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The **Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation** is a Missouri non-profit organization that sponsors an annual traveling symposium designed to inform and inspire women leaders to make a positive difference for the state of Missouri. Through participation in this program, exceptional women from around the state gain knowledge about critical issues facing our communities, state and nation, and become part of a powerful network of leaders. Using their experiences and contacts as a springboard, Greater Missouri graduates are better positioned to influence and participate in solutions important to Missouri.

Our Vision

Engaged women, leading and serving their communities.

Our Mission

To educate and inspire women leaders to make a difference.

What is a greater Missouri Woman?

A Greater Missouri Woman is recognized as accomplished in her field of endeavor. The maturity and professionalism realized by reaching her level of success is demonstrated by her leadership, civic contributions and ability to inspire and support others. She is intellectually curious, interacts well with others, and while passionate in her beliefs, is open-minded when confronted with new points of view. She is committed to a life of learning and personal growth.

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Session IV Themes and Outcomes

Our stop in St. Louis, Missouri is intended to provide Greater Missouri participants an introduction to Missouri's scientific and research contributions as well as the role some Missouri corporations play in the global economy. Participants will:

- **Gain a global perspective on Science, Green Business Movement (the Environment), Life Sciences** - and how these industries have shaped St. Louis and the role St. Louis plays in them today;
- Expand their understanding of the issues faced by global businesses;
- Learn how various corporations employ technology to manage their business activities;
- Explore ways to get involved in the various issues facing Missouri and its citizens.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO THANK OUR REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Each session of the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge is coordinated through the efforts of a small group of dedicated alumnae. They put in countless volunteer hours and call on their incredible network to provide each class a memorable, educational program.

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Linda Didion Pallman

Volunteer, Dept of Conservation
Class of 2010 (and honorary member, Class of 2011)

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

- 8:30 am Registration begins in Drury Plaza Hotel downtown in the Marquette Conference room. (2 South 4th Street)
- 9:00 am **Welcome and Overview of St. Louis Session**
Shelley Simon - Welcome
Linda Didion Pallman - History of the Drury
- 9:20 am Board Bus
9:30 am Bus Departs for Boeing
- 10:00 am **Arrive at Boeing Prologue Room**
- 10:10 am **Welcome, Company Overview, & Prologue Room Tour**
Mary Barr, Boeing Communications
- 10:40 am Class Photo
- 10:50 am **Boeing's Economic Impact & How Government Decisions Impact Boeing**
Lissa Hollenbeck, VP Business Support, Boeing Defense, Space & Security Shared Service Group
- 11:30 am **Lunch sponsored by Boeing - Boeing's Community Impact and the F/A-18 Growth and Capability Strategies** Val Bring, Director, F/A - 18 E/F and and EA - 18G Program Manager for Growth and Capability
- 12:10 pm Travel to Simulator and Security (30 min)
12:40 pm **Flight Simulator** (45 min)
- 1:20 pm Board Bus (10 min)
1:30 pm Depart Boeing
- 2:00 pm **Arrive at Monsanto - R Lobby**
- 2:20 pm **Walking Tour of Breeding & Agronomics Research Facilities**
- 2:45 pm **Tour guides will escort guests to A Building - Onyx Rm**
- 4:00 pm **Welcome - Tami Craig Schilling, Dir., Tech. Communs. Panel Discussion - Sustainability, Drought Projects, Crop Yield, Bioenergy, Monsanto's Global Reach**
Facilitator: Holly Butka, Seed Treatment Business Development Lead
Aurelia Skipwith – Mgr, Water Efficient Maize for Africa Ops
Jennifer Luchte – Mgr, Sustainability Ag Policy
Bill Reeves – Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Laura Grapes – Dir., Scientific Communications
- 5:15 pm Q&A
5:30 pm **Walk to D Atrium**
- 5:45 pm **GMLC Alumnae & Friends Reception**
Speaker - May Scheve, Missouri Lottery
- Gathering & Networking
Hor d'oeuvres, Wine, Beer, Soda
- 7:15pm **Bus departs from E Canopy for Hotel**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011

