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Date	Regarding
02/09/2023	Met with Marilyn at ABA Detroit. She was familiar with Montana but doesn't currently run tours to Montana. Gave overview. She asked if we work with Tour of the Rockies and provided me with a contact for them. She was a trainer for the military, provided me contact information for one of her trainees who moved to Montana and started an outdoor tour business. Requested I send dude ranch information ASAP as she had a group request that. No follow up from partners at this point.

Contact Name	Emma Sanderson	Address	W 4928 Pheasant Valley Rd. Waldo, WI 53093 UNITED STATES
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Date	Regarding
02/13/2023	Met with Emma at ABA Detroit 2023. They work with mostly seniors, and are running a Canadian Rockies/Glacier National Park tour in July 2023. Looking at coming down through entire region. Talked about Ninepipes Museum, restaurant and boutique as great lunch stop. Talked Smokejumpers, will look to see if they plan to fully reopen in 2023. Recommended Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. Send group restaurants for Columbia Falls, and talked about the holiday winter tour itinerary which they are interested in. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name Title	Kendra Flinchum	Address	PO Box 2149 Dublin, VA 24084 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	Sunshine Tours, Inc. ABA Detroit 2023	Phone Email	540.674.9517 kendra@gosunshinetours.com

Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Kendra at ABA Detroit 2023. Planning to bring a group to Glacier National Park in June or July or 2024. I encouraged September however with their schedule and workforce it has to be June/July. I mentioned the Going-to-the-Sun unknown opening date. Recommended looking at east side of GNP if coming in June. Talked about things to do outside the park including Flathead Lake, Far West Boat Tours, Purple Mountain Lavender. Asked to send restaurant and hotel information. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name Title	Tish Losure	Address	1553 Milwaukee Ave #329 Boise, ID 83704 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	Western Pleasure Tours ABA Detroit 2023	Phone Email	208.283.9776 Info@westernpleasuretours.com

Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Tish at ABA Detroit 2023. Tish use to work for U.S. Tours, and is still doing some contracting with them regarding a Yellowstone TV series tour, but mainly is doing tours through her own company Western Pleasure Tours. Tish wanted to talk about exclusive experiences for the Yellowstone TV series. I recommended reaching out to Double H Custom Hat Company in Darby for a makers tour and Glen's Café for a slice of pie. Mentioned trying to time to tour to see Darby Rodeo. Partners who could provide an exclusive wild west or Yellowstone TV show experience are welcome to reach out to Tish.

Contact Name Title	David Schofield	Address	309 West Washington St., Suite 450 Chicago, IL 60606 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	Vacations By Rail ABA Detroit 2023	Phone Email	 davidschofield@vacationsbyrail.com

Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with David at ABA Detroit 2023. Vacations By Rail ran a winter Glacier National Park tour for the first time in winter 2022/2023. Unfortunately with the GTTS Road construction, it messed with their plans a bit to snowshoe the GTTS Road. Due to that experience, and their belief that GNP is not open enough in the winter they are pulling that tour. I talked about our new holiday winter itinerary, and they do a fair amount of holiday tours and are interested in seeing that. Also talked about activities outside the park like sleigh rides at Cripple Creek and a chuckwagon dinner. They do still run a summer GNP tour that is goes well. They currently stay in the Hampton Inn Kalispell but asked for me to send new hotels, ideally they'd like to be closer to Glacier National Park. No follow up is needed from partners right now.

Contact Name	Sarah Watkins	Address	2819 Murdoch Avenue Parkersburg, WV 26101 UNITED STATES
Title			
Account	U.S. Tours	Phone	130.448.5868 7
Note Title	ABA Detroit 2023	Email	sarah@ustours.biz

Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Sarah at ABA Detroit 2023. They have 10 groups of mostly seniors that come throughout the summer. Wanted me to send group friendly hotels with luggage handling, open to boutique hotels. Interested in seeing Yellowstone TV series stops, and group friendly restaurants. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name	Kris Hoff	Address	PO Box 14153 West Allis, WI 53214 UNITED STATES
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Account	Happy Times Tours & Experiences	Phone	414.867.2727
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Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Kris at ABA Detroit 2023. They haven't yet run a GNP tour but are still interested. Mentioned Red Bus tours, Glacier Park Boat Company, plus Far West Boat Tours and Purple Mountain around Flathead Lake. Talked about what they are interested in highlighting alongside GNP, and they're group enjoys Lewis and Clark and American Indian history. I will send GNP/YNP itinerary and GNP/Canada itinerary. No follow up is needed from partners now.

