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**ANN ARBOR IT ZONE, WASHTENAW COUNTY AND WASHTENAW  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PRESENT "WIRELESS WASHTENAW"  
EXECUTIVE STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - ANN ARBOR, MI - March 15, 2005 -** Ann Arbor IT Zone, Washtenaw County, City of Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, the Michigan Township Association and the Washtenaw Development Council present **Wireless Washtenaw Executive Stakeholder Meeting**. The event will be held on Monday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Michigan Information Technology Center located at 1000 Oakbrook Drive in Ann Arbor.

The Wireless Washtenaw Executive Stakeholder Meeting will discuss wireless partnerships, community collaboration and how to implement this solution strategically to improve the lives of citizens. The goal of the meeting is to gain executive buy-in for the initiative from major stakeholders in the county so that their resources can be brought to bear on moving from vision to reality.

"The State of Michigan looks to Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County for statewide technological leadership," said Bob Guenzel, Washtenaw County's administrator. "Consistent with that, Wireless Washtenaw's goal is to provide all of our citizens and visitors with a pleasant, seamless wireless high-speed Internet experience regardless of location in the county. In reaching that goal we're well aware that others in the state of Michigan will learn from our experience - helping to make this County and the State of Michigan a great place to live and a more compelling place to do business."

The event will feature David Behen, IT Director for Washtenaw County, who will present the vision of a Wireless Washtenaw. The meeting will also feature Dianah Neff, CIO for the city of Philadelphia. Neff is leading the wireless Philadelphia project and will present that city's vision for comparison.

Neff has a wealth of experience in providing leadership and implementation of organization-wide strategic information technology planning, assuring reliability of information technology infrastructure, and directing information technology departments in the delivery of technology support services in both city and country organizations. Prior to working in government, Neff had 14 years experience in the private sector working for high-tech software and hardware firms in Silicon Valley.

**About the Ann Arbor IT Zone**

Michigan's premier non-profit organization dedicated to the development of the state's information technology environment across multiple market sectors, the Ann Arbor IT Zone fosters and promotes the area's information technology industry by offering services to established and new information technology companies. Its educational series, Hi-Tech Tuesdays, IT Forums and Boot Camp, help educate, retain and attract the diverse talent required to accelerate Ann Arbor and the surrounding region's leadership position in information technology. For more information or to register online, visit [www.annarboritzone.org](http://www.annarboritzone.org) or call 734 615-9310.

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