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GO Virginia Region 2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2024, 3:30p.m.- 4:30p.m.

Via Zoom Webinar.

Executive Committee members in attendance: Eddie Amos (Chair), Beverley Dalton (Vice-chair), Paul Denham, Ray Smoot, Richmond Vincent, Justin Yalung.

Staff in attendance: John Provo, Jemma Sabokrouh, Rachel Jones, Emmalee Wagner.

Public in attendance: Cody Anderson, Bryan David, Aisha Johnson, Liz Povar, Emily Webb.

The meeting convened at 3:31p.m. and adjourned at 3:59p.m.

Project Proposals

AI Landscape Assessment (Virginia Chamber of Commerce)

John Provo provided a brief overview of the project application before the committee. This project would be a statewide planning grant to assess the impact of AI on in-demand occupations in advanced manufacturing, life and health sciences, and IT and emerging technology. This initiative will inform the development of Blueprint Virginia, the chamber's strategic plan, requiring updates every 4 years. Virginia Chamber's request totaled \$50,000 in Region 2 funds and \$50,000 in Region 3 funds. Justin Yalung requested clarification on whether or not the Region 2 funds requested would come from their per-capita funds. John Provo confirmed the amount requested would be allocated from the per-capita funds. Provo confirmed there is a capped allocation of up to \$250,000 per fiscal year to fund planning projects. Emily Webb, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, highlighted the importance of this effort and how it will influence the development of Blueprint Virginia. Webb mentions the previous iteration of the Blueprint contains very little information on AI, noting the changing impact of this industry in the workforce. Bryan David, Region 3 staff, voiced his support of the effort, stating state staff have provided a pathway through the new statewide planning application process to meet the January kick-off of the blueprint update.

Executive Committee members recusing from the vote include Richmond Vincent as he serves on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Justin Yalung motioned to approve the proposal, with Ray Smoot seconding. All were in favor and none opposed.

Virginia Chamber's request totaled \$50,000 in Region 2 per-capita funds, with a match of \$50,000.