



Build Back Better Regional Challenge

HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Regional Challenge

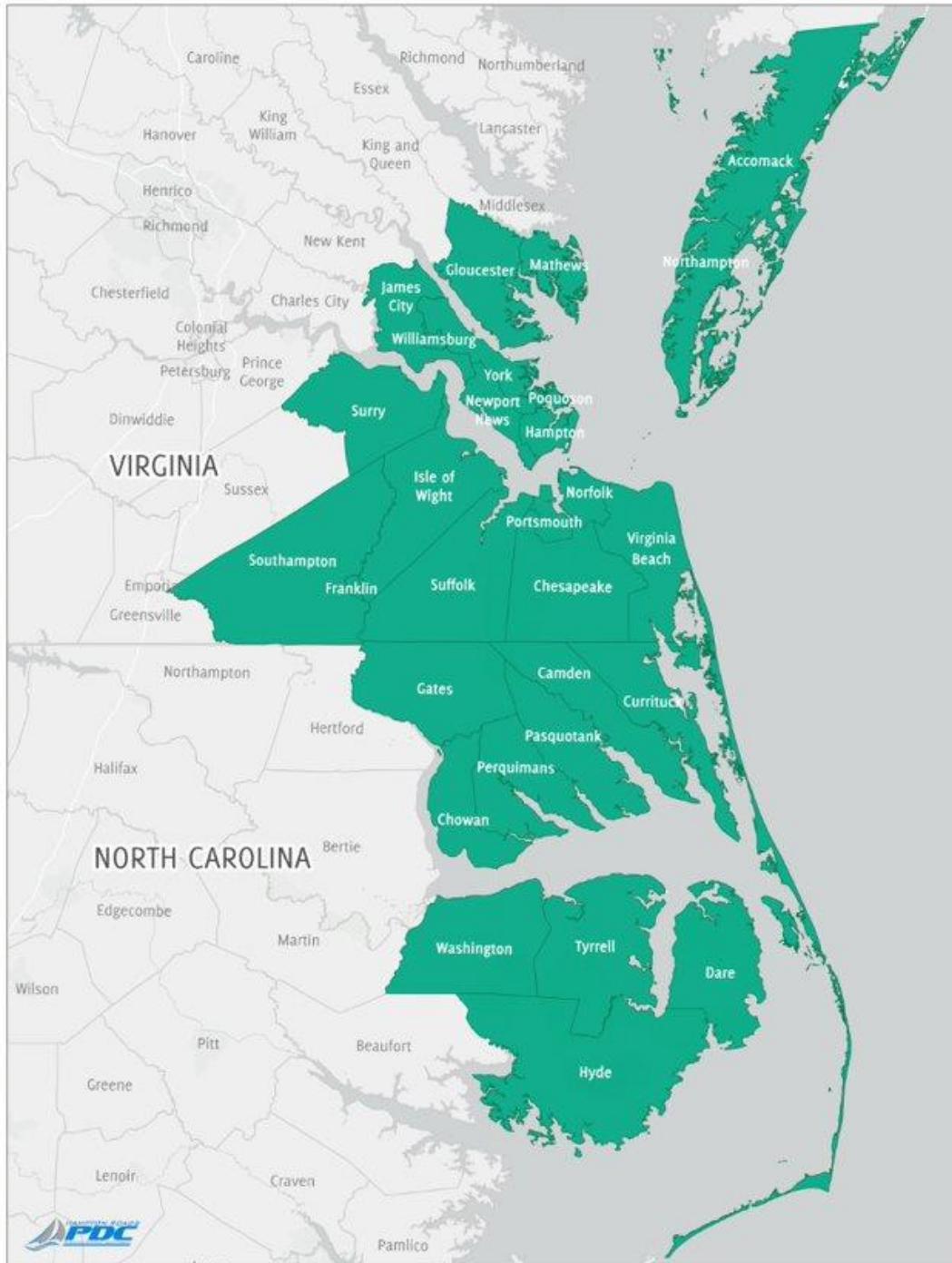
- ▶ Administered through Economic Development Administration
- ▶ Assist with strengthening regional economies through investment in regional growth clusters
- ▶ Priority on innovative approaches

Regional Challenge

- ▶ **Phase I**
 - ▶ **October 19 Deadline**
 - ▶ **50 – 60 regions to be awarded technical assistance grants**
 - ▶ **Support strategies to advance regional clusters**
 - ▶ **\$500,000**
- ▶ **Phase II**
 - ▶ **Regions successful in Phase I eligible to submit funding requests**
 - ▶ **March 15, 2022 Deadline**
 - ▶ **Projects can compete for \$ 25 million - \$ 75 million grant awards**

Hampton Roads Submission

- ▶ Reviewed with CAO Committee in September and October
- ▶ Reinvent Hampton Roads Official Applicant
- ▶ Consortium of regional organizations
- ▶ Includes collaboration with northeastern North Carolina (Albermarle Regional Commission)



Maritime Innovation Cluster

- ▶ Offshore Wind
- ▶ Technology Advancement and Innovation Hub
- ▶ Autonomous Systems National Hub
- ▶ Maritime Small Business Innovation Collaborative
- ▶ ODU Maritime and Cybersecurity and Analytics Center of Excellence in Virginia Beach
- ▶ Build an Inclusive Talent Pipeline
- ▶ Diversity, Inclusion and Equity – collaboration with HBCUs
- ▶ Regional Flood Mitigation Strategy
- ▶ Regional Fiber Network

Hampton Roads Phase I Submission

- ▶ **Regional Economic Competitiveness Officer (Reinvent Hampton Roads)**
- ▶ **Workforce Capacity Mapping (Hampton Roads Workforce Council)**
- ▶ **HBCU Outreach (Urban League of Hampton Roads)**
- ▶ **Fiber Ring Expansion (HRPDC)**
- ▶ **HRGEO Expansion (HRPDC)**
- ▶ **Tech Advancement & Innovation Accelerator Study (VTCRC/Tech Research Park)**
- ▶ **Maritime Small Business Innovation Staffing (Open Seas/ODU)**

- ▶ Decision on Phase I Submission expected in December
- ▶ Presentation to Albermarle Regional Commission this evening
- ▶ Future Collaboration Opportunities with northeast NC
 - ▶ Workforce Development
 - ▶ Offshore Wind
 - ▶ Fiber/Broadband
 - ▶ Williams Tract/Other Economic Development Sites
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Flooding/Resiliency
 - ▶ Collaborative Federal Legislative Agenda