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### **Harford County Office of Economic Development Officially Open for Business**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (April 7, 2015) – The Harford County Office of Economic Development celebrated the official opening of their new offices on the Rt. 40 Corridor with a formal program and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, March 31, followed by an open house with over 200 attendees. Harford County Executive Barry Glassman and Office of Economic Development Director Karen Holt offered opening remarks.

“Consolidating services at this state-of-the-art facility will be a game changer allowing us to attract more business and move Harford County forward as Maryland’s new center of opportunity,” said County Executive Barry Glassman. Director Karen Holt added, “We are pleased to share with you and showcase a full suite of business services in a consolidated, modernized, tech-equipped and resource-enriched environment.”

The celebration included the following speakers from the business community highlighting the benefits of the new office space from their perspective: Harford Business Innovation Center President Jill McClune, vice president of Contracts & Federal Compliance for Avon Protection Systems; Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board Chair Eric McLaughlin, Esq., Shaffer, McLaughlin & Stover, LLC; Corporate Commons tenants Chris Stone, president of E-Moxie and John-Paul Lapps, vice president of Federal Initiatives, NextGen Federal Systems, LLC; and GroundFloor member Tamera Rush, CEO and president of Tenax Technology. Corporate Commons is co-located with the Office of Economic Development, offering private office space

for established companies choosing to work in close proximity to available business resources. GroundFloor, also co-located with Economic Development, is an open plan collaborative workspace for start-ups, entrepreneurs, and freelancers.

Citations were presented to the Office of Economic Development from the office of state Sen. Wayne Norman and from Del. Teresa Reilly's office on behalf of the Maryland General Assembly. Citations were also presented by Councilman Chad Shrodes on behalf of the Harford County Council, and by County Executive Glassman.

The Glassman administration initiated the Office of Economic Development's move from the County Administration building at 220 S Main St. in Bel Air to 2021 Pulaski Highway, Suite D in Havre de Grace, which was completed on January 30, 2015. The move consolidated more than 16,000 sq. ft. from multiple sites to 12,000 sq. ft. in one location, enhancing business services in a one-stop-shop environment, and transitioning economic development activity onto the Corridor, close to APG and immersed within the business community.



*Pictured L to R: Eric McLaughlin, Economic Development Advisory Board Chair; Jill McClune, Harford's Business Innovation Center President; Patrick Vincenti, Councilman District E; Curtis Beulah, Councilman District F; Karen Holt, Economic Development Director; Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive; Billy Boniface, Director of Administration; Chad Shrodes, Councilman District D; Richard Slutzky, Council President*