



March 3, 2009,

On May 22, 2009, the Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) would like to invite you to celebrate its Ninth Annual Lewis H. Latimer Awards program when we will be honoring Dr. Percy Pierre, Vice President and Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University. The event will be held at the San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a "Welcome" Reception followed by dinner and a program starting at 7:00 pm.

There are several forms of Sponsorship opportunities for your consideration ranging from a Gold Sponsorship for \$5000 offering 2 tables (seats 20), speaking opportunity, podium recognition and logo display to a Patron Sponsorship for \$1,000 offering 1 table (seats 10), and program recognition. Individual tickets are \$100 each. Also for your consideration are several avenues for Underwriting and an opportunity to contribute to a Silent Auction. (See details below).

The purpose of the awards program is to raise money for AABE's annual scholarship program and to increase visibility of the organization within the communities that we serve. Since 1995, AABE has awarded over **\$155,000** in scholarships to minority students in Michigan.

AABE is a national association of energy professionals founded and dedicated to ensure the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussions and development of energy policies, regulations, R&D technologies and environmental issues. AABE also annually honors an individual who has demonstrated professional leadership, achievements and personal involvement in the community.

The Lewis H. Latimer Achievement Award is named for one of America's most outstanding and distinguished Black inventors. Mr. Latimer was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in September 1848. He was a highly regarded pioneer in the electric industry, working very closely with Thomas Edison, especially in the area of lighting.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions, please contact E. Brenda Lee at (248) 433-5842 or email eblee@cmsenergy.com.

Darryl White
President – AABE Michigan Chapter

E. Brenda Lee
AABE 2009 LHL Committee Chairperson

AABE Award and Scholarship Dinner Sponsorship Commitment Form
May 22, 2009 at the San Marino Club

Please indicate the sponsorship opportunity of your choice:

Bronze - \$1,500

- 1 Table/10 Tickets
- Corporate Logo Display

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- 2 Tables/20 Tickets
- Podium Recognition
- Corporate Logo Display

Gold - \$5,000

- 2 Tables/20 Tickets
- Podium Recognition
- Corporate Logo Display
- Speaking Opportunity

Scholarship Recipients - \$1,000

- 1 Table/10 Tickets
- Program Recognition

Patron - \$1,000

- 1 Table/10 Tickets
- Program Recognition

Individual Ticket - \$100

UNDERWRITING

Flowers \$500

Print Invitations \$1,500

Entertainment \$700

Welcome Reception \$1,500 **Program Awards \$600** **Program Book \$600**

SILENT AUCTION

I will contribute the following item(s) for the auction. (Please provide a full description below or attach as you would like it to appear in the auction. Be sure to note item value, expiration dates and restrictions).

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Please contact Hermell Carter at harter@cmsenergy.com or Evangeline Harvey at erharvey@cmsenergy.com with donations or any inquiries for the Silent Auction.

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My check for \$ _____ **payable to AABE is enclosed.**

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DEADLINES

To appear in printed material, information must be received by Friday April 10, 2009

Please return this completed form to:

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