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Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development Strategic Planning Meeting Set for April 14

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 17, 2010 – Community participation is vital to a community's strategic planning process and it is in this spirit that the Calvert County Economic Development Commission (EDC) through the Department of Economic Development invites community and business leaders to the next strategic planning meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the Banquet Hall at the Calvert County Fairgrounds in Barstow on Rt. 231. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and pre-registration is required by March 26, 2010, to ensure adequate space and food. Refreshments and lunch will be served.

Economist Anirban Basu will be the guest speaker and provide an overview and analysis of local and national economic trends. Basu is chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc., an economic and policy consulting firm in Baltimore, Md., and he is one of the mid-Atlantic region's most recognizable economists.

The EDC's last Five-Year Strategic Plan (FY08 – FY12) was completed in 2007. The Five-Year Plan is the blueprint to achieve a balanced and sustainable community and represents the combined efforts of the EDC, the Tourism Advisory Commission, the Economic Development Authority, the Agriculture Commission, county businesses, citizens and public officials who help define approaches to improve the county's economic climate. To measure success, the Plan is reviewed and revised on a yearly basis by the EDC. To review the current Five-Year Plan, visit www.ecalvert.com/content/aboutcced.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Space and seating are limited so please register **no later than March 26, 2010**. For additional information or to register, contact the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development at 410.535.4583, 301.855.1880 or 800.331.9771, or via e-mail at lovelets@co.cal.md.us.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 5,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.