The Engineering Development Office is part of the Resource Development Division at Rice University. We are responsible for maintaining relationships with Rice’s alumni and utilizing university resources to develop gifts and grants from alumni, corporations, foundations, and other university friends and supporters. We function as the portal to Rice University for many of our alumni, friends, and benefactors.

The Engineering Development Office:
1. Raises funds for the Dean’s priorities in the George R. Brown School of Engineering.
2. Seeks to match alumni interests with GRBSOE opportunities for involvement and investment.
3. Has a primary donor focus that includes alumni, faculty, and friends of the school capable of making a major gift ($50K+) to the School of Engineering.
4. Markets GRBSOE’s funding priorities to Resource Development’s Regional, Planned and Principal gift officers.

If your organization would like to speak with us about fundraising and/or alumni involvement:
1. Please coordinate a time to meet by calling 713-348-4612.
2. Prior to the meeting, please supply a brief written overview of your organization, as well as a solid idea of your fundraising needs and opportunities for involvement. A budget breakdown would be helpful. If you would like to engage alumni in a volunteer capacity, please be prepared to explain how you plan to utilize their time.
3. Following the meeting, please update the documents with any suggestions or changes that may have been discussed and resend a digital version to us that we can then share with our field officers. These documents will allow us to share your information more effectively with alumni who may be interested in your organization.
4. You will also need to contact the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations if corporate and/or foundation sponsorships are integral to your annual budget support. Contact Leah Aschmann at leah.aschmann@rice.edu for more information.

We are here to help represent your organization and to encourage alumni to potentially engage with you. We certainly will ask them for financial support when the timing, interest and opportunity align. Please understand that the more lead time you allow for our office to work on your behalf, the more effective we can be for your organization.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your service on behalf of the George R. Brown School of Engineering! Go Owls!

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