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Tickets Now Available for 14th Annual Networking Festival

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA (March 8, 2016) — Business executives, real estate developers, and government and community leaders from throughout Tampa Bay will once again come together for Pasco County's premier networking event—NetFest. Hosted by the Pasco Economic Development Council, the informal, western-themed event, currently in its 14th year, will take place Thursday, April 7 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Starkey Ranch Welcome Center in Odessa.

Nearly 300 people attended the event in 2015, most of them decked out in cowboy hats, boots, and blue jeans. In addition to western wear, NetFest will feature a barbecue buffet, country music, and commemorative event bandanna for each guest.

Spots are still available for sponsors wishing to participate in the fifth annual chili cook-off. Registration deadline for the chili cook-off is March 24, and sponsorship levels to participate start at \$500. Last year, United Way of Pasco County took home top honors for their chili recipe prepared by Executive Chef Mark Purcell of Metropolitan Ministries.

"Being new to the area myself, I am looking forward to spending time with our business community in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere," said Bill Cronin, President/CEO of Pasco EDC. "This event has been an overwhelming success for over a decade, because people find value in the relationships they develop at NetFest."

Tickets to attend NetFest are \$45. Pasco EDC investors and their guests receive a \$10 discount. Steps to register and information about sponsorships can be found online at www.PascoEDC.com/events or by calling (813) 926-0827.

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About Pasco Economic Development Council

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