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GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 COUNCIL SEEKING BUSINESS LEADER NOMINATIONS

The Region 9 Council Reviews and Awards Grants That Incentivize Collaboration Between Business, Education, and Local Government

Charlottesville, Virginia – The GO Virginia Region 9 Council Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations of private sector leaders to serve on the Region 9 Council. The Council is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the GO Virginia program in Region 9, which includes the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock. Nominations are due by May 10, 2022.

The GO Virginia Region 9 Council is comprised of 23 members of which a majority are private sector leaders. The Council is charged with advancing opportunities identified in Region 9's latest Growth & Diversification Plan by receiving and assessing applications for funding. Awarded projects will strengthen and enhance the regional economy, focus on one or more of Region 9's target sectors, and fall within one of four project frameworks:

Target Sectors

Biomedical & Biotechnology
Financial & Business Services
Food & Beverage Manufacturing
IT & Communications
Light Manufacturing

Project Frameworks

Talent Development
Growing Existing Businesses
Entrepreneurship
Site Readiness

The Council Nominating Committee is seeking nominations of experienced private sector leaders from localities within the Region 9 footprint. Business leaders with experience and/or interest in Region 9's target sectors and project frameworks are preferred. Nominations for leaders representing diverse backgrounds and experiences are also encouraged. Council members serve three-year terms and service would begin on July 1, 2022.

Nominations of private sector leaders are being accepted for two at-large seats and one seat nominated by a local chamber of commerce. For more details, contact Shannon Holland, Director, GO Virginia Region 9, at sholland@centralvirginia.org

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GO Virginia is a bipartisan, business-led economic development initiative that is changing the way the Commonwealth's diverse regions collaborate on economic and workforce development activities. The objective of the GO Virginia program is to foster private sector growth and job creation through state incentives for regional collaboration between business, education, and local government.