



**US Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command
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Office of the Commanding General

Dear Mr. Mueller,

I'm writing to express my appreciation for BPR/RICO Equipment's support to the civilians and Soldiers of TACOM and the Army. Your patented "Tire-Lift" device, which you've adapted for use on the HMMWV, allows our Soldiers to raise and lower heavy spare tires safely and easily in the tough operating environment of Southwest Asia. I'm particularly grateful for your considerable recent efforts to accelerate the delivery of over 3,000 spare tire carriers far in advance of schedule and at no additional cost to the Government. Because of small business partners like BPR/RICO Equipment, we are able to accomplish our vital strategic objectives within a framework that optimizes customer satisfaction and best value.

In closing, BPR/RICO Equipment's management and employees have clearly epitomized TACOM's motto, "Committed to Excellence." I commend your team for providing a product that enhances the combat readiness of our Soldiers on the battlefield, as the Army continues to transform itself and fight the Global War on Terror.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Lenaers".

William M. Lenaers
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