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‘Going Green’ broadcast comes to Sarasota

The Alliance for Innovation, a nonprofit local government association, is “Going Green” with a panel discussion that will be broadcast live from 1-3 p.m. Friday, May 2, on Access Sarasota. Access Sarasota can be viewed on Comcast channel 19 and Verizon channel 32.

The roundtable discussion will review environmental stewardship programs and sustainability planning efforts in Sarasota County, Greenville, SC and Colorado Springs, Colo. The panel will examine strategies and efforts being deployed by communities to address issues such as protection of natural resources and promotion of alternative fuel use. Additionally, the panel will discuss new technology and techniques as governments engage in planning efforts to be good stewards of the earth’s resources.

Panel members include:

- Susan Scott, deputy county administrator for Sarasota County
- Thomas Keith, environmental program manager from Greenville S.C. and program facilitator
- Gail Conners, issues manager for Colorado Springs Utilities, Colo.
- Colin Grant, founder and chief executive officer, Visible Strategies
- Mary Beth Holley, project manager, TechSolve

Alliance programs are designed to provoke thought and provide a chance for community dialogue on pressing topics of today’s local issues. Friday’s program will be produced by Access Sarasota. During the opening hour, panel members will provide an overview of concepts already underway or being discussed. The second hour is dedicated to audience questions. An interactive format will allow panel members to answer questions sent by phone, fax and e-mail during the show.

The Alliance for Innovation, formerly The Innovation Groups, is an international nonprofit local government association that incorporates member interaction and synergy, open exchange of knowledge and ideas, creation of new partnerships and business relationships, and provision of products and services that support networking and innovation by members. The goals are better local government organizations and communities. The organization is highly regarded among top local government professionals for its ability to bring fresh ideas and practical applications to the everyday world of public service.