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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Municipal Infrastructure Team Leaders to be Featured Panelists at Massachusetts' SmarterCape Summit

Providence, RI (May 11, 2012) - Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) Municipal Infrastructure Team Leader and Principal Teno A. West and Senior Counsel Bruce H. Tobey will be featured speakers at the SmarterCape Summit 2 which begins on Monday, May 14, at 1pm and continues through Tuesday, May 15 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth, MA. The Summit is an initiative of the SmarterCape Partnership which was established in 2011 to advance regional collaboration among Cape Cod municipalities in the areas of the environment, the economy, development, education, healthcare, transportation and government.

“There is enormous financial pressure on municipalities to deliver cost-efficiencies and sustainability for all public projects, and we commend members of the Partnership for their foresight and understanding of the value and benefits that regional collaboration will bring to the residents of the towns,” said Mr. West. “Bruce and I are pleased to join the distinguished group of experts that Summit organizers have gathered together for this important event.”

On Monday at 3:30 pm, Attorney Tobey, former Mayor of Gloucester, MA, will present a case study on how another Massachusetts coastal region addressed wastewater issues under the banner of 'Smarter Environment: The Wastewater Challenge – Modeling the Solutions' with co-panelist Ken Moraff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Tobey's practice includes representing local and regional governments in the areas of public contracts, water law, solid waste management, environmental law and litigation. He has served on numerous Federal Advisory Committees of the EPA, as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and as Chair of the Advisory Council of the National League of Cities. He served as Mayor of Gloucester, MA from 1993 to 2002.

On Tuesday at 11 am, Attorney West will join Sharon Nunes of IBM and Angus Jennings, Director of Land Use Management with the Town of Westford, MA, for a discussion on the options and opportunities for the private and public sectors to work together towards a smarter future. The panel title is, 'Smarter Development: Public-Private Partnerships'. Mr. West is considered a national authority in the areas of public-private partnerships; water and wastewater law; solid waste management; alternative energy projects; procurement law; and design-build-operate projects. He routinely represents government agencies throughout the United States dealing with the challenges associated with cutting-edge municipal infrastructure projects and related legislation required for undertaking such projects utilizing alternative delivery methods, such as design-build, design-build-operate, and construction management at risk.

The PLDW Municipal Infrastructure Team delivers responsive, cost-effective and strategic legal counsel and guidance to states, counties, municipalities and public authorities across the country seeking solutions to complex infrastructure needs. The firm's Municipal Infrastructure attorneys are at the forefront of new developments in efficient methodologies for water and sewer treatment, solid waste management, municipal buildings, recreational facilities, transportation systems and other public infrastructure projects. The Team draws upon in-depth experience in multiple areas of law, as well as public finance, project management, real estate, contract maintenance and other disciplines to solve complicated legal issues on municipal projects from conception to completion. Whether a project involves financing,

structuring contract documents, design-build, design-build-operate or the design of comprehensive public-private partnerships as it relates to a public project, PLDW attorneys deliver the fullest range of legal services to clients nationwide.

There is no fee for the public to attend the two-day event and one lunch is included with registration which is required. To register log onto <http://smartercapessummit.com> The SmarterCape Summit 2 is organized by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Cod Commission, OpenCape Corporation, Cape Cod Technology Council and Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

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