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To whom it may concern:

The African Technology Conference will be held in Accra, Ghana, West Africa on July 15-18, 2008 (ATC '08). It is hosted by Life for Africa, a nonprofit organization based in Research Triangle Park, NC (<http://www.lifeforafrica.org>). It will build bridges between global leadership and Africa by bringing together global technology professionals and African leaders to collaborate, with the objective of transforming Africa's technology potential into reality.

The event will consist of a series of talks and panel discussions on technology infrastructure, education and business, with the following objectives:

- to create a dialogue and explore several avenues for successfully enhancing the Ghanaian technology and educational infrastructure, and for business development
- to create networking opportunities between corporate technology professionals, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, academicians, students, and government policy makers, including Africans in the Diaspora
- to brainstorm options for successfully creating a world-class technology center in Ghana, with plans to replicate its success in sub-Saharan Africa.

We plan to invite Ghanaian university student leaders to be active participants in this program. I am soliciting your support in providing student scholarships, which will enable the students to:

- be motivated, inspired, encouraged and energized to be a future technology leader
- attend the student orientation to prepare them to participate in the conference
- network with world technology leaders: professors, business leaders, venture capitalists
- provide scholarship sponsors with their resumes

Sponsorship is \$500 per student, which funds registration, travel, lodging and meals. Please contact me at sandraja@us.ibm.com or (512) 789-1467 for additional information.

Again, please consider sponsoring ATC '08 student scholarships. It will be a significant part of our efforts to assist Ghana, and other sub-Saharan African nations, as we work to achieve global technology leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K. Johnson".

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