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**Eight Municipalities Recertified with S.N.A.P. Designation**

*Communities, county continue to benefit from streamlined permitting initiative*

**Brevard County, Fla.** (August 12, 2013) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is pleased to announce that eight municipalities earned recertification under the EDC's unique S.N.A.P. program.

They are: Brevard County and the cities of Cape Canaveral, Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Rockledge, Titusville and West Melbourne.

The municipalities were recognized for their recertification at the EDC's August board meeting on August 7. In May, the City of Cocoa Beach and the St. Johns River Water Management District became first-time S.N.A.P. designees.

S.N.A.P. stands for Simplified, Nimble, Accelerated Permitting. It spotlights municipalities and agencies that have adopted permitting best practices as determined by the EDC Development Council and participating municipalities and groups.

Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, applauded the re-certified municipalities for their ongoing efforts to improve and streamline the permitting process, ensuring that Brevard County continues to distinguish itself with this powerful competitive advantage.

"Businesses value efficiency, and if we can further strengthen our status as a place that builds in that efficiency in what has traditionally been a time-consuming, often frustrating process such as permitting, we are far better positioned to help our community grow," she said.

Ken Welsh, president of Welsh Companies and EDC Development Council Chair, said, "We applaud our county and cities' ongoing efforts to streamline permitting and encourage their continued momentum. The EDC's S.N.A.P. program has consistently been used as a model

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throughout the state and nationally, and as a council we are thrilled to be the catalyst for such positive change.”

Welsh noted the advantage the S.N.A.P. program gives participants: His firm is working with a company looking to build a 20,000-square-foot facility in South Florida, and the regulatory approval process there for construction permits will take over a year to complete.

“In Brevard County, thanks to the effort of our S.N.A.P. communities, we are seeing most of our projects permitted within 30 to 60 days,” he said. “And this is big change from where we were just a few years ago. So S.N.A.P. is working.”

### **About the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida’s Space Coast. Visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org)

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