Contact Name	Angie Bozeman	Address	P.O. Box 77 Yoder, KS 67585 UNITED STATES
Title			
Account	Heritage Tours	Phone	620.465.2515
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Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Angie at ABA Detroit 2023. Their Montana tour is not running due to lodging. Angie would REALLY like to get it back up and going, they run a tour every other year to Montana, Kalispell and Missoula. Talked about east side GNP activities and accommodations, St. Mary Tipi overlook, talked about Red Bus pick up and Glacier Park Boat Company rides from Many Glacier. I recommended trying again in September, and will send her our fall group tour itinerary. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name	Erik Paulson	Address	P O BOX 134
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			UNITED STATES
Account	PTS Tours	Phone	121.882.8433 2
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Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Erik at ABA Detroit 2023. PTS Tours operators out of Minnesota, which is also where most of their customers are from. Looking for unique experiences they could not get in MN. Interested in a Wild West, and American Indian history Montana tour. Gave overview of the region, then talked about Bitterroot Valley and Yellowstone TV series. Will send Yellowstone TV itinerary. Also talked about Camp Kapapa, Artemis Acres for Chuckwagon Dinner, Travelers Rest State Park, and Clydesdale Outpost. No follow up is needed from partners at this point.

Contact Name	Danielle Geesling	Address	4255 N Ridge Road
Title	Tour Sales Director		Wichita, KS 67205
			UNITED STATES
Account	Village Travel	Phone	316.615.4905
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Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Danielle at ABA Detroit 2023. Village Travel has two groups coming through this July and August. They plan to go to the Smokejumper Center so I said I will follow up with them on if it will be fully opened this year. Would like me to send group dining options as well. Talked about things to do around Flathead Lake, mentioned Bigfork, Far West Boat Tours, Purple Mountain Lavender, Garden of 1,000 Buddhas, Clydesdale Outpost. Interested in Yellowstone TV itinerary for adding the Bitterroot Valley, as well as agritourism offerings, mentioned ABC acres. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name	Dawn Carver	Address	1903 North U.S. Hwy 71
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			Carroll, IA 51401
			UNITED STATES
Account	Star Destinations Inc.	Phone	
Note Title	ABA Detroit 2023	Email	dawn@stardestinations.com

Date 02/13/2023 **Regarding** Met with Dawn at ABA Detroit 2023. Unfamiliar with Western Montana so I gave overview. Interested in Two Nation Vacation itinerary, and Lewis and Clark history plus American Indian culture. Will send over information, no follow up needed from partners right now.

Contact Name [Eric Forrest](#) **Address** 17 King St E
Title Bownmanville, ON
CANADA
Account Lakeshore Tours/Cardinal Coach Tours **Phone**
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** eric@kemptravel.ca

Date **Regarding**
02/13/2023 Met with Eric at ABA Detroit 2023. Lakeshore Tours runs out of Ontario Canada, and if they did a Montana tour they would incorporate it into a Rocky Mountain West itinerary and drive from Canada here. Gave overview of Western Montana. They were asking about eastern Montana and I tried to provide information but said I couldn't honestly speak to companies offering group tour opportunities their. Will send GNP/Yellowstone and GNP/Canada itineraries. No follow up needed from partners at this point.

Contact Name [Gina Martin](#) **Address** 3100 Interstate 30
Title President Little Rock, AR
UNITED STATES
Account Little Rock Tours Inc. **Phone**
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** gina@littlerocktours.com

Date **Regarding**
02/13/2023 Met with Gina at ABA Detroit 2023. They ran a 2018 Two Nation Vacation and want to bring it back. Need to start over with hotels and asked to send list. Crossing the border really was stressful for them though, however they are willing to try again. They brought up Amtrak train tours through GNP, so we talked about stops. Also talked about Bitterroot Valley and Yellowstone TV show and will send itinerary. Also asked for contact information for Butte. No partner follow up is needed at this point.

Contact Name [Sheila Tenwalde](#) **Address** 547 Fairlane Dr.
Title Alma, MI 48801
UNITED STATES
Account Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel, LLC **Phone** 198.977.0707 7
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** sheila@beyondhorizonstours.com

Date **Regarding**
02/13/2023 Met with Sheila at ABA Detroit 2023. Unfamiliar with Western Montana so provided an overview of the region. Her groups of seniors are mostly interested in local and off-the-beaten path experiences. Things like shows, hand-on demonstrations, and a little history. Will send some initial itineraries, no follow up is needed from partners right now.

