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PRESS RELEASE

City of Oak Harbor Releases Annual Business Survey for 2014

City seeks input from business owners on the local economy and the most-valued City economic development programs

Oak Harbor, WA, June 26, 2014: In an effort to strengthen relationships with the business community and work hand-in-hand with them toward a healthier business climate, the City is seeking input from business owners on the first ever Annual Business Survey. The survey, which is available electronically through the independent website Survey Monkey and in hardcopy format at City Hall, solicits feedback from business owners on the characteristics of their business and city services they value most. "The survey will help the City understand businesses better so that it can forge a stronger partnership with them moving forward", said Economic Development Coordinator, Ethan Spoo. The survey is one of the actions the City is taking to implement the *Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan* adopted by City Council in 2013.

Mayor Scott Dudley has been a strong proponent of economic development which he has identified as one of his top priorities since taking office. Dudley said that "input on the survey is critical to the City and will be taken very seriously in the City's efforts to promote a friendlier approach to business in Oak Harbor. I make a personal appeal to all business owners for them to give us their feedback on the survey so that we can make economic development improvements going forward".

The Annual Business Survey is available on the City's website at www.oakharbor.org under the "Oak Harbor News" section of the website or can be filled out electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHbizsurvey>.

For questions on the survey, please contact Ethan Spoo, Economic Development Coordinator for the City at 360-279-4513