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Economic Summit Organizers Encourage Community Participation

nomination deadline extended to September 15

Sarasota, Fla. (August 25, 2008) – Nominations are being accepted for participation in Re-Energizing Our Local Economy (ROLE), a collaborative summit aimed at reaching community agreement on a set of actions that will help jumpstart the local economy. The ROLE summit will be held October 3, 2008, 7:45 am. – 2:30 p.m. at the Gulf

Coast Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota. Individuals interested in participating or nominating others are encouraged to visit www.scopexcel.com by September 15, 2008. The fee for selected attendees is \$25 and includes lunch.

Working together, summit attendees will identify actions that can produce positive outcomes for the local economy. Discussion will focus on four issues that provide an opportunity for measurable and actionable improvements to the local economy. The issues are: job creation, business support, government/community collaboration and business climate.

The summit, coordinated by SCOPE, is a collaborative effort of public and private entities including: City of North Port, City of Sarasota, Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau and Sarasota County Government.

Nominees selected for participation will be those who are likely to become catalysts for community action to implement the changes endorsed by the summit. Organizers seek a balanced group of participants who represent diverse facets of the Sarasota County community including: business, municipal, education, faith-based, environmental, neighborhood and civic groups.

Sponsors for the summit include the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Community Foundation of Sarasota County, AM Engineering and the Lido Beach Resort.

A nomination form and more information about the Re-Energizing Our Local Economy summit is available at www.scopexcel.org/rolesummit or by contacting SCOPE at (941) 365-8751.