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ECOS Invites Press to Engagement Forum on E-Enterprise for the Environment

Washington, DC – ECOS invites press to participate in an Engagement Forum for stakeholders of E-Enterprise for the Environment – a major initiative to simplify, streamline, and modernize the implementation of environmental programs. The forum will be held April 5 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC.

E-Enterprise for the Environment (E-Enterprise) is a new model for collaborative leadership among environmental co-regulators. Working together, environmental leaders at states, tribes, and U.S. EPA are using the E-Enterprise model in a variety of projects to reduce burden and maximize efficiencies for regulators, industry, and the public.

"This event will bring together businesses and environmental organizations and states, tribes, and U.S. EPA to learn about E-Enterprise projects that are improving services in air, water, and land programs, and enhancing communication and data integration," said Alexandra Dunn, Executive Director and General Counsel of ECOS. "The forum will showcase innovative projects and promote engagement by environmental leaders and stakeholders."

Participants at the Engagement Forum will:

- See how E-Enterprise can facilitate the exchange of environmental information;
- Explore pioneering projects and learn how E-Enterprise can leverage technologies to support collaborative environmental principles and ways of operating;
- Learn how E-Enterprise promotes successful practices that can simplify work;
- Hear from some of the most knowledgeable practitioners in the environmental field;
- Exchange information, share experiences, and network with involved attendees; and
- Discover new resources, ideas, and potential partners for their organizations.

The forum will feature opening remarks by ECOS Vice President Todd Parfitt, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; Mike Flynn, Acting Deputy Administrator of U.S. EPA; and Micco Emarthla, Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

Advance registration is required. To RSVP for the event, please email Shaun Lane at <u>slane@ecos.org</u>. To learn more about E-Enterprise, visit <u>www.e-enterprisefortheenvironment.net</u>.

ECOS is the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental commissioners. For more information, see <u>www.ecos.org</u>.