         ***GO Virginia******Region 2***

We are all caught up in what has emerged to be the social and economic crisis of our time. While the health of our people and communities is paramount, many of you are involved in supporting employers who are struggling. Keeping them whole now, and helping them find their eventual path back to prosperity, is a monumental task.

**We do not have funding that can be provided directly to individual businesses**. However, we can fund projects led by agencies, governments or other organizations who are supporting groups of businesses. We have more than $1m in funding available at this moment that could be used to benefit firms in advanced manufacturing, Iife sciences and healthcare, food and beverage processing, and information and emerging technologies. More information on the program, including examples of past projects can be found at this link: <https://econdev.vt.edu/GOVAR2.html>

Please help us understand what GO Virginia can do to help you help them. For example your organization may be assisting businesses with transition to telework, moving training programs on-line, implementing process improvements, or other activities. Could you take 10 minutes to reply to the survey at this link <<https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQZWfX9zkNumvbL>>

with your insights as to what businesses in our targeted industry sectors may need?

Regards,

Raymond Smoot, Chair

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