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Dear Valued Member:

I trust that the year is off to a great start!

We are embarking on our 2019/2020 sponsorship drive this year with a lofty goal of raising **\$30,000**. This will ensure that the W.A.R.E.S. scholarship endowment fund reaches \$100,000. The funding of scholarships for students majoring in railway engineering is a primary focus of W.A.R.E.S. If your firm is a sponsor, we hope you will renew. If your firm is not, we hope that you will strongly consider the opportunity to enhance the profession by helping to educate young men and women to pursue the field of railway engineering.

Through our sponsorship program, we currently make contributions to Penn State Altoona, University of Delaware, and Gateway Community College. Starting Fall 2019 we are looking into the possibility of expanding the scholarship program by adding two new universities. Over the years, through these contributions, W.A.R.E.S. has provided numerous scholarships to students studying railroad engineering. Almost all our scholarship funds are raised through this yearly sponsorship drive and **100% of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund**. Each year we ask you to consider a corporate sponsorship contribution to support the scholarship fund. A **minimum of \$500** would be greatly appreciated, as well as any additional funds you might wish to contribute. As W.A.R.E.S. is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit organization, your generous contributions may be deductible as trade or business expense. To indicate your participation, W.A.R.E.S. will include your company's logo, name, and a link to your website, in the list of sponsors on our website, and the program cards distributed at each meeting.

Please send your tax-deductible sponsorship contribution of \$500, or more, in a check made payable to W.A.R.E.S., to the above address. You can also visit our website by clicking [here](#) for alternate methods of payment.

W.A.R.E.S. is beginning its 38th year of providing railroad and rail transit professionals the opportunity to meet informally and discuss their common interests. We will have our Annual Golf Outing at Musket Ridge, followed by meetings in October, December, February, **March** and April. We have some exciting things coming up in the new season:

- We will kick it off with our annual golf tournament at Musket Ridge on September 12, 2019.
- We are now preapproved by the MD DLLR to provide Professional Development Hours (P.D.H.'s) towards the renewal of attendees Maryland PE License. Virginia and D.C do not preapprove continuing education providers and the onus is on the person to prove that the WARES course(s) meets the respective governing body's engineering license renewal criteria.

- We are also now approved to offer PDH's for Project Management Professional (P.M.P.) renewal in the discipline of "Business and Strategic" Classification.
- We are planning our first ever WARES full day conference, on October 8th 2019 at the Engineers Club of Baltimore. More details will follow.
- We also are conducting Inter-organization networking events.

Your participation in W.A.R.E.S. by sponsorship and attendance contributes to understanding the rail and transit industry's needs and interests. Sponsorship also enhances our future by encouraging young people to join the profession.

We express our deepest gratitude to those who have supported W.A.R.E.S. over the years and hope that you will continue to find your association with us enjoyable and beneficial. Thank you all for your consideration and **please submit your sponsorship contribution by April 27th, 2019** for the upcoming year's scholarships. I look forward to seeing you and other members of your firm at 2019/2020 W.A.R.E.S. events.

If you have any questions, please call me at (443)-348-2017 or email me at bpeddu@gfnet.com

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Bharat". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Bharat Kumar Peddu, P.E., P.M.P.

President and Sponsor Program Chairman