THE HIVE
Virginia Beach Business Resource Center

The Hive Newsletter

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The HIVE e-newsletter brings you the latest updates, resources, and success stories from Virginia Beach's hub for entrepreneurs and small business growth.

Featured News



Regulus Global takes home Innovate 757 TechNite award

One of the six companies and two Virginia Beach-based executives up for awards during Innovate Hampton Roads' annual 757 Technite went home with a trophy. Regulus Global won the Advancement in Defense Contracting award, a category where three of the four nominees are based in Virginia Beach. The Virginia Beach Economic Development and its small business resource center, the HIVE, were also recognized during the event for supporting innovative small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Featured Event



Black Diamond Summit:

Nov. 10-12, 2026 | 9:00 - 5:00 PM | The Virginia Beach Convention Center

Black Diamond Summit brings together more than 500 anticipated business owners, corporate professionals, community leaders, and business-support organizations for three days of practical insight, purposeful connection, and real opportunity.

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Veterans in Business

November 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a special gathering that brings together veterans, military spouses, and community partners to connect, learn, and grow. The event provides veteran small business owners with the resources, tools, and success stories to help launch and grow their businesses.

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Virginia Beach Uplift Program Graduation

November 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | The HIVE

Come celebrate the graduation of the latest group of the VB Uplift Program. These individuals just completed an intensive, eight-week program to learn how to improve their business strategy, prepare entrepreneurs to access capital, and deliver social capital investments to help build community wealth.

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Opportunities to Know this Month

Minority Business Council

November 5, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | The Virginia Beach Convention Center

Get ready to connect, learn, and grow at the Minority Business Council's (MBC) 2026 Fall Conference & Expo! Join business owners, entrepreneurs, contractors, suppliers, procurement professionals, and community partners for an afternoon dedicated to building relationships, discovering opportunities, and strengthening the future of small business in Hampton Roads.

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APEX Accelerator: Creating a Capability Statement that makes your business stand out

November 10, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | The HIVE

This class will provide businesses with the correct tools to communicate what they can provide to help government professionals in their day-to-day competitive acquisition process.

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AI and the Future of Work

November 12, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | The HIVE

AI is changing the business landscape. Current jobs responsibilities are being automated and the need for different skills is happening faster. Join us at the HIVE to listen to industry experts provide their perspective on how AI is changing how businesses operate and what responsible AI adoption looks like for business owners.

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Alternative Financing Options for Business and Commercial Real Estate

November 17, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | The HIVE

Where do you go when the bank has to say “No” to your financing need? There's a world of funding beyond the local branch & it's growing fast. Discover how non-traditional lenders, alternative financing tools, and creative funding strategies can help you secure the financing your business needs.

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Beyond Chat - AI Agents for Business Operations

November 17, 2026 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | The HIVE

The HIVE is happy to host Cressio CEO Joshua Aguirre on November 5th as he presents an AI-focused workshop for small business owners and entrepreneurs.

During the one-hour workshop, Aguirre will show you how to use AI to automate, program AI agents to handle tasks, and protect your sensitive data.

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Government Contracting 101: Getting started in the government marketplace

November 19, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | The HIVE

Starting a business can quickly feel like a maze of forms, acronyms, and conflicting advice. This workshop will help you understand the steps needed to build your business on the right foundations.

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BATTEN UNIVERSITY™

No-Cost Professional Development Workshops

Batten University Global Campus, in partnership with the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, offers comprehensive non-degree continuing education courses designed to build advanced skill sets valued by employers.

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Support Starts Here

Help strengthen Virginia Beach's small business ecosystem by partnering with The HIVE. We're looking for organizations, mentors, and experts ready to support local entrepreneurs through guidance, training, and shared resources.

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