

November 2025 Newsletter

The HIVE newsletter brings you the latest updates, resources and success stories from Virginia Beach's dynamic center for entrepreneurs and small business growth. For the latest, follow us on social media and at our website.

FEATURED PARTNER



Virginia Beach Minority Business Council (MBC)

The Virginia Beach Minority Business Council (MBC), established in 1995, is a dedicated advisory body to the Virginia Beach City Council that works to promote the growth and development of small, minority-owned, women-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses with the City of Virginia Beach. The MBC consists of 11 business owners appointed by City Council, each bringing valuable experience and perspective to help advance the interests of the local small business community.

2025 Fall MBC Conference and Expo

The 2025 Annual Fall MBC Conference and Expo is designed to provide education, inspiration, and one-on-one engagement with Hampton Roads resource partners,

procurement professionals, and business owners looking for key opportunities to help in their quest for business excellence.

Join the Virginia Beach MBC on November 6th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for an afternoon filled with resources, networking, and inspiration. The VB MBC is thrilled to welcome Anthony Williams, managing Partner for the Black Diamond Group, as the Keynote Speaker, an Access to Capital and construction panel discussion, as well as an Exhibit Hall showcasing businesses and organizations dedicated to supporting small business growth and success.

Register

Veterans in Business: Breakfast Panel & Networking at The HIVE

Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the HIVE in Town Center for a special Veterans Breakfast Panel and Networking Event, co-hosted by the HIVE and the Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD).

This event is designed to connect veteran entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources, tools, and success stories that can help launch and grow their businesses. Hear from a panel of experts representing organizations like ODU VBOC, Hampton Roads Workforce Council, Women in Defense Greater Hampton Roads, and ODU Double Tap.

Enjoy a light breakfast, network with fellow veterans and business leaders, and walk away with actionable insights to support your entrepreneurial journey.

Learn More

Advance Your Career with VWU: Free & Affordable Workshops at The HIVE

The HIVE and Virginia Wesleyan University are partnering to bring you low- and nocost professional development workshops this fall. Earn microcredentials and electronic badges while gaining valuable, career-advancing skills.

Learn More

Wheels of Opportunity Webinar: Launching Your Food or Retail Truck

Join Retail Alliance for an exciting and informative online webinar, where an industry expert shares tips and strategies to succeed! Whether you are in the planning phase or have already begun, this webinar is for you.



New Look, Same HIVE Energy!



Our website just got a refresh - with easier navigation, updated events, and all the latest programs in one place.

Explore what's new and stay connected!



UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE HIVE

4 NOV **Hampton Roads Military Business Network**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Learn More

4 NOV **Business Finance Basics**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Learn More

12 NOV Contract Basics 101: Valid and Enforceable Contracts

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn More

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OTHER RESOURCES

Workspace

Business Development Initiatives

1:1 Consultations

Grants & Loans



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