new "one Stop Shop" for commercial motor vehicles can be contacted at:

1320 Creek Trail Drive
Jefferson City MO, 65109.

Their phone number is 573-751-7100 or 866-831-6277.
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Greenley Research Center Field Day

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This is your chance to see, first-hand, some of the tremendous results the University of Missouri - Extension Center has had with a variety of drainage and sub-surface irrigation designs. The Missouri LICA staff, along with representatives from the University of Missouri - Extension and Natural Resources Conservation Services, is designing a Drainage Workshop based on these results. The Workshop will be held in conjunction with our 2006 Winter Convention. See page 8 of this newsletter for more details.

The Field Day Will Feature:

■ MUDS (Subsurface Tile Drainage and Subirrigation) Research

- ♦ Drain Tile Spacings
- ♦ Nitrogen Management
- ♦ Crop Performance
- ♦ Comparison Between Subirrigation & Overhead Irrigation

■ U.S. Representative, Kenny Hulshof

■ Pasture Weed Management



■ Demonstrations on:

- ♦ Variable Nitrogen Application Using Crop Sensor Technology



- ♦ Cattle ID and Seedstock Selection
- ♦ Row Spacing and Spray Volume Affects Coverage

■ New Research on:

- ♦ Rice production in Northern MO
- ♦ Soybean fungicide and insecticide interactions
- ♦ Noxious weed management - Teasel
- ♦ Fungicide and herbicide combinations
- ♦ Coated urea and variable source N applications

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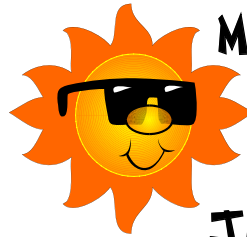


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**MLICA SUMMER PICNIC & MEMBERSHIP MEETING
LAKE OZARK, MO
JULY 29-30, 2005**

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

(The Lake books up fast!) MLICA has **not** blocked any hotel rooms, but here are some nearby hotels.

- Baymont Inn & Suites 866-365-2700
- Orchid Motel 573-365-2680
- Port Arrowhead 800-532-3575
- Skyline Motel 573-302-0905

REGISTER FOR CAMPING AND/OR MEETING

The Membership Meeting will be at the Riverview RV Park Club Room at 3 pm on July 30. We have reserved camp sites for July 29 & 30 at the Riverview RV Park.

JULY 15 is the cut-off date to Register for Camping and/or the Membership Meeting, so call Debbie at **573-634-3001**.



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Association Health Plans

Guest Column by Congressman Bob Beauprez (R-CO)

We are facing a health care crisis in America, and as a member of Congress I'm in favor of dramatic reforms to the health care and insurance industries. Any reforms made by Congress must expand access to health care by increasing options for consumers, strengthen the doctor-patient relationship, and put an end to multi-million dollar lawsuits which drive good doctors out of business with exorbitant malpractice insurance rates.

I believe properly structured Association Health Plans (AHPs) can play an important role in expanding access to healthcare providers and helping to control costs for small employers and individuals. As a former small business owner, I understand the need for affordable healthcare for small businesses and their employees. By lowering the cost - or at least slowing the escalation rate - of health insurance, AHPs can help stop the growth of the working uninsured in America.

Today, large corporations are free from many of the burdensome state regulations that prevent small business owners from purchasing health insurance for themselves and their employees. AHPs would allow small businesses to band together and enjoy a competitive advantage and volume discounts on healthcare plans, which labor unions and corporations already receive.

In short, AHPs will loosen the regulatory noose around the necks of many small businesses and allow them to attract more employees while encouraging expansion.

During the 108th Congress, the House was able to pass AHP legislation, which I was proud to co-sponsor, on two separate occasions. Unfortunately, those bills never made it out of the Senate. If small businesses are ever going to be afforded the opportunity to take advantage of AHPs, the Senate is going to have to find the political will to pass a bill on this extremely important matter. Americans deserve affordable access to health care, and small business owners deserve an affordable way to help provide that health care in order to help protect their employees and business. The time to act is now. The Senate must join the House in passing AHP legislation in this Congress.

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce News

Missouri One Call Now Has Online Locates

Missouri excavators and Missouri One Call System (MOCS) member utilities now have the option of going on-line to place a new locate request and view or search for an existing ticket.

There are now two versions of ITIC available for use. The first version will allow the user to process a new routine locate request, including mapping the location, via the Internet. This version requires attending a short training class.

The second version gives the user the ability to enter the text portion of the information via the Internet and the call center will then map the location. This version does not require training and registration can be done in only a few minutes. After the registration is complete, ITIC users simply select the link to ITIC from the Missouri One Call web page, log on, enter the required information and submit the locate request. Once the ticket is complete, the confirmation number and a copy of the ticket is emailed to the user. ITIC offers the advantage of speed, increased accuracy and the ability to process a ticket 24 hours a day.

Training

Classes are being scheduled at different locations across the state and are approximately two hours long. To find the date of the next class in your area, check out the training schedule on our website at www.mo1call.com. If you are interested in attending any of the sessions please email kimw@occinc.com, or call 573-636-1550.

To Register

Go to www.mo1call.com, click on the red "1-800-DIG-RITE" located in the bottom left hand corner. Read through the terms and conditions page and click "I Agree." This will bring you to the login/register page. Enter your email address and telephone number and click "Register." Once you have registered, an email will be sent to your email address. Please respond to that email with the information requested in order to start processing the locate request.

For more information, contact:

Kimberly Boyd
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