- 7:45 am Board bus
8:00 am Depart for the St. Louis Zoo
- 8:30 am Arrive at the **St. Louis Zoo**- South Entrance
- 8:45 am **The Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute: Growth and Collaboration**
Dr. Eric Miller, Sr. Vice President and Director of Zoological Operations, St. Louis Zoo
- 9:30 am **Q&A**
10:00 am **Group Tours**
- 11:00 am Depart for Siteman Cancer Center
- 11:30 am Arrive at Siteman Cancer Center Center for Advanced Medicine Bldg - Farrell Conference Room 2 - Third Floor
- 11:45 am **Introduction & Welcome, Personal Story**
Maryann Coletti, RN, Patient Advocate at Siteman Cancer Center, GMLC Class of 2001
- Lunch** - Courtesy Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University
- 12:15 pm **Targeted Cancer Therapies (The Manchurian Candidate) and The Future of Research / Global Perspective**
Dr. DiPersio, Chief of Div of Oncology, Deputy Director of Alvin J. Siteman Center
- 1:30 pm Board bus for Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd. St. Louis 63110 (Ridgway Center)
- 2:00 pm Arrive at Missouri Botanical Garden
- 2:30 pm **Panel Discussion: What can we do to be more efficient and sustainable?**
Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager, EarthWays Ctr, a div of Missouri Botanical Garden
Terry Winkelman, owner/founder of Home Eco
Charles Zidar, Manager of Construction Administration, Missouri Botanical Garden
- 3:45 pm **Garden Tour - Missouri Botanical Garden**
- 5:15 pm **Board Bus for Vin de Set**
6:00 pm **Class Dinner at Vin de Set** (2017 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, MO) - arrive and break into 2 groups and tour building / get cocktails
- 6:30 pm **Welcome / Building History - Jason Arnold**
Dinner Sponsored by Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation
- 8:30 pm **Depart for Hotel**

People and Places

Boeing

Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. A top U.S. exporter, the company supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in more than 90 countries. Boeing products and tailored services include commercial and military aircraft, satellites, weapons, electronic and defense systems, launch systems, advanced information and communication systems, and performance-based logistics and training.

With corporate offices in Chicago, Boeing employs more than 159,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries. This represents one of the most diverse, talented and innovative workforces anywhere. More than 123,000 employees hold college degrees -- including nearly 32,000 advanced degrees -- in virtually every business and technical field from approximately 2,700 colleges and universities worldwide. Our enterprise also leverages the talents of hundreds of thousands more skilled people working for Boeing suppliers worldwide.

Boeing is organized into two business units: Boeing Commercial Airplanes and Boeing Defense, Space & Security. Supporting these units are Boeing Capital Corporation, a global provider of financing solutions; the Shared Services Group, which provides a broad range of services to Boeing worldwide; and Boeing Engineering, Operations & Technology, which helps develop, acquire, apply and protect innovative technologies and processes.

Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS) provides end-to-end services for large-scale systems that enhance air-, land-, sea- and space-based platforms for global military, government and commercial customers. In addition to designing, producing, modifying and supporting fighters, bombers, transports, rotorcraft, aerial refuelers, missiles, munitions and spacecraft for military, civil and commercial use, BDS is developing enhanced capabilities through network-enabled solutions, communications and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance technologies. BDS also supports the U.S. government as a system integrator on several programs of national significance -- NASA's space shuttle and International Space Station programs, the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-Based Midcourse Defense program, the Army's Brigade Combat Team Modernization program and SBInet, a critical component of the Secure Border Initiative managed by the Department of Homeland Security .

Flight Simulation provides a dynamic environment for technology development within Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems. The Flight Simulation team focuses on human interaction with weapon system designs, as well as how those individual systems operate within a large-scale, network-centric battle situation. Flight Simulation allows Boeing engineers, customers, and decision-makers to "Touch the Future" with leading-edge simulation technology.

Lissa Hollenbeck

Lissa Hollenbeck is vice president of Boeing Shared Services Group (SSG) Business Support for Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS). She reports to SSG President Rob Pasterick and is a member of the SSG Leadership Team.

In this assignment, Hollenbeck works with the BDS executive teams and is accountable for SSG performance in support of the business units' operational and strategic business plans.

Prior to joining SSG, Hollenbeck was vice president of Product Support for IDS and served as the functional leader for Product Support throughout IDS.

Hollenbeck joined McDonnell Douglas in 1981 as a systems analyst for Product Support.

