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Jerralynn Ness Executive Director Community Action 1001 SW Baseline Street Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

Invitation: September 15th, 2004, Hillsboro/Washington County Beehive

Dear Ms. Ness: yn

We live in a digital age. While technology expands opportunities for significant numbers of people, it also divides us further by highlighting the disparities between the haves and the have-nots – those with engaged and meaningful access and those without.

One Economy, <u>www.one-economy.com</u>, is a national non-profit organization created to be a catalyst for innovation and change. We help bring access to technology into the homes of people around the country and connect them to information and tools they can use to build assets and improve their lives. Our consumer Web site, the Beehive, <u>www.beehiveportland.org</u>, brings important information about money, health, school, jobs, child care, and much more to over 375,000 people every month.

One Economy is partnering with Community Action of Washington County, Centro Cultural, worksystems, inc. and the Greater Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce to build technology resources for the families of Hillsboro and then Washington County. This will include the development of a free community website; technology training for youth; and helping more families acquire high speed Internet access in their homes.

We invite you to join local elected officials and business leaders to learn more about this technology initiative and how it will help community organizations to more efficiently deliver information and services; governments to communicate with constituents; businesses to reach new markets; and local residents to become to better-informed consumers and workers.

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One Economy will present their plans for the development of this community resource on September 15th, 2004 from 12:00 - 1:15 at the Tuality Health Education Center at 334 SE 8th Avenue, Hillsboro. Lunch will be served.

We want to introduce you to One Economy's work here and around the country, and enlist your support in building a brighter future for the residents of Hillsboro and Washington County.

Please RSVP your invitation to Robert Bole, One Economy's Northwest Director at 503-282-2824 or rbole@one-economy.com.

Best regards,

Elizabeth Furse One Economy Board Member, Former member of US Congress, Professor, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

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