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OF FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST**

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**Weatherman to participate in  
The Human to Mars Summit 2015**

*How decisions in DC impact the local economy*

**Washington, DC** (May 7, 2015) – Lynda Weatherman, president and chief executive officer of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC), will be a panelist at The Humans to Mars Summit 2015 being held at The George Washington University, May 5 – 7.

“Building Political Sustainability” is one of three targeted discussions for Day 3 of the summit. The panel consisting of representatives from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, NASA, Human Spaceflight, and Lockheed Martin will be making their arguments for the importance of policy and funding stability in achieving the goal of the human exploration of Mars.

Weatherman will be providing her perspective on how the EDC answered the challenge of economic development during the retirement of the shuttle program; a decision made in DC and how the organization continues to prepare and forecast decisions made within each administration.

“Presenting at the national level will give us (Brevard County) an opportunity to share how decisions in DC have a direct impact on the local economy. I am eager to deliver insight on how the EDC meets those challenges head on ensuring community sustainability.”

The H2M is a comprehensive Mars exploration conference that addresses the major technical, scientific, and policy challenges of getting humans to Mars, as well as how such missions can have positive impacts on STEM education, American Competitiveness and other important collateral issues.

The 2015 Humans to Mars Summit (H2M) is taking place May 5-7 at The George Washington University in Washington DC.

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**About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC)**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a

private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit [SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://SpaceCoastEDC.org).

**About Explore Mars, Inc**

Explore Mars is a nonprofit which was created to advance the goal of sending humans to Mars within the next two decades. The organization also encourages the use of STEM curriculum in the classroom to instill a desire to pursue space exploration for future generations. Visit [exploremars.org](http://exploremars.org)