

Appendix A:

Local Business Assistance Resources

The Chamber believes it is important for entrepreneurs to have access to the tools and information needed to succeed. The following organizations may be of interest to local businesses, and are provided for informational purposes only:

- **Community Business Partnership:** Created in 1995, CBP is a non-profit organization working in collaboration with a number of local, regional and national organizations to promote local business growth in our communities. CBP provides education, technical assistance, business incubation services, access to capital and networking opportunities.

For more information: 7001 Loisdale Road, Suite C,
Springfield, Virginia 22150
Phone: (703) 768-1440
Website: www.cbponline.org

- **Greater Washington Board of Trade:** As the leading regional business organization, the Board of Trade addresses business concerns that span geographic boundaries. Pro-business and bipartisan, the Board of Trade convenes business, civic and government leaders to collaborate on important issues throughout the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia.

For more information: 800 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 1001,
Washington, D.C. 20006
Phone: (202) 857-5900
Website: www.bot.org

- **International Council of Shopping Centers:** An organization formed to advance the shopping center industry and to promote its role in the commercial distribution of consumer goods and services.

For more information: 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 41st floor
New York, New York 10020-1099
Phone: (646) 728 3800, Option 1
Website: www.icsc.org

- **International Economic Development Council:** A non-profit, non-partisan membership organization serving economic developers.

For more information: 734 15th Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: (202) 223-7800
Website: www.iedconline.org

- **Minority Business Development Agency:** An agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce that helps to create and sustain jobs by promoting the growth and global competitiveness of businesses owned and operated by minority entrepreneurs.

For more information: 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230
Phone: (202) 482-1940
Website: www.mbda.gov

- **National Association of Industrial and Office Properties:** Founded in 1967, the organization is one of North America's largest, most prestigious and valuable commercial real estate organizations.

For more information: 2201 Cooperative Way, Suite 300
Herndon, Virginia 20171-3034
Phone: (703) 904-7100
Website: www.naiop.org

- **Northern Virginia Community College:** NOVA is the largest public educational institution in Virginia and the second-largest community college in the United States. NOVA is also one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with a student body consisting of individuals from more than 180 countries.

For more information: 8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, Virginia 22003
Phone: (703) 323-3000
Website: www.nvcc.edu

- **Northern Virginia Regional Commission:** NVRC is a regional council of fourteen member governments in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC.

For more information: 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia 22031
Phone: (703) 642-0700
Website: www.novaregion.org

- **Northern Virginia Technology Council:** NVTC is the membership and trade association for the technology community in Northern Virginia. As the largest technology council in the nation, NVTC serves about 1,000 companies and organizations.

For more information: 2214 Rock Hill Road, Suite 300
Herndon, Virginia 20170
Phone: (703) 904-7878
Website: www.nvtc.org

- **SCORE–Service Corps of Retired Executives:** With over forty members, both retired and working, this organization has significant experience in the ownership, operation, and/or management of both small and large businesses in many fields. Members offer free counseling and mentoring to those who wish to start or build existing businesses in the Washington, D.C. area.

For more information: 409 3rd Street, SW Suite 100A
Washington, D.C. 20024
Phone: (202) 619-1000
Website: www.score.org

- **Urban Land Institute:** Provides leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. ULI is an independent global nonprofit supported by members representing the entire spectrum of real estate development and land use disciplines.

For more information: 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW
Suite 500 West
Washington, D.C. 20007
Phone: (202) 624-7000
Website: www.uli.org

- **U.S. Local business Administration Washington, D.C. District Office:** A federal government agency that provides support to entrepreneurs and local businesses. The mission of the Local business Administration is to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by enabling the establishment and viability of local businesses and by assisting in the economic recovery of communities after disasters.

For more information: 409 3rd Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20416
Phone: 202-205-8800
Website: www.sba.gov

- **U.S. Local business Administration Learning Center:** A service of the Local business Administration, this site provides local business owners with fingertip access to free, helpful and reliable training opportunities. Since going live, the site has grown to feature nearly 150 self-paced online courses, videos and web chats hosted by industry and government experts. Topics include starting and managing a business, financing, marketing, taxes, government contracting and more.

For more information: <http://www.sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/search/training>

- **Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association:** Offering continuing professional development and other valuable planning services, the organization is committed to raising awareness about the many benefits planning offers as a foundation for effectively addressing the physical, economic, and social changes that take place in

Virginia, and to providing effective leadership in planning advocacy reflective of a diverse geography and population.

For more information: 1030 15th Street, NW, Suite 750 West
Washington, D.C. 20005-1503
Phone: (202) 872-0611
Website: www.planning.org/chapters/virginia

- **Virginia Department of Business Assistance:** A state agency dedicated to enhancing the participation of small, women- and minority-owned businesses in Virginia's procurement process.

For more information: 101 N. 14th Street, 11th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: (804) 786-6585
Website: www.vdba.virginia.gov

- **Virginia Department of Taxation:** A state agency which administers the tax laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For more information: Virginia Department of Taxation
Office of Customer Services
P.O. Box 1115
Richmond, VA 23218-1115
Phone: (804) 367-8031
Website: www.tax.virginia.gov

- **Virginia Economic Development Association:** Since 1982, the Virginia Economic Developers Association has been increasing the effectiveness of those who practice economic, industrial, and community development in Virginia. The Virginia Economic Developers Association is the voice in Virginia for shaping economic development public policy and a primary source of strong and effective education and networking for economic development professionals.

For more information: 1340 N. Great Neck Road
#1272-128
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454
Phone: (757) 412-2664
Website: www.goveda.org

- **Virginia Economic Development Partnership:** A state agency created to assist those looking for business locations and increased trade opportunities. The partnership is governed by a 24-member Board Of Directors comprised of businesspersons from around Virginia, each of whom is appointed by the Governor and the General Assembly.

For more information: 901 East Byrd Street

P.O. Box 798
Richmond, VA 23218-0798
Phone: (804) 545-5600
Website: www.yesvirginia.org

- **Virginia Employment Commission:** A state agency dedicated to promotion of economic growth and stability by delivering and coordinating workforce services including policy development, job placement, temporary income support, workforce information, and transition and training services.

For more information: 703 E. Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: 1-866-832-2363
Website: www.vec.virginia.gov