MEDIA ALERT

WHAT: Vermont Cooperatives Summit
A cross section of Vermont based cooperatives will gather to discuss the future of coops, how they make a better business model and the growing number of industries that are adopting the cooperative structure.

A candidates forum including US Senate Candidate Representative Bernie Sanders, US Senate Candidate Rich Tarrant, US House Candidate Martha Rainville and US House Candidate Peter Welch will (Linda, Roberta mentioned something about a speed round – can you tell me more? Will they be discussing coops or more general campaign issues?)

Guest speakers include Michael Cook, R.D. Partridge Chair, University of Missouri Dept. of Agriculture, Paul Hazen President and CEO of the National Cooperative Business Association and Charles Snyder, Chairman of the Cooperative Bank of America.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 10, 2006
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE: Wyndham Hotel, Burlington

WHY: Timed with October is Coop Month, the Summit is aimed at raising awareness of the growing number and successful business model that cooperatives represent in Vermont and across the country. The general public will have the opportunity to learn more about Vermont based coops and how they as Vermonters can benefit from membership.

Co-operatives are businesses that are owned and operated for the benefit of those who use its services ~ its members. For co-ops, commitment to community is what it’s all about as we serve the communities in which our members live, work and shop.

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