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**Subject:** \* The 1st "Best Offer" Mineral Auction of 2010 is Online! \*



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I'm on my way back from the Tucson Show and have many updates to place online in the days and weeks ahead. Tucson was a great success in terms of room visitors and I was very happy to see many of my online customers and friends. At the same time, I've noticed that collectors seem to be a bit more hesitant to purchase specimens in recent months and hopefully this auction will add a little "stimulus" to the hobby. At the very least, it will offer some great minerals at great starting bid levels! Most of the opening bids are priced at keystone (half price) or better!! I'm also accepting best offers on all auction items and if this option proves to be popular, it may become a regular feature in future 2010 auctions. If you see an auction specimen without an opening bid, make an offer and see what happens. No reasonable offers will be turned down.

One more thing - if you see a website mineral specimen you'd like me to enter into the auction, please e-mail and I'll see what I can do. I want to make these auctions as interactive and user friendly as possible.

**This "Best Offer" Auction will run until March 2nd at 8 PM central**

**[Direct Link to the Auction!](#)**

Proxy bidding and maximum bid levels are available to all participants.

Good luck to all!

Kevin

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