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**Sarasota County
 Business Climate Survey
 Summer 2005**

Dear Sarasota County Business Owner, CEO or Manager,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this short survey. Your opinion is important to us as we assess the business climate in our community. You may print this survey and fax it to the number given below or you may complete it online at www.edcsarasotacounty.com.

Please respond no later than July 15, 2005.

Your individual responses are confidential. Survey results will be posted on the Economic Development Corporation's web site by the end of September 2005. Thank you again for your participation.

1. The zip code for your business location is _____.

2. What is your business type? (check one)

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade/Retail Trade
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Information
- Finance & Insurance
- Real Estate
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Administrative Support & Waste Mgt. & Remediation
- Educational Services
- Health Care & Social Services
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
- Accommodations & Food Service
- Other _____ NAICS Code: _____

3. Number of Employees: (check one)

- 0 - 5 6 - 10 11 - 25 26 - 50
- 51-100 101 - 500 500+

4. Years in Operation in Sarasota County: (check one)

- Less than one year 1 to 5 years 6 to 10 years More than 10 years

5. In your opinion, how important are each of these business climate issues?

Issue	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Availability of financing					
Communications systems					
Cost of living					
Crime rate					
Direct costs					
Education					
Housing affordability					
Permitting					
Public transportation					
Regulatory environment					
Taxes					
Transportation					
Workforce					

6. Please rate your satisfaction with the following business climate issues in Sarasota County:

Issue	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not at all Satisfied	No Opinion
Availability of financing					
Communications systems					
Cost of living					
Crime rate					
Direct costs					
Cost of labor					
Health insurance					
Energy costs					
Worker's compensation					
Education					
K-12 system					
Community college					
Technical schools					
Colleges/Universities					
Housing affordability					
Permitting					
Public transportation					
Regulatory environment					
Taxes					
Corporate income tax					
Real property taxes					
Intangible property taxes					
Transportation					
Airport					
Roads					
Port					
Workforce					
Overall quality of workforce					
Overall quantity of workforce					

7. How would you rate your satisfaction with the overall business climate in Sarasota County? (check one)

- Very satisfied
 Satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Not at all satisfied
 No opinion

8. Generally speaking, how would you rate the current business climate in Sarasota County compared to two years ago? (check one)

- Better than two years ago
 Same as two years ago
 Worse than two years ago
 No opinion

Thank you for your response.

Please complete this survey by July 15, 2005 and return it to:

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