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## PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF 2005 VIRGINIA'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE SUMMIT ANNOUNCED

More than 400 community, business and government representatives along with builders, environmental specialists, and educators, gathered September 13-15 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center to participate in Virginia's Sustainable Future Summit—Solutions for the Environment, Business and Communities.

This year's Summit brought together public and private supporters, including three new partners: Virginia Commonwealth University, the Virginia Manufacturers Association and Environmental Solutions, Inc., which join previous partners that include the Virginia Sustainable Building Network, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

Summit participants listened to experts, interacted, discussed and were asked to develop action oriented recommendations. Initial review of the results reveals the following major themes for action: *The Commonwealth of Virginia should* (1) prepare a "Virginia Sustainable Development\* Plan" to implement sustainable practices across all sectors of the economy and government; (2) undertake major educational programs to provide information to citizens, businesses and government organizations on preferable sustainable practices and ways to implement these practices including the procurement of goods and services and how to maximize their use and benefit; (3) provide financial incentives to promote high performance buildings and community development, including energy efficiency and beneficial use of by-products; (4) improve coordination of transportation and land use planning and provide needed funding to implement plans; and, (5) develop, as part of energy plans, an energy standard for all buildings constructed or rehabilitated in the Commonwealth. (\*Sustainable development is described as meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations.)

All comments received will be posted shortly on the Summit website at <u>www.vsf3.org</u>.

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About ESI: Since 1990, Environmental Solutions, Inc. (ESI) has dedicated itself to providing environmental solutions integrating innovative processes, state of the art technology, and economics. ESI offers training and consulting, as well as, project development and management, using the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) principals. In addition, the company markets green products created as a result of projects managed by ESI. Environmental Solutions, Inc. is a closely-held, woman-owned business headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. ESI's President, Brenda Robinson, has more than 15 years of experience in a Fortune 500 company and more than fifteen years experience with technology-based businesses and co-founded ESI with her late husband, W. W. "Phil" Robinson. ESI's solutions are applicable, successful, and repeatable, working within your unique organizational requirements. For additional information on how ESI can assist your organization in turning waste (by-products) from a liability into an opportunity, visit us online at www.envirsol.com or call 804.740.5605.