Contact Name [Angie Chamberlin](#) **Address** 5301 South Federal Circle
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UNITED STATES
Account Globus Family of Brands - Globus, Cosmos, Monograms, Avalon **Phone**
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** achamberlin@globusfamily.com

Date **Regarding**
02/13/2023 Met with Angie at ABA Detroit 2023. Angie is very familiar with our region and Globus Family of Brands runs multiple tours through each summer. Talked about What's New and will send What's New blog. Mentioned Purple Mountain Lavender, Clydesdale Outpost, Camp Kapapa. Partners who are interested in working with group tour are welcome to follow up.

Contact Name [Shebby Lee](#) **Address** P.O. Box 1032
Title Rapid City, SD 57709
UNITED STATES
Account Shebby Lee Tours, Inc. **Phone** 605.343.4852
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Date **Regarding**
02/14/2023 Met with Shebby at ABA Detroit 2023. We had just spoke a few weeks earlier on planning a rescheduled tour. Was going to be June 2022 now is September 2023 coming from CA. Particularly interested in native American culture, the clientele are native American as well. Change the hotel from Glacier Peaks to Glacier Park Lodge, group of 40. 7 night/8 day tour. Starting in Great Falls (2 nights), then Glacier Park Lodge(2 nights), 2 nights in Polson, then flying out of Missoula. Talked about Kwataqnuik boat closing, and recommended Far West Boat Tours. Talked about Bison Range Update, mentioned 15 minute loop was only one you can do, but can visit visitor center and ask for an educational presentation from director there. Talked about Camp Kapapa and Iron Shield Creative. Talk Hilton Garden Inn north Reserve. St. Mary Overlook, and galleries the include American Indian art.

Contact Name [Christine Tripod](#) **Address** 5720 Chancellor Way
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UNITED STATES
Account Tripod Vacations **Phone** 209.863.2337
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Date **Regarding**
02/14/2023 Met with Christine at ABA Detroit 2023. They do not currently run tours to Montana but are interested in the west, mainly history and culture. Provided overview, talked about American Indian museums, Lewis and Clark Traveler's Rest State Park, Garden of 1,000 Buddhas. No follow up is needed from partners at this point.

Contact Name [Carla Meierotto](#) **Address** 906 Broadway St
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UNITED STATES
Account Burlington Trailways **Phone** 131.975.3286 4
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Date **Regarding**
02/14/2023 Met with Carla at ABA Detroit 2023. Glacier Country has not met with them before but they plan to bring a tour through in the next year but don't have anything finalized. Was talking about July but I encouraged fall and will send fall itinerary, as well as GNP/Yellowstone and MT/Idaho itineraries. Interested in history, smokejumper center, talked HMFM, Traveler's Rest. No follow up is needed from partners at this time.

Contact Name [Seaira Jeannin](#) **Address** 301 S Tubb St. STE H1
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Date **Regarding**
02/14/2023 Met with Seaira at ABA Detroit 2023. She is familiar with the region and was interested in what's new. She works with student groups, talked Clydesdale Outpost, Iron Shield Creative, stargazing, and wants rafting information. Another group she works for is a group of performers, who like to travel to perform (for free) in unique destinations. Talked about outdoor park spaces in Missoula and Kalispell. Will send more options. Partners who are interested in working with student group tours can follow up.

Contact Name [Michael Smith](#) **Address** 2615 190th St., Suite 200
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Date **Regarding**
02/14/2023 Met with Michael at ABA Detroit 2023. He is very familiar with our region and runs tours through, and is always looking to expand/offer something new. Will send him the What's New blog for 2023. Talked about Glacier Peaks as an east side of GNP option, mentioned Ninepipes Museum/Allentown Restaurant as lunch stop. Talked about Clydesdale Outpost. Partners who are interested in working with group tours can follow up.

Contact Name	Carolyn Elder	Address	PO Box 658
Title	Tour Consultant		Winlock, WA 98596
			UNITED STATES
Account	Freedom Tours NW, Inc.	Phone	360.785.3188
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Date **Regarding**

02/14/2023 Met with Carolyn at ABA Detroit 2023. She had the GNP/Canada trip planned for 2020 that ran, then hasn't run it since, and would need to rework the trip. Will send her our 2 Nation Vacation itinerary for inspiration. Her seniors are still fearful of travel, so since COVID she has mainly been running charters. Talked about train travel, which her group sometimes does, so will send AMTRAK info. No follow up needed from partners at this time.