She served in a variety of technical and management roles within Product Support from 1981 through 1990. From 1990 through 1992, she served as group manager of Design for McDonnell Douglas Training Systems. She later was appointed director of Product Support for the F/A-18 Hornet program and served in program management roles on the Hornet program for the next five years. In 1997, she was named program manager for the T-45 Goshawk program.

Hollenbeck has a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Western Illinois University, a Master's degree in Information Systems from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

People and Places

Linda Didion Pallmann

Linda Didion Pallmann has been a volunteer with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation since 2001. She is involved in outreach and education and has a special passion for connecting children to nature. She has always had a special calling for getting involved within her community.

Originally from St. Louis, MO, she moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 1975 received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Texas-Pan Am in Edinburg, TX. While living there she was a school board member of Grace Episcopal School. She was also on the board of the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce and the board president of the Weslaco Housing Authority. During her tenure as president of WHA low income home ownership was emphasized and 16 homes were built with HUD funds and sweat equity for the qualifying families. She was also a member of the Knapp Medical Center advisory board. In her professional life, she was instrumental in recruiting several physicians and physician assistants into a medically underserved area. She also wrote the procedure and protocol manual for the second rural health clinic to be certified in the Rio Grande of South Texas. Linda moved back to St. Louis in 1999. She is married, has 5 children and 2 grandchildren. She and her husband, Ron, reside in a home built in 1870 in St. Louis, MO where they are learning new skills in home maintenance and repair.

Jean Ponzi

As the Green Resources Manager for EarthWays Center, a division of Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Jean Ponzi responds to public inquiries with resources, referrals and information on sustainable practices, products and services. She also serves as the Residential Green Building advocate for the US Green Building Council-St. Louis Chapter and St. Louis Homebuilders Association, promoting sustainable practices to homeowners and building industry professionals. Her most recent sustainability-building work with our region's business community incorporates her expertise with topics including recycling and waste reduction, air quality, native plant landscaping, and energy efficiency.

Ms. Ponzi regularly represents EarthWays Center in print and electronic media coverage. She has written for Home Energy, Grist and Missouri Resources magazines and many local publications, in addition to contributing an environmental column to The Healthy Planet Magazine since 1997. As a volunteer community service, Jean has produced and hosted a weekly environmental radio talk show, "Earthworms," on FM-88 KDHX for over 20 years.

Terry Winkelmann

A native of St. Louis, Terry Winkelmann is the owner and founder of Home Eco, the first green-focused retail store in the metro region. Since opening in 2006, the shop features a range of sustainably made, planet-preferred products to help St. Louisans live more lightly and more consciously on the earth. From refillable household cleaners and housewares made from recycled materials to composting toilets and FSC-certified flooring, Home Eco's product selection attempts to showcase a better way of manufacturing and a healthier way to live.

Ms. Winkelmann is also an organizer for the social networking group, St. Louis Green Drinks, which meets monthly at various venues around town with the goal of connecting people interested in sustainability issues. A member of Green America and Transition Missouri, she has taught composting through the St. Louis Public Library and speaks to schools, businesses and other groups on the subject of environmental preservation through green living. Ms. Winkelmann can be reached terry@home-eco.com

Charles Zidar

Charles Zidar works at the Missouri Botanical Garden as the Manager of Construction Administration. He is responsible for managing larger construction projects taking place on the grounds and satellite sites owned by the Garden. He works regularly on LEED projects and oversees "green" projects around the Garden. Charles moved from North Carolina three years ago where he worked at NC State Parks as Head of Exhibits. Along with exhibits, he helped manage "green" building projects throughout the state of North Carolina. He has an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from the Ohio State University and a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Liberal Studies where he studied plant use of the ancient Maya. He is currently working on his PhD from Leiden University in the Netherlands.

People and Places

Charles Brennan

After twenty-three years at KMOX, Charles Brennan is in charge of the station's top-rated weekday mid-mornings. He is the author of "Here's Where: A Guide to Illustrious St. Louis." He also appears as a regular on KETC-TV's "Donnybrook."

