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Dear SMA Members:

In response to the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes, the Southern Management Association (SMA) would like to offer some help to our members in the affected disaster areas as declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We understand that not everyone in these areas was affected by the hurricanes, but we want to make sure that we communicate with as many SMA members as possible who may have been affected. If this does not apply to you but you know an SMA member to whom it might, please pass this message along.

The following describes assistance that SMA can provide regarding membership and attendance at its annual meeting. We recognize that some of our members' universities have cut travel and other associated funding due to the hurricanes. So, we would like to provide the following help:

Financial Assistance for the 2005 SMA Conference in Charleston. The SMA Board has authorized conference travel and registration assistance for those members who were significantly impacted by the Hurricane. To apply for this travel assistance, email me directly by **November 1, 2005**.

Waive SMA Membership Fee. We want to keep you as an SMA member. If you are unable to pay the membership fee this year due to restricted funding caused by the Hurricane, please email me directly. We will waive your membership fee for 2006.

Database Access. Former SMA President Terri Scandura at the University of Miami has provided online data base access. The URL for the SMA hurricane victims is at:

[http://www2.bus.miami.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=571&Itemid=733](http://www2.bus.miami.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=571&Itemid=733)

Also, two vendors are willing to provide username/passwords to their databases but have asked that we not post it on the website. The database vendors are Thomson GaleGroup and EbscoHost. If you or your colleagues need access to either one, please have them contact Terri Scandura directly at [tscandura@exchange.sba.miami.edu](mailto:tscandura@exchange.sba.miami.edu).

If you have other professional needs with which SMA may be of assistance, please contact either me or one of the other officers. We hope you, your families, friends, and colleagues are recovering from these events.

Warmest regards,



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