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Making Homeownership More Affordable: *House Keys for Employees* Informational Workshop

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – February 27, 2007 – The Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development will conduct an informational workshop on the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's *House Keys for Employees* (HK4E) initiative on Wednesday, March 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at 205 Main Street, Courthouse Square, Prince Frederick. The Calvert County business community and other interested parties are invited to attend for the latest information about this very important workforce housing initiative.

Calvert County was the first County in the State to join the HK4E initiative, part of the State's *More House 4 Less* program. HK4E provides additional opportunity for affordable home ownership for the County's working population. It is an employer partnership initiative that matches funds for closing costs and down payments for eligible employees to purchase a home. Eligible employees are those who have not owned a principal residence in the last three years, and meet specific eligibility requirements. Local match for private sector and public sector employees could total up to \$5,000, equivalent to the State benefit/contribution.

Representatives from DHCD and the Calvert County Department of Community Resources will be on hand at the March 14th workshop with updated information about HK4E and to answer questions. The workshop is free but advance registration is required; call Wendy Rawlings by March 8 at 410.535.4583 or e-mail rawlinwm@co.cal.md.us.

For more information on the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development and the many services the County offers the business community, call 410.535.4583, 800.331.9771 or 301.855.1880; e-mail info@ecalvert.com, or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

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