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Dear Alabama Community Members,

Never before in the history, two greatest democracies of the world - United States & India, came as close as in the recent times. A trip to India by US President, George Bush, and the talks of nuclear treaty between the two nations, signify the importance of new emerging opportunities that lie ahead between the two continents. Geo-political strategies are expected to shape the new world impacted by 3 billion new capitalists joining the consumer market.

In the new global economy, the South East Asian region (specifically Indian region) is emerging as a significant place of economic activity, making compelling business sense to leverage opportunities arising there. Asian Indian American Community living in Alabama due to their ethnic origin or through their business association is in a position to capitalize on these opportunities. Institutions like Alabama Power, Bell South, and University of Alabama, Birmingham, agree with this point of view and have extended their support in expanding any effort in this direction.

As a member of Alabama Asian Indian Community, it is my pleasure to introduce to you to a "concept (*) turning into a reality in January 2005" in the shape of an organization, called "Alabama India Business Partnerships (AIBP)" - a non-profit organization, located in Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.A. AIBP is structured to draw its energy from people from all walks of life including private citizens; large institutions; CEOs, Presidents, and executives of large and small businesses and corporations; professional associations; non-profit organizations; state and federal government entities; students; and academia – all either actively involved in or interested in global trade, specifically between Alabama and India.

The purpose of AIBP is promotion, establishment and expansion of trade, business, investment and general commerce between Alabama and India. Thus we, at AIBP, have a unique opportunity to play a part in shaping the global economy.

I am responsible to reach out to those individuals and organizations that have willingness to participate in mutually beneficial global partnerships. I would like to learn more about you and/or your organization and your interest in pursuing this goal. I am looking forward to a dialogue between you and us. I invite you to contact me with any question. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

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Notes:

- 1) (*) = Concept born, in October 2003, during a governor's trade delegation to Japan and Korea.
- 2) AIBP has an office on UAB campus - courtesy of UAB, School of Business.
- 3) AIBP invites "**volunteers**" to participate in the following areas, though not limiting:
 - Journalists: Write articles for AIBP, as relating to commerce and trade.
 - Writers: Write speeches for AIBP members.
 - Youth volunteers: Assist in organizing AIBP events / conferences.
 - Web-site developers: Maintain AIBP web-site.
 - Entrepreneurs / Investors: Develop business opportunities and create wealth.
 - Corporate leaders: Participate, network, and develop new opportunities.
 - Scientists / Professors: Develop research opportunities between Alabama and India.
 - Medical professionals: Develop programs for quality living.
 - Lawyers: Manage trade issues impacting partnerships between Alabama and India.
 - Politicians: Develop understanding of two most powerful democratic institutions.

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Our Primary Mission is to promote awareness of trade between Alabama and India