

Baton Rouge Area Foundation



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CGI employees donate to long term gulf restoration

Baton Rouge – Employees of CGI, among the world’s leaders in information technology, today contributed \$14,500 to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, which will ultimately deploy the funds to nonprofits dedicated to reclaiming the Gulf Coast after the BP oil spill disaster.

With a culture and history of philanthropy and a nearly decade long presence in Louisiana, CGI issued a call to employees around the world, asking them to team with the firm to fund recovery work along the gulf coast.

“CGI believes in giving back to communities where our members live and work,” said Keith Pigue, CGI Vice President. “We encourage our members to be good corporate citizens, especially in times of need. We are thrilled to partner with the Foundation to assist with their ongoing gulf restoration efforts.”

The Foundation has placed CGI’s donation in a charitable fund dedicated to salvaging the Gulf of Mexico and to helping the people who make their living from the coast while feeding the rest of the nation. More than 30% of the nation’s seafood spawns or is caught in the Gulf of Mexico.

“Our experience with previous calamities, like Hurricane Katrina, tells us there will be much to do when the lights on this disaster are turned off,” said John G. Davies, CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. “CGI’s contribution will pay for answers to problems that cannot be foreseen today.”

Wanting to partner in the recovery of the region, leaders of CGI’s 50-person team in Louisiana approached the Foundation in July. The Foundation had been canvassing the coast and had established several charitable funds to position donors like CGI for a long-term response.

Looking ahead, the Foundation will continue to gather information from nonprofits working on the coast, as well as scientists who are testing the waters and the coastline. That information will be shared with donors to determine the best use of their donations.

About CGI

Founded in 1976, CGI Group Inc. is one of the largest independent information technology and business process services firms in the world. CGI and its affiliated companies employ approximately 31,000 professionals. CGI provides end-to-end IT and business process services to clients worldwide from offices and centers of excellence in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia Pacific. CGI's order backlog is approximately C\$13.6 billion and its annualized revenue is approximately C\$4.5 billion. CGI shares are listed on the NYSE (GIB) and the TSX (GIB.A) and are included in both, the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and the FTSE4Good Index. Website: www.cgi.com.

About the Foundation: The Baton Rouge Area Foundation makes the world better in two ways. We connect philanthropists to worthwhile projects and nonprofits. With them, we have granted more than \$232 million over 46 years to give people a chance to prosper. We also take on projects that change the direction of the Baton Rouge region, such as revitalizing downtowns, spearheading the building of the Shaw Center for the Arts, supporting innovations in public schools and reclaiming inner-city neighborhoods. For more, visit BRAAF.org