Brennan has been voted St. Louis' favorite talk show host four times in the Readers Polls of the Riverfront Times. In 1998, he was named Media Person of the Year by the St. Louis Press Club. In 2008, St. Louis Magazine called him "one of the 50 most powerful St. Louisans." He was also called "one of St. Louis' most influential people" by the St. Louis Business Journal in 2008. Charlie was awarded the 2003 Civic Betterment Award by the Downtown St. Louis Partnership and he was made an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects.

Brennan was the founder of Rediscover St. Louis, a not-for-profit corporation marking 27 historic sites with informative plaques in Downtown St. Louis. In May 2001, Brennan and St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay cut the ribbon to a 1.5 mile trail linking more than 25 sites with a painted red line on the sidewalk. Charlie is co-author of "Walking Historic Downtown St. Louis" with Ben Cannon. The book and the plaques each won Silver Quill Awards in 2001 from the International Association of Business Communicators for their exceptional design.

The American Society of Landscape Architects presented Brennan with its 2002 Civic Stewardship Award. The Associated General Contractors of St. Louis recognized Brennan for "his outstanding job of community service" in 2002. The Jewish Community Relations Council gave Brennan its 2004 Norman Stack Award. Brennan was named one of St. Louis' Most Valuable Volunteers by the St. Louis Business Journal in July 2001. The Riverfront Times called him St. Louis' "best non-native booster."

Vin de Set

Paul and Wendy Hamilton

Proprietors Paul and Wendy Hamilton and Executive Chef and General Manager, Ivy Magruder's trip to the Provence region of France in 2004 was more than a time to relax and enjoy a well deserved break. They were looking at bringing the warm and inviting local tradition of food and wine back to St. Louis to create their next restaurant.

So began the adventure that culminated with the opening of Vin de Set in the summer of 2006 at the restored Centennial Malt House at 2017 Chouteau Avenue. Keeping with the theme of restaurant names, Vin de Set is the phonetic spelling of the French number "vingt dix-sept", 2017 the address.

As was the case with the sister restaurant, Eleven Eleven Mississippi, which brought together the experience of Northern California and the Tuscan region of Italy, Vin de Set puts a decidedly American twist on a French bistro in a way that is both comfortable and inviting. Executive Chef and General Manager Ivy Magruder explains the menu as "an approachable interpretation of southern French cuisine." "Our dishes are simple and straightforward concentrating on the influences of Provence and determined by the seasons."

Stunning original and unique architecture features like high ceilings, grand arched windows, an open air elevated loft overlooking the bar, skylight cathedral ceiling and a historic World's Fair statue of King Louie adds to the unique dining experience.

Saint Louis Zoo

Dr. R. Eric Miller

Dr. Eric Miller currently serves as both Sr. Vice President and Director of Zoological Operations as well as the Director of the Wild-Care Institute at the Saint Louis Zoo. The WildCare Institute, with the support of its Conservation Fellows, takes a holistic approach to troubled ecosystems by addressing three key ingredients in conservation success: wildlife management and recovery, conservation science, and support of the human populations that coexist with wildlife.

Dr. Miller completed his Bachelor of Science in Zoology and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University. He has completed additional coursework at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine and at the American College of Zoological Medicine. Dr. Miller currently serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Missouri. His publications can be found in industry articles as well as scholarly textbooks.

Dr. Miller has been recognized with numerous awards and was recently honored for his exceptional contributions to the conservation, care and understanding of zoo and free-ranging wildlife. Dr. Miller serves on the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, The American College of Zoological Medicine and the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums. Dr. Miller can be reached at remiller@stlzoo.org

Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center

The Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine is an international leader in cancer treatment, research, prevention, education and community outreach. It is the only cancer center in Missouri and within a 240-mile radius of St. Louis to hold the prestigious Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute and membership in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

Siteman offers the expertise of more than 350 Washington University research scientists and physicians who provide care for over 7,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients each year. A full range of advanced diagnostic and treatment services are available for patients with all types of cancer, many of them provided in a state-of-the-art outpatient facility that opened in 2001. Siteman also offers patients access to support services throughout their care. Scientists and physicians affiliated with Siteman hold nearly \$150 million in cancer research and related training grants. The results of basic laboratory research are rapidly incorporated into treatment advances. This process is enhanced by patient access to more than 350 clinical studies, including many collaborative efforts with other leading cancer centers throughout the country.

