



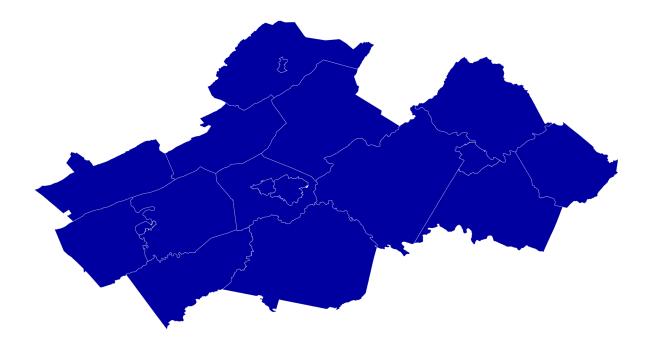


Project VITAL

Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance

All localities in Regions 2, 4, and 9

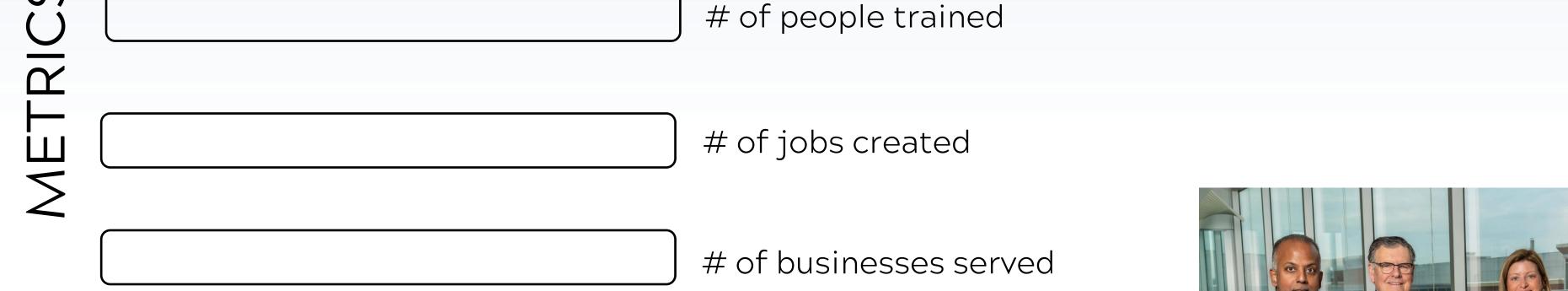
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Fostering a robust biotech and life science ecosystem in Virginia.

Project VITAL aims to boost commercialization and company formation, focusing on expanding capital networks, enhancing talent access, and addressing startup barriers. The Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance will implement comprehensive programs supporting IP development, capital access, and industry collaboration across key biotech clusters. This project seeks to establish best practice programs, linking academia, healthcare, and private sectors to drive innovation and economic growth.





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"This investment represents a pivotal moment for Virginia's biotechnology ecosystem. Project VITAL will provide emerging companies in this region with access to advanced laboratory facilities, shared equipment, and specialized programming designed to support their growth and success. -Erin Burcham, president of the Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance