

Why Are Sponsors Important?

By Jay Burford

Recently, TUG hosted our 13th Annual Technical Education Conference (TEC 2006). Once again, it was a very successful event with over 350 people in attendance, including paid attendees, speakers, vendors, volunteers, and the organizing committee members. A “round of applause” should go to all of them for their contributions to this winning event.

However, another group deserves a big “thank you” for their assistance to the success of TEC 2006. They are our sponsors. Why are sponsors important? These sponsors provided some of the funding and materials for the education sessions, coffee breaks, the Executive Breakfast, the Keynote Lunch and the morning continental breakfast. Why do they supply this support? They know the importance of on-going education for the IT community and they understand the value of TUG in helping to provide that education.

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