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Space Coast Municipalities Awarded EDC S.N.A.P. Designation

Brevard County, Fla. (January 24, 2012) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is pleased to announce that four municipalities have been awarded the S.N.A.P. designation which recognizes excellence in building and site permitting. The cities of Cape Canaveral, Melbourne, Titusville and West Melbourne received the S.N.A.P. designation at the EDC Investor Update meeting on January 18 at the Brevard Community College Planetarium & Observatory in Cocoa.

S.N.A.P., a program of the EDC, is an acronym for Simplified, Nimble, Accelerated Permitting and recognizes municipalities that have adopted permitting best practices as determined by the EDC Development Council and participating municipalities. The EDC Development Council, comprised of industry leaders representing the development, engineering, architectural, building, and contracting fields, identifies, through analyzing weighted criteria, Space Coast municipalities that have made a significant effort to streamline permitting. Brevard County and the cities of Cocoa, Palm Bay and Rockledge were the first to be awarded the designation in May 2011.

The newly designated cities have made multiple process enhancements which include enabling city staff to provide final approval of site plans, establishing dedicated meetings for all reviewers to evaluate submittals, enhancing online submission capabilities, and amending timing for collection of Impact Fees.

Ken Welsh, president & CEO of Welsh Companies and EDC Development Council Chair, said, "We applaud our cities' efforts to streamline permitting and encourage their continued momentum."

Lynda Weatherman, president & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, added, "We have now achieved our goal of awarding the S.N.A.P. designation to 90% of participating municipalities to-date, which will serve as a valuable tool when promoting our competitive business environment."

The EDC's Development Council will continue dialogue with all municipalities to further enhance the permitting process and will develop criteria for S.N.A.P. recertification this spring.

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