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### **Economic Development to hold 2004 Economic Outlook Seminar**

Westminster, Md – The Carroll County Department of Economic Development (CCDED) will hold its third annual economic outlook seminar Thursday March 18, 2004 at Wilhelm's Ltd. Caterers in Westminster.

The seminar will include a buffet breakfast starting at 8:00am. The presentation will begin at approximately 8:45am and continue until about 10:00am.

This year's presentation will again be delivered by Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO of Optimal Solutions Group, LLC. Mr. Basu, a noted regional economist and lecturer, will provide a review of the economy from a Carroll County and Maryland perspective and an outlook for national and local economic growth for the year ahead.

"Not only is Mr. Basu a very dynamic speaker," said Jack Lyburn, Executive Director of the Department of Economic Development, "but [the seminar] is an invaluable planning tool for decision makers in business and government."

The cost for the seminar is \$15.00 per person. Registration deadline is March 12, 2004. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting the CCDED at 410-386-2070 or downloaded from their website at [www.carrollbiz.org](http://www.carrollbiz.org).

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