

VAPDC UPDATE

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Save the date for the VAPDC Summer Conference, July 27-29, 2016 at the Williamsburg Lodge

The VAPDC Summer Conference and Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge, July 27-29, 2016. Plans are being made now and registration information for both the hotel and the conference will be available next month. In the meantime, mark the date on your calendar and plan on attending.



There will be a golf outing on Tuesday, July 26th at Kiln Creek Resort in Newport News with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. To date, we have 9 individuals signed up to play. The cost to play will be \$37.00. Please contact Wayne Strickland if you would like to play. (wstrickland@rvarc.org)

Post your job openings on VAPDC website

Having trouble finding the right person for that job opening? The VAPDC website has a [Job Postings](#) page for use by PDCs, local government, or state government. Send your job postings to jeanne@associationbuilders.com and check out what's already been posted!

EDA: The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative: POWER 2016 Grants

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) are publishing [this document](#) to announce the availability of additional program funds for grants under the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative, which is an integrated, multi-agency effort to align and invest federal economic and workforce development resources in communities and regions negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy. This document serves as an addendum to the following FY 2016 EDA federal funding

Check out the VAPDC online calendar for events you may be interested in

Did you know that the [VAPDC online calendar](#) has many event listings that may be of interest to PDC staff, commissioners, or local/state government employees? Did you know you can post an event that's relevant by emailing Jeanne@associationbuilders.com? Check it out today and email us with your events.

iGo Technology to use First-of-its-Kind method to Bring Broadband to Southwest Virginia

[Read this case study](#) regarding iGo Technology and their new proposed broadband project in southwest Virginia. Their new work will address unserved areas - specifically hard-to-reach citizens - and involves a method that's never been used before.

Grant Management Workshop in Portsmouth, May 5-6

Portsmouth Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop , May 5-6, 2016. This training is for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations, including the updated OMB Circular.

[Click here for full event details.](#)

We are excited to offer VAPDC members and their staff a special tuition rate of \$565. Please use code "VAASSN" to receive this \$30 discount off full price at registration. Tuition includes Grant Management USA's 400-page grant management workbook and reference guide. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are also available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are [available here](#) .

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PDC and State collaboration demonstrate success in growing regional economies

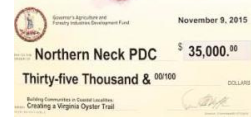
AFID fund grant announced for Virginia Oyster Trail

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently announced the award of a \$35,000 planning grant from the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development (AFID) Fund to the Virginia Oyster Trail project by the Northern Neck Planning District Commission (PDC) and partner communities throughout the



Middle Peninsula and Eastern Shore. The AFID planning grant program encourages local governments to promote agriculture and forestry and incorporate the needs of these industries into their strategic economic development plans.

"Identifying and supporting initiatives that strengthen agriculture while promoting tourism build on these crucial sectors of our economy, and pave the way for future innovative collaborations," said Governor McAuliffe. "Programs like the Virginia Oyster Trail will continue to diversify the economy in these regions and attract visitors and jobs to these communities. Supporting Virginia's diverse agricultural sectors is a key part of my plan to build the new Virginia economy."



Building Collaborative Communities funding grants encourage regional economic collaboration

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently announced \$196,000 in funding for five collaborative efforts in Virginia through the Building Collaborative Communities (BCC) program. The BCC program was introduced in 2012 and designed to assist regions in creating and sustaining new economic opportunities across Virginia. The program promotes regional economic collaboration in economically distressed areas that stimulates job creation, economic development, and provides a significant return on state investment.



Speaking about the announcement, Governor McAuliffe said, "Successful regional partnerships have been created and prospered through the Building Collaborative Communities program. Regional collaboration is a key in our efforts to build a new Virginia economy, and we continue to see the impact it has on building strong and sustainable communities throughout the Commonwealth."

The following projects were awarded funding through the Building Collaborative Communities program:

Applicant and Localities Targeted	Project Name	Award Offer
New River Valley Planning District (Counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski and the city of Radford)	New River Valley Regional Tourism	\$25,000
Northern Neck Planning District (Counties of Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster and Northumberland and the towns of Colonial Beach, Montross, Warsaw, Kilmarnock, White Stone and Irvington)	Northern Neck High-Tech Center	\$70,000
Northern Shenandoah Valley Collaborative (Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah and Warren and the towns of Berryville, Boyce, Edinburg, Front Royal, Luray, Middletown, Mount Jackson, New Market, Shenandoah, Stanley, Strasburg, Stephens City, Toms Brook and Woodstock and the city of Winchester)	Northern Shenandoah Valley Collaborative	\$40,000

Roanoke Regional Partnership
(Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke, the cities of
Roanoke and Salem and the town of Vinton)

West Piedmont Planning District Commission
(Counties of Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania; cities of Danville
and Martinsville and the towns of Boones Mill, Rocky Mount,
Chatham, Gretna, Hurt, Ridgeway and Stuart)

Western Virginia
Regional Industrial
Facility Authority

\$36,000

West Piedmont
Planning District
Regional Strategic
Plan

\$25,000

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