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Calvert County Department of Economic Development Announces 2006 Commuter Survey Results

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – January 21, 2007 -- The Department of Economic Development (DED) announced today the results of their recent annual commuter survey. The survey was made available online in October and distributed by mail or fax as requested.

Nine specific questions were asked in the survey about home and work location, commuting patterns, telecommuting, recruitment and skill sets. Based on the survey results, over 48 percent of respondents work in the private sector, 42 percent work for the Federal government and nearly 10 percent work for state and local government. This shows a slight shift over 2004 results when 46.8 percent of respondents reported working in the private sector, 44.5 percent for the Federal government and 8.3 percent for state and local government.

Most commuters work in Washington, D.C. (33.1 percent) while 26.3 percent work in Prince George's County, 11.3 percent in Northern Virginia and 13.3 percent in St. Mary's County; over 47 percent of respondents indicated that they commute more than 40 miles a day. Professions included information technology (13.9 percent), defense (13.6 percent), legal (8.3 percent), engineering (6.8 percent), finance (6.2 percent) and human resources (3.8 percent). Over 6 percent of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to help the DED recruit their organization to the County and more than 80 percent indicated they would prefer to work in Calvert County than elsewhere.

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While 61.5 percent of respondents indicated they were interested in telecommuting, only 31.7 percent of their employers offered this option. Individuals who requested more information on telecommuting will be contacted by staff at the College of Southern Maryland to explore options for establishing a program through the Prince Frederick Telecommuting Center. For more information on Southern Maryland Telecommuting Centers, please call 301.870.3008 ext. 7628 or visit their web site at <http://www.telecommutesomd.org/>

Approximately 60 percent of Calvert's labor force commutes out-of-county daily. The DED works to reduce that number by using the information gained from this survey to target industries to relocate to Calvert County and provide business assistance to existing County companies to help them grow and develop their labor force. The results are especially helpful as recruitment efforts continue for the Patuxent Business Park in Lusby.

Results of the survey are available to the public online at www.ecalvert.com or by calling 410.535.4583 or 301.855.1880 to receive a copy by mail.

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Complete survey results are attached. The Calvert County Department of Economic Development received 338 responses, up from 218 received in 2004. While these survey results do not reflect the entire civilian labor force of 47,336 (November 2006), it does provide a good sampling of the commuting labor force. More detailed information about the civilian labor force is available in the annual "State of the Economy" prepared by the Calvert County Economic Development Commission, available on-line in .pdf format at www.ecalvert.com/content/aboutcced/stateoftheeconomy/

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Calvert County, Maryland Annual Commuter Survey Results



With over 60 percent of Calvert's labor force commuting outside the County to work each day, the Department of Economic Development conducted its annual commuter survey in October 2006. Responses were received from 338 commuters.

✓ Contact information was provided by 34 respondents that would like to have us help recruit their company to Calvert County.

✓ Contact information was provided for 21 respondents that are interested in the Telework Center.

1. Where do you live?

0.9% Barstow	2.1% North Beach
1.5% Broomes Island	9.8% Owings
7.4% Chesapeake Beach	4.4% Port Republic
0.6% Dowell	13.6% Prince Frederick
16.9% Dunkirk	8.0% St. Leonard
13.0% Huntingtown	1.5% Solomons
17.8% Lusby	2.6% Sunderland

2. Where do you work?

5.0% Anne Arundel Co.	3.6% Montgomery Co.
0.3% Baltimore County	11.3% Northern Virginia
3.0% Calvert County	26.3% Pr. George's Co.
1.5% Charles County	13.3% St. Mary's Co.
33.1% District of Columbia	0.3% Virginia (other)
0.6% Howard County	

3. How far do you commute?

1.5% < 10 miles	26.6% 31-40 miles
8.6% 10-20 miles	22.5% 41-50 miles
16.0% 21-30 miles	25.1% > 50 miles

4. Are you a government or a private sector employee?

42.0% Federal government	5.0% State government
4.7% Local government	48.2% Private sector

5. Would you prefer to work in Calvert County?

82.0% Yes	18.0% No
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6. Would you be interested in helping us recruit your company to Calvert County?

6.8% Yes	93.2% No
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7. What profession do you work in?

3.8% Accounting	3.8% Human Resources
0.3% Automotive	13.9% Info. Technology
1.2% Aeronautics	8.3% Legal
1.5% Consulting	0.6% Manufacturing
2.4% Construction	2.1% Marketing/Sales
13.6% Defense	2.4% Research & Dvlpmt.
6.8% Engineering	0.6% Retail
6.2% Finance	1.5% Transportation
2.7% Healthcare	2.7% Utilities
1.5% Hospitality	24.3% Other

8. Is teleworking an option with your company?

31.7% Yes	68.3% No
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9. Do you want to telework?

61.5% Yes	38.5% No
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