In addition to treatment and research programs, Siteman pursues an active outreach program of cancer screening and education that involves tens of thousands of individuals annually throughout the St. Louis region.

Maryann R. Coletti

Maryann R. Coletti is The Siteman Cancer Center's Government Relations and Patient Advocate. In this role she is responsible for the coordination of advocacy and legislative issues with staff, volunteers and patients in order to promote and improve access to quality cancer care. Prior to joining the Siteman Cancer Center in 2000, she was employed by the American Cancer Society (ACS) where she worked as Director of Breast Cancer Control, Director of Medical Affairs and Director of Government Relations.

Ms. Coletti's formal training is as an oncology nurse with specialty training from the M.D. Anderson Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas in cancer prevention and early detection. She has been involved in legislative advocacy since 1989 while she was a member of the Missouri Nurses Association (MONA) and volunteered on their Governmental Affairs Committee. She now chairs the Government Affairs Committee for MONA.

John F. DiPersio, M.D., PhD.

Dr. DiPersio is the Lewis T. & Rosalind B. Apple Professor of Medicine and Professor of Pathology and Immunology. He serves as the Chief of the Division of Oncology, and Deputy Director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Dr. DiPersio graduated magna cum laude from Williams College and graduated with honors from the University Of Rochester School Of Medicine. He served as Chief Resident during training at Parkland Memorial Hospital and performed his fellowship in the Division of Hematology-Oncology at UCLA School of Medicine.

Prior to joining Washington University in 1994, he was Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Strong Memorial Hospital in New York City.

Dr. DiPersio serves as a permanent member of the Clinical Oncology Study Section of the National Cancer Institute and participates on numerous committees and medical advisory boards. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation.

Dr. DiPersio also serves on a number of editorial boards of peer-reviewed journals and is currently on the editorial board of the Journal of Experimental Hematology and Clinical and Translational Science.

Besides a busy clinical schedule caring for leukemia and bone marrow transplant patients, Dr. DiPersio maintains a robust research agenda, with numerous grants and awards from the National Institute of Health and various research foundations. His bibliography includes more than 200 titles focusing on work in graft vs. host disease, AML relapse and stem cell mobilization.

People and Places

Monsanto

If there were one word to explain what Monsanto is about, it would have to be farmers. Billions of people depend upon what farmers do. And so will billions more. In the next few decades, farmers will have to grow as much food as they have in the past 10,000 years – combined. It is our purpose to help farmers do exactly that. To produce more food. To produce more with less, conserving resources like soil and water. And to improve lives. We do this by selling seeds, traits developed through biotechnology, and crop protection chemicals.

Tami Craig Schilling - Director, Technology Communications

Tami Craig Schilling is a fifth generation agriculturalist who started her career at the age of three showing livestock and continues it today as Director of Technology Communications for Monsanto. Tami leads a team of talented folks who share the company's application of crop science and technology to address societal needs with farmers, scientists, industry leaders, employees and others.

Throughout her career she has focused on agriculture's role in conservation, biotechnology and sustainability efforts and participated on several product launch teams and seed growth efforts. Starting with Monsanto in 1990, Tami was a sales rep in Michigan, served as a conservation tillage specialist across Illinois and Missouri, served as Customer Operations Manager, Sales Manager, managed Corporate, State and Local Communications. Most recently led Monsanto's Strategic Communications and Outreach focused on the value and importance dialogue with the many stakeholders created through global "Essential Conversations" around agricultural innovation and technology.

A graduate of the University of Illinois in agricultural communications, Tami has spoken broadly about the importance of agricultural advocacy, the application of technology innovation, leadership and career development. She has been recognized as the Business and Professional Women's Young Careerist, American Farm Bureau's Discussion Meet finalist, a YWCA Leader and Illinois 4-H Distinguished Alumni. She currently serves on the U of I College of Agriculture, Consumer Economics and Sciences Advisory Council, St. Louis World Affairs Council, Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation Board, National Association of Farmer Broadcasting Foundation Board, is a soccer coach, church and school volunteer. She is most proud of the three children that she and her husband Rodney raise on their corn, soybean, and wheat farm in southern Illinois.

