

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Commonwealth Regional Council Building at One Mill Street, Farmville, VA



presented by the  
VIRGINIA TOBACCO COMMISSION

## WEDNESDAY

September 10, 2014  
10-11 AM & 1-2 PM

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### SESSION OVERVIEW

GRANTS RANGING FROM \$250,000 UP TO \$2 MILLION ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF RESEARCH OR PROTOTYPING OF NEW PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO LEAD TO COMMERCIALIZATION. PROJECTS MUST PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST A 1:1 MATCH. ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR FUNDING AND THE RESULTING COMMERCIALIZATION MUST OCCUR WITHIN VIRGINIA'S TOBACCO REGION FOOTPRINT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE. THE NEXT R&D GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 17, 2014.

### ELIGIBLE SECTORS

ENERGY  
BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES  
MATERIALS AND CHEMICALS  
CLEAN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### REGIONAL SUPPORT

EXISTING FACILITIES AND OFFICE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE REGION TO SUPPORT R&D



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**Research & Development Grant Program Information Session  
Presented By the *Virginia Tobacco Commission***

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014 | 10-11 AM or 1-2 PM  
“The Mill Room” One Mill Street, Farmville, VA**

Overview: One hour information and question & answer sessions on the Virginia Tobacco Commission’s Research & Development Grant Program. This workshop is intended to promote R&D grant opportunities for final stage research or prototyping of new products or services that are expected to lead to commercialization. Grants starting at \$250,000 are available. The next grant application deadline is October 17, 2014.

Who Should Attend: Company principals, business leadership, entrepreneurs, prospective applicants and project team members.

Agenda for the 10-11 AM and 1- 2 PM Information Sessions:

- ***Welcome and Introductions*** -- Jeff Reed, *Executive Director, Virginia’s Growth Alliance*
- ***R&D Grant Program Guidelines*** (Funding Priorities, Evaluation Criteria, Application Process, Example Projects) -- Sarah Capps, *Grants Program Administrator, Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission*
- ***Services for R&D Projects*** - Bill Donohue, *Interim Executive Director / President, Genedge Alliance*
- ***Broadband Resources & Facilities*** --Tad Deriso, *General Manager, Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative*
- ***Question & Answer Session***

Targeted sectors for R&D grants include **chemicals and materials** (*i.e. nano-materials and biopolymers*), **information technology services** (*i.e. health IT, cyber security*), **biomedical and health care** (*i.e. point-of care diagnostics, computational technologies*), **energy**, and **clean energy & environment**.

Grants ranging from \$250,000 up to \$2 million are available for final stage of research or prototyping of new products or services that are expected to lead to commercialization. Projects must provide for at least a 1:1 match. Activities proposed for funding and the resulting commercialization must occur within the 41 localities of Southern and Southwest Virginia that comprise the Tobacco Region footprint in order to be eligible.

Workshop Location: "The Mill Room" the basement of the Commonwealth Regional Council building at One Mill Street, Farmville, VA 23901. See map below.

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