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Technology Handbook Cover Design Contest Seeking Designers for the 2011 Edition

Graphic artists are needed to submit designs to be considered for the cover of the 2011 edition of the Technology Handbook for St. Mary's County. As an example of the private/public partnership between St. Mary's County and The Patuxent Partnership, the Partnership will once again be sponsoring the contest with a \$500 prize for the winner. Artists must reside or be employed in St. Mary's County. The year 2011 will mark the Centennial for Naval Aviation, 1911-2011. The Naval Aviation Centennial will be incorporated into the cover art for the 2011 Handbook.

Graphic artists, technical artists and illustrators are invited to log on to the County's Department of Economic Development website (www.stmarysmd.com/deccd) to read and download the contest rules and entry form. Click on Doing Business in Our County, then scroll to Downloads. All entries including two full-size prints of the artwork and the electronic files must be delivered to Hans Welch, St. Mary's County Department of Economic and Community Development, PO Box 653, 23115 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650 **by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2010.**

All questions about the Cover Contest and the Technology Handbook should be directed to hans.welch@stmarysmd.com or 301-475-4200 x1408. Entries will not be returned and all submissions will become the property of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic & Community Development and The Patuxent Partnership.

"The Technology Handbook has received acclaim as a critical resource by the government and the listed companies," said Commissioner President Jack Russell. "We are proud to partner with The Patuxent Partnership to produce this guide as a tool for our county's businesses and as a promotional item to promote our county to the rest of the country and throughout the world."

The Department of Economic and Community Development is currently preparing the 2011 Technology Handbook. Technology-focused businesses in St. Mary's County currently not in the 2010 edition which are interested in being included must contact Hans Welch. If your company was included in the 2010 edition, you will be notified to renew your listing.

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