



PIEDMONT REGION

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Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region Receives Talent Supply Connector Grant

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - Virginia Career Works - Piedmont Region's (VCW-P) Talent Supply Connector grant was one of three projects in Region 9 approved by the Virginia Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) Board on Tuesday, June 14.

The nearly \$400,000 grant will extend for two years to help the Food & Beverage Manufacturing and Light Manufacturing sectors collaborate to drive a skilled worker pipeline throughout Region 9. By collaborating with CTE programs and community college students, the project plans to create 180 internships resulting in filling 90 regional target sector jobs.

"The project will be the impetus to bridge CTE and Technical College Students with businesses in the target sectors to mitigate gaps in the talent ecosystem," said Sarah Morton, Director of Workforce in the Piedmont Region.

"Over the next two years, this project will create coalitions that will help drive connectivity between workforce services, community colleges, schools, and businesses to ensure target sectors have the talent needed to expand in our region," said Shannon Holland, the Director of GO Virginia Region 9.

Virginia Career Works - Piedmont Region is one of 14 workforce boards in the Commonwealth of Virginia, our mission is to advance economic stability and growth by preparing and connecting people who want to work with employers. We are the central link between meaningful employment and growing businesses within the Central Region which includes the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

To learn more about Virginia Career Works - Piedmont Region's efforts, please visit <https://vcwpiedmont.com/>

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