Contact Name	Jennifer Merryman	Address	1165 Market St
Title	Manager		Wheeling, WV 26003
			UNITED STATES
Account	Uniglobe Ohio Valley Travel	Phone	304.232.5171
Note Title	ABA Detroit 2023	Email	uniglobejge@hotmail.com

Date **Regarding**

02/14/2023 Met with Jennifer at ABA Detroit 2023. She wasn't familiar with Western Montana so provided overview. Uniglobe Ohio Valley Travel is still looking at building a Montana tour. Will send MT/Idaho and GNP Fall itineraries. No follow up is needed from partners.

Contact Name	Melissa Jones	Address	4643 South NC 16 Highway
Title			PO Box 890
			Newton, NC 28658
			UNITED STATES
Account	Christian Tours/Burke International Tours Inc.	Phone	828.465.3900
Note Title	ABA Detroit 2023	Email	melissa@burkechristiantours.com

Date **Regarding**

02/14/2023 Met with Melissa at ABA Detroit 2023. They run several tours through the area. Wanted me to send her What's New and group friendly restaurants close to GNP. Talked about Purple Mountain Lavender, Far West Boat Tours, MMR, Clydesdale Outpost. Got into a conversation around museums and discussed Conrad Mansion and Hockaday Museum. GC partners with group adventure options and group dining options in or around Kalispell can contact Melissa to showcase adding them to the tour.

Contact Name Title	Beverly Carlson	Address	8106 Reese Rd Harvard, IL 60033 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	BJC Travel ABA Detroit 2023	Phone	815.943.5643
		Email	bjctravel2@gmail.com

Date 02/15/2023 **Regarding** Met with Beverly at ABA Detroit 2023. Beverly's business has been slow to return since COVID. She doesn't run groups through Montana but has been meeting with us for years showing interest, she also does some meetings and FIT. She has been asking about a FAM to Western Montana for years, mentioned that this year we are hosting Spotlight and there were operator spots left. Said the \$300 tour operator registration fee was too much for her. Talked about What's New and will send her blog, along with the Fall and Holiday itineraries. No follow up needed from partners right now.

Contact Name Title	Tammy Mengee	Address	2166 Charleston Rd Wellsboro, PA 16901 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	Benedict's Bus Service ABA Detroit 2023	Phone	157.072.4586 7
		Email	tammy@benedictsbus.com

Date 02/15/2023 **Regarding** Met with Tammy at ABA Detroit 2023. Interested in Montana but didn't remember much, so I provided an overview again. Talked about Red Bus, airports, Far West, Conrad Mansion, Bigfork. Will send itineraries, and tour operator website. No partner follow up is needed at this point.

Contact Name Title	Jane Julian	Address	3074 Baseline Rd West Frankfort, IL 62896 UNITED STATES
Account Note Title	Jane's Journeys ABA Detroit 2023	Phone	888.756.8763
		Email	jane@janesjourneys.com

Date 02/15/2023 **Regarding** Met with Jane at ABA Detroit 2023. Currently they are partnering with Collette sending their clients on a Western Montana tour. They were considering doing their own, but in general are not familiar with Western Montana. Provided overview, and mentioned Spotlight NW in Missoula 2023 but are not able to make it. Talked about doing tours in fall versus summer. Interested in winter holiday tour so will send that. No partner follow up is needed at this point.

Contact Name [Ken Summer](#) **Address** PO Box 25
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UNITED STATES
Account Timi's Tours **Phone**
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** ken@timistours.com

Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Ken at ABA Detroit 2023. They have still not ran tours through Montana but want to. Gave overview and talked about different itineraries we've created. Will send the MT/Idaho, and Western Montana Fall itineraries. Started talking about Yellowstone TV show, and he was interested in the filming locations itinerary of that as well. Separately, they have a group who vacations at a dude ranch in Arizona every year. The group is interested in moving, so he wanted me to send dude ranch information. No partner follow up is needed at this point, unless you are a dude ranch that would like to work with Timi's Tours.