Holly Butka - Seed Treatment Business Development Lead

Holly was raised on a farm in central Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and received a BS degree in Agricultural Honors/Agricultural Journalism- Advertising, graduating with High Distinction. After graduating, Holly accepted a field sales position with Monsanto Company. She relocated to upstate New York working with agricultural chemical dealers in New York and New England. During this time, Holly earned a MBA from the University of New York- Albany. She then accepted a position in Monsanto's dairy business and relocated to Rome, Georgia where she worked with Southeastern dairymen helping them to maximize profitability. Her next career move took her to St. Louis to Monsanto Global Headquarters where she has worked for the past 14 years. During this time, she has held various roles in Customer Operations, Account Management, Product Management and Strategy. Currently, Holly holds the role of Seed Treatment Business Development Lead responsible for consulting with Monsanto's global business leads in determining strategy for the seed treatment business around the world.

Holly is a member of the Manchester United Methodist Church where she holds various leadership positions. She also has been a Girl Scout leader and volleyball coach and assists with many other school activities. Holly has also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge and on the Board of Directors at Rossman School as President of the Parents' organization. Other honors that she has received include: Truman Scholar, Leadership America, Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge- class of 2005, Monsanto Global Leadership Exchange participant, Monsanto Pledge Award winner and the YWCA Leader award from Monsanto.

Holly and her husband Jay have 3 children, Emily (16), Laura (13) and John (7). In her spare time, Holly enjoys gardening, baking and playing with her kids!

Aurelia Skipwith - Manager, Sustainable Agriculture Partnerships

In her role as Sustainable Agriculture Partnership Manager, Aurelia manages the operations of key development partnerships, such as the Water Efficient Maize for Africa project and Monsanto's Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Program. In addition, she works to create linkages with Monsanto communication channels and external stakeholders, to raise awareness of these partnerships, both internally and externally.

Aurelia joined Monsanto in 2006 as a Molecular Analyst in the Regulatory Organization responsible for characterizing the genetic modifications of commercial track products such as Drought tolerant corn, Reduced Lignin Alfalfa, Drought x Smartstax for submission to regulatory agencies. Aurelia received her B.S. degree in Biology from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and her M.S. in Molecular Genetics from Purdue University.

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Jennifer Luchte - Manager, Sustainable Agriculture Policy

Jennifer serves as the Sustainable Agriculture Policy Manager in the sustainable ag team in corporate affairs. In this role, she represents Monsanto in strategic external alliances around sustainability issues, manages internal strategy development on elements of the sustainable yield platform and coordinates efforts amongst sustainable yield country teams to achieve freedom to operate goals. She joined Monsanto in January 2008 and supported the development of a strategic plan to implement Monsanto's human rights policy throughout the company.

A public policy professional with more than 12 years of broad-based experience in public and private sectors, Jennifer has experience with a range of issues related to social and economic development, social and economic disparity and government compliance. Jennifer holds a BS in Social Policy from Northwestern University, a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Washington University.

Bill Reeves - Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Bill Reeves joined Monsanto as a Regulatory Affairs Manager for the drought tolerant corn project in 2007. Bill earned a Ph.D. in toxicology from Texas A&M University and a B.S. in biology from the University of Missouri. Prior to joining Monsanto, Bill worked as a human health and environmental risk assessor for the consulting firm, Tetra Tech, and as an Environmental Scientist for the California Environmental Protection Agency in the agency's water quality division

Laura Grapes - Manager, Scientific Communications

Dr. Laura Grapes is a scientist in the Technology (R&D) organization at Monsanto Company. Her scientific focus at the company has included work in the areas of genomics and statistics. Today, she utilizes her background to engage the scientific community and others in conversations about the role of technology in enabling sustainable agriculture. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Laura has a passion for agriculture and has worked with both the livestock and crop production industries for more than a decade.

Laura received her Ph.D. in Genetics from Iowa State University and a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Virginia Tech. She and her husband live in the St. Louis area with their son and two dogs.

May Scheve (Guest Speaker) - Executive Director, Missouri Lottery

May Scheve Reardon knows what it's like to be a pioneer. In 1990, at age 26, she became the youngest woman elected to the Missouri General Assembly when she became a state representative. Now she's the first woman to lead the \$1 billion Missouri Lottery, which has 163 employees, taking the reins as executive director in December 2009.

