



July 16, 2009

RE: Invoice for SECOORA DUES

Dear SECOORA Members and Potential SECOORA Members,

During the past year, the SECOORA Staff, Board, and other dedicated individuals have worked hard on the process of creating a structure within which data collection, research and product delivery can be successful in serving the needs of the many stakeholders in the region. To assure the flow of federal and other funds to support existing and planned ocean observing activities, an active and dedicated regional association such as ours must exist and must operate cohesively and efficiently.

An explanation of member categories, voting rights and member privileges can be found in Article II of the SECOORA bylaws which are published on the SECOORA website at www.secoora.org.

According to the By-Laws, which define eligibility for membership in SECOORA, your dues must be paid in order to be a voting member in good standing. The SECOORA Board of Directors has approved the following dues structure effective for the coming fiscal year running from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

- \$3000. annually for Sustaining Members
- \$1000. annually for Institutional Members
- \$250. annually for Individual Members

Your invoice for dues for the FY 2009-2010 is attached and dues are now payable. The SECOORA Tax ID Number is 26-1215705. A W-9 is attached for your convenience.

Please send your check payable to SECOORA, c/o Susannah Sheldon, 113 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401 at your earliest convenience. If you have administrative questions, please contact Susannah Sheldon in the SECOORA office at 843 727 6497 or susannah@secoora.org. Any other questions may be directed to me at 727 409 0770 or cmerz@dialytics.com.

Sincerely,

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