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Economic Empowerment Series Set to Begin November 17

*Concerned Black Women of Calvert County Teams With Calvert County
Department of Economic Development to Co-Sponsor Workshops*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. - November 8, 2005 - The Calvert County, Md. Department of Economic Development is pleased to partner with the Concerned Black Women (CBW) of Calvert County to co-host a series of free workshops focused on improving the economic well-being of Calvert County's citizens.

The series, "Economic Empowerment," begins on November 17 with a session entitled "Home Purchase - Creative vs. Traditional Financing" to be presented by Kofi Ofori of Vanguard Mortgage and Title Company, Inc. in Lusby. The session will be held at the Prince Frederick Library from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Concerned Black Women of Calvert County was founded in June of 2004 with a mission to help small business owners, particularly women and minorities, gather valuable information about business management, economic development and the keys to becoming financially responsible and independent. Doris Cammack Spencer, one of the founding members and current president of the nonprofit organization says that CBW serves a very vital purpose in the community. "There is so much information and assistance available for business owners that is free and extremely helpful," she said. "Through this series and other projects that we have in the works, we hope to bring this information and the empowerment it provides to people at all levels of the community."

Linda Vassallo, director of the Calvert County Department of Economic Development agrees. "The County, through the Department of Economic Development, has worked diligently for many years to bring a wide variety of assistance and informational programs to our business community," she said. "Our partnership with the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County provides us with yet another avenue for reaching out to the community."

Additional workshops are as follows:

Financial Planning - It Takes Money, Honey, Edsel M. Brown, Presenter, Edsel M. Brown, Jr. Advisors, February 16, 2006, Prince Frederick Library, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Politics of Money, Doris J. Cammack Spencer, Presenter, Cammack Settlements and Title Company, May 4, 2006, Prince Frederick Library, 7:00 pm-8:30 p.m.

For more information about the Concerned Black Women of Calvert County or to register for the Economic Empowerment Series, call 866.517.0477 or send an e-mail to concernedblackwomen@msn.com . For more information about the Calvert County, Md. Department of Economic Development, call 410.535.4583 or 800.331.9771, e-mail info@ecalvert.com or visit our Web site at www.ecalvert.com