The Affton High School graduate was a press aide to the late Mel Carnahan in his successful 1988 bid for lieutenant governor and worked on the 1988 presidential campaign of Richard Gephardt on his communications staff. Bitten by the politics bug, she went on to win a seat in the Missouri House, serving as chairman of committees covering areas such as natural and economic resources; higher education; elections; and gaming and wagering.

Reardon left her post in 2002 because of term limits, but she already had another job in hand: chairman of the Missouri Democratic Party. She headed the party until 2004, then went to work as development director for the Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service at Washington University ...

Along the way, she has taught communications and political science — with former Missouri Gov. Bob Holden — at Webster University on an adjunct basis, and she did a stint as an assistant vice president at Regions affiliate Morgan Keegan & Co., a private wealth management firm in St. Louis.

Reardon, 46, divides her time between Jefferson City, where the lottery is based, and Grantwood Village in South County, where she lives with her husband, Tim, and three children, Madeline, 13; Daniel, 12; and Erin, 10. She holds a master's degree in communications from Webster University and a bachelor's in communications from Saint Louis University.

People and Places

Susan Elliott

Susan S. Elliott went to work for IBM as a programmer in 1958 after graduating from Smith College. Her story captures the spirit of a woman pioneer in the man's world of technology from the time of DP to IT. After being forced to leave IBM because she was pregnant, she formed Systems Service Enterprises, Inc. (SSE) in 1966 and continued consulting. She refocused her business in 1983 with one of the original IBM PCs, undeterred by others' admonitions the PCs would never provide a solid business base. Elliott grew SSE into a national enterprise recognized globally for its work in application development, education and network infrastructure, and accomplished the unusual transition of President and CEO from mother to daughter.

Now Chairman of SSE, Elliott has served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. She is on the board of the St. Louis Science Center and has served on the boards of Ameren, Angelica, Webster University, Regional Business Council (RBC), St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA), the St. Louis Zoological Foundation, and the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA).

She is married to Howard Elliott, Jr., a retired executive of Laclede Gas Co., with whom she has two daughters, Kathryn Elliott Love, Partner in the international law firm of Bryan Cave LLP, and Elizabeth Elliott Niedringhaus, SSE President and CEO.

Ameren Missouri

With more than a million electric and natural gas customers, Ameren Missouri is the largest electric and third largest natural gas utility in the state. Ameren Missouri is a subsidiary of St. Louis-based Ameren Corporation, which serves 2.4 million electric customers and nearly one million natural gas customers in Missouri and Illinois. Ameren Missouri was founded on May 20, 1902—just a few decades after the invention of Thomas Edison's light bulb - but demand for electricity didn't really take off until millions of people witnessed the "illumination" of the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. As the fair's bright lights danced off the fountains and lakes in Forest Park, Ameren Missouri's first power plant, the Ashley Plant in downtown St. Louis, churned away to produce the electricity.

For more than a hundred years, customers have looked to Ameren Missouri to light the way. And today, Ameren Missouri continues to provide safe, clean and reliable power, while helping customers use energy more efficiently. Empowering our customers to manage their energy usage helps them reduce costs and minimizes the impact we all have on the environment. Through our energy efficiency programs, Ameren Missouri is partnering with commercial and residential customers to provide the latest technologies to cut energy usage and find easy ways to save on energy costs at work and at home.

Ameren Missouri is continuing to lead the way to a secure energy future.

Thomas R. Voss

Thomas R. Voss began his career with Union Electric (now known as Ameren Missouri) in 1969 as a student engineer after earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. After four years in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Union Electric as an assistant engineer. From 1975-1998, he held a series of successively higher positions—moving from engineer to staff engineer, superintendent, district manager, and Manager of Distribution Operating. Through the merger with CIPS in 1998, Mr. Voss was named vice president, Region Operations for Ameren Illinois.

Subsequently, Mr. Voss served as Senior Vice President for Energy Delivery/Customer Services. In this position, Mr. Voss was responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of all gas and electric delivery systems and also for all customer care activities for Ameren's operating utility companies—Ameren Missouri and Ameren Illinois. Mr. Voss' responsibilities further expanded as he assumed the roles of Senior Vice President, Generation and President, AmerenEnergyResources where he was responsible for power generation.

