



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)

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- ▶ **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**