Contact Name [Elizabeth Tidwell](#) **Address** 73 Gaston Westbrook Ave
Title Emerson, GA 30137
UNITED STATES
Account Leisure Time Charters and Tours **Phone** 770.382.7726
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** leisuretimekids@bellsouth.net

Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Elizabeth at ABA Detroit 2023. Leisure Time plans to come to Western Montana in 2024. She is going to visit with a group in August to plan for the 2024 tour, I will try to coordinate a meeting with her. Will send her our tour operator site to look around at, she said she has lots of questions so we will schedule a zoom call that's longer than 7 minutes. Partners interested in working with Leisure Time can follow up with Elizabeth.

Contact Name [Roger Baker](#) **Address** 2788 Highway 80 West
Title Garden City, GA 31408
UNITED STATES
Account Kelly Tours **Phone**
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** rbaker@kellytours.com

Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Roger at ABA Detroit 2023. Kelly Tours currently has a tour that runs through Montana, but hasn't been updated in awhile. He wants me to find it on their website, and take a look to suggest updates. He'd like to do a zoom call to review. Also interested in the Yellowstone TV itinerary, and needs help with restaurants so will send list. Partners interested in working the Kelly Tours can reach out to Roger.

Contact Name [Belinda Grace-Leonard](#) **Address** 17 Freetown Rd
Title Raymond, NH 03077
UNITED STATES
Account New England Coach **Phone** 603.895.3000
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** belinda@newenglandcoach.com

Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Belinda at ABA Detroit 2023. She is coming to Spotlight 2023 in Missoula and planning a Montana tour for 2024/2025. Gave overview and talked about the smokejumper which led to conversation about other museums in Missoula, HMF, RMEF, and national museum of forest service history. No partner follow up is needed at this point.

Contact Name [Christine Soto](#) **Address** 9011 N. Meridian ST Suite 100
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UNITED STATES
Account Grueninger Travel/Ambassadair **Phone** 317.465.1122
Note Title ABA Detroit 2023 **Email** csoto@grueningertours.com

Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Christine at ABA Detroit 2023. They are running tours through the area in July or August but are running into road blocks with accommodations. Talked about outside the park activities and will send list. Talked about chuckwagon dinners at Cripple Creek. Also pushed fall and will send fall itinerary, along with holiday tour itinerary. Partners interested in working with Grueninger Travel in the Flathead Valley can follow up Christine.

Contact Name [Christina Knowles](#) **Address** 3019 Pinewood Lane
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UNITED STATES
Account Significant Living Travel **Phone** 818.542.3158
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Date **Regarding**
02/15/2023 Met with Christina at ABA Detroit 2023. They will be attending Spotlight 2023 in Missoula. They previously ran a small tour to Glacier National Park and plan to revive it. Their seniors have very limited mobility. Talked about an Amtrak tour and will send information and the GNP/Yellowstone itinerary. No partner follow up is needed at this point.

Contact Name	Damon Anderson	Address	P O BOX 1390
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			UNITED STATES
Account	MARS Tours and Companies	Phone	154.086.9186 4
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Date 02/15/2023 **Regarding** Met with Damon at ABA Detroit 2023. He is from Butte, so is very familiar with Montana, but not familiar with what Montana offers the group tour market. Damon is a receptive tour operator and has been tasked with building Montana product. I mentioned Spotlight 2023 Missoula to him and he said he is going to try to attend. They work mainly with seniors, interested in the Fall and MT/ID itineraries as well as Amtrak information. No partner follow up is needed at this point. He also helps organize Accent Travel Network and was wanting me to attend Accent West. Glacier Country won't be able to make it this year but will consider attending when it is close to our region.

Contact Name	Tia Peters	Address	5160 N 22nd St
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			UNITED STATES
Account	Vacations Made Easy	Phone	141.782.3098 1
Note Title	ABA Detroit 2023	Email	tpeters@vacationsmadeeasy.com

Date 02/15/2023 **Regarding** Met with Tia at ABA Detroit 2023. Vacations Made Easy works with International FIT, not group travel. Gave overview of region again. Talked about GNP updated vehicle reservation system and will send info, but seemed interested in spring biking. Also talked about What's New, including The Wren, Baseglamp, Swan Mountain Outfitters, Double Arrow. Talked about Missoula music scene and Bonner amphitheater. Will send holiday tour itinerary and What's New blog. They have a preference for ticketed events/activities etc because they can work that into their pricing. No partner follow up is needed at this point.