Mr. Voss was elected to the position of president and chief executive officer of Ameren Missouri in December, 2006 and later named President and Chief Executive Officer of Ameren Corporation in 2009, where he currently serves.

Mr. Voss serves on several St. Louis area civic and arts organizations, including Civic Progress, Dance St. Louis (past chairman), The MUNY, the Regional Chamber and Growth Association, and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. Voss also serves on several national industry boards and is a member of the Missouri Science and Technology Energy Advisory Board.

He has been a champion of diversity both within and outside Ameren Corporation.

Ameren Missouri

Maureen A. Borkowski

Maureen Borkowski is President and CEO of Ameren Transmission Company, a newly formed transmission development subsidiary of Ameren Corporation, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Borkowski's responsibilities include the operation, planning and expansion of Ameren's high voltage transmission system, transmission construction and maintenance, transmission policy, NERC Compliance, and regulatory activities related to transmission. Prior to joining Ameren, Ms. Borkowski was President of Borkowski Enterprises, Inc., an energy consulting firm providing utility clients with expert witness and advisory services in areas relating to electric transmission and power marketing. Ms. Borkowski has over 25 years of experience in the electric utility industry including responsibilities for transmission policy, tariff design and implementation; power marketing; retail access policy and implementation; interconnection arrangements; sales and demand forecasting; and demand-side planning.

Ms. Borkowski is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of SERC Reliability Corporation and a board member of the North American Transmission Forum. She has represented the Investor Owned Utility Sector on the NERC Members Representative Committee. She is a member of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Reliability Executive Advisory Committee, the EEI Energy Delivery Executive Advisory Committee, and the EEI Transmission Policy Task Force. She has testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Iowa Utilities Board. Ms. Borkowski graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. She can be reached at mborkowski@ameren.com

Richard Mark

Richard Mark is Senior Vice President of Customer Operations and is responsible for the electric and natural gas distribution and Customer Operations for Ameren Missouri. Mr. Mark joined Ameren in January 2002 as Vice President of Customer Service. In October 2003, he became Vice President of Governmental Policy and Consumer Affairs. In January 2005, Mr. Mark was promoted to Senior Vice President, Missouri Energy Delivery. He is the first African American to serve in this position at Ameren. In August 2009, his role was expanded to include all key strategic initiatives that are directly affecting the future of Ameren Missouri customers, including energy efficiency, distributed generation and smart grid. His title was changed to Senior Vice President, Customer Operations.

Under Mr. Mark's leadership, his teams' goals are to deploy advanced technologies, tools and services that enable customers to manage their energy usage while enhancing the electric grid. New, cost-effective energy efficiency/demand response programs have been introduced along with customer education to help customer's control their energy costs. To ensure system readiness to handle growth in customer use of new technologies, his distributed generation team is analyzing alternative technologies and participating in pilot programs to learn more about its benefits and to provide customer's options as part of an integrated product/service portfolio. His smart grid team is developing a long term strategy and framework to upgrade UE's infrastructure enabling customers' use of "energy smart" technologies.

Dane Glueck

Dane Glueck has worked in the solar industry for over five years and currently serves as the President of StraightUp Solar based in St. Louis, MO. StraightUp Solar, serves Missouri, Illinois, and the surrounding region by helping to make solar power a reality in life and business. They work to understand customers' goals and then offer an integrative solar concept to match each customer's vision. Mr. Glueck is the first to be certified by the National Association of Board Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) as a Certified PV installer. He is also a founding member of the Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association (MOSEIA) and serves as President of MOSEIA. Mr. Glueck can be reached at info@missourisolarliving.com. For more information on Straightup Solar: www.missourisolarliving.com

Jeff Gibbs is a General Executive in the Renewable Energy group for Ameren Missouri. In that role, Jeff evaluates potential utility scale applications for Wind and Biomass power in order to develop and implement the corporate strategy related to renewable energy. He has over 20 years' experience in the utility sector holding various positions in Fuel Procurement, Power Operations and Energy Trading. Jeff obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois.

Lisa Cosgrove is a General Executive for Ameren Missouri. In her role, she assists Ameren Missouri residential and small commercial customers interested in parallel operating and net metering their renewable operating generating systems under 100 kW. She also administers and facilitates the renewable incentives available to customers such as the Missouri Solar Rebate program. Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Lindenwood University.

