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CCC, SmarterCape Partnership Sponsor SmarterCape Summit 2

Registration Open for May 14th and 15th Event

BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA -- "Moving from Talk to Action" is the theme for the second SmarterCape Summit, to be held on Monday May 14th and Tuesday May 15th at the Sea Crest Resort in North Falmouth, Massachusetts. Online registration for the event is open (www.smartercapesummit.com/registration) and space is limited so early response is advised. Plenary talks, workshops, and social opportunities make up the program.

The first SmarterCape Summit, held in May 2011, was an outgrowth of the Cape Cod Comprehensive Development Strategy (CEDS) and was designed to explore ideas and potential for improvements in the region. Since that time, working groups have developed a vision statement and concepts for categories within it. Working groups on smarter economy, environment, development, education, healthcare, transportation, and government are following a process for action that moves from ideas, to vision, to concept paper, to business/implementation plan. Specific project concepts will be presented at the summit. Those that garner public support will be included as regional priority projects in the CEDS and will be eligible for funding through the US Economic Development Administration.

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The Smarter Government Working Group, for example, is developing a business plan for implementation of a "Regional Umbrella Services System." This concept of digital regionalization of municipal services led the SmarterCape Partnership to support an application for a grant from the state that yielded \$500,000 in funding for a digital permitting, licensing, and inspection system for municipalities. Pursuit of the system aims to help implement the Smarter Government vision.

Economic pressures mean old models in the region must change. Water, energy, and transportation challenges require new ways of thinking. A new open-access 300-mile fiber middle-mile network (made possible through OpenCape) will remove barriers and create opportunities. The region is in a unique position and moment in time, affording residents and leaders an opportunity to jump-start Cape Cod's future.

Registrants for the SmarterCape Summit 2 will enjoy two days of stimulating discussion, information sharing, advocacy, and collaboration on action plans to make the region a "smarter" place.

Follow updates online:

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ABOUT THE CAPE COD COMMISSION:

Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Barnstable County, Massachusetts, better known as Cape Cod. The Commission works toward maintaining a healthy balance between economic progress and environmental vitality. "Keeping a special place special" describes the agency's mission to protect the region's unique qualities. The 19-member volunteer Cape Cod Commission board represents a wide spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 40 professionals. The Commission is responsible for regional planning, policy, and regulations to help manage growth, and the agency supports the Cape's 15 towns with cost-effective planning and technical services. For more information, visit: www.capecodcommission.org

ABOUT THE SMARTERCAPE PARTNERSHIP:

The SmarterCape Partnership includes the Cape Cod Commission, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Cod Technology Council, the Cape Cod Economic Development Council, and OpenCape.