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GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 COUNCIL SEEKING BUSINESS LEADER NOMINATIONS

The Region 9 Council Reviews and Awards Grants To Drive Collaboration Between Business, Education, and Local Government

Charlottesville, Virginia – The GO Virginia Region 9 Council Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations of private sector business 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, 2023.

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 validating business demand and assessing funding proposals. Awarded projects must focus on one or more of Region 9's target sectors, including Biomedical & Biotechnology; Financial & Business Services; Food & Beverage Manufacturing; IT & Communications; and, Light Manufacturing. 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/or project focus areas of Talent Development, Cluster Scale Up, Entrepreneurship, or Site Readiness, 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, 2023.

Nominations of private sector leaders are being accepted for two at-large seats and two seats seat nominated by a local chamber of commerce. Nomination forms may be downloaded at <https://www.govirginia9.org/about/council/>.

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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.