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Hi PJ,

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- 1) Who is/are the official event sponsor(s)?
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- 3) Will someone other than the sponsor(s) pay for the cost of Secretary Zinke's and Mrs. Zinke's attendance?
- 4) What other types of people will attend the event? For example, members from throughout a given industry; other local, state, or Federal officials; members of nonprofit organizations; etc.
- 5) Approximately how many people will attend?
- 6) What is the monetary value of the gift of free attendance for Secretary Zinke (food, drinks, entrance fee, etc.)? We'll double that to account for Mrs. Zinke.
- 7) Will other attendees at the event generally be accompanied by their spouse or other guest?

Thanks very much,  
Ed

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Ed,  
Nice hearing from you. We will get this to you ASAP.

Phil

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2018, at 12:44 PM, McDonnell, Edward <[edward.mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov](mailto:edward.mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

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Hi here are the answers to the questions. See below and please call me with any questions. (b) (6)

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On Jan 24, 2018, at 1:08 PM, Phil Hoon <[phoon@congressionalsportsmen.org](mailto:phoon@congressionalsportsmen.org)> wrote:

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- 1) Who is/are the official event sponsor(s)? The event is being hosted for CSF, a 501 c3. David Grieve of Diversified Restaurant Group, and Tuck Beckstoffer of Tuck Beckstoffer wines are hosting the event.
- 2) Is the event a fundraiser? This event is not a fundraiser.
- 3) Will someone other than the sponsor(s) pay for the cost of Secretary Zinke's and Mrs. Zinke's attendance? The sponsors of the event and CSF are covering the costs of the entire event.
- 4) What other types of people will attend the event? For example, members from throughout a given industry; other local, state, or Federal officials; members of nonprofit organizations; etc. it will be CSF board members and key leadership from the Sportsmens industry.

- 5) Approximately how many people will attend? 50-60
- 6) What is the monetary value of the gift of free attendance for Secretary Zinke (food, drinks, entrance fee, etc.)? We'll double that to account for Mrs. Zinke. Food is about \$20/person and drinks would be about \$30 for a total of \$50/person
- 7) Will other attendees at the event generally be accompanied by their spouse or other guest? Several guests are bringing spouses.

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