

The HIVE Newsletter

September 2025



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](#).

Virginia Beach Hosts High-Stakes Startup Competition



Four local startups competed at the Startup World Cup Virginia Regional on August 21 at the Sandler Center, with Mayor Bobby Dyer welcoming attendees. The evening kicked off with a networking pre-party at The HIVE, and VBED partnered with Innovate Hampton Roads to showcase the region's growing startup scene.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ THE HIVE

Apply Now for the *Virginia She Served Business Builder (VS2B2) Program*

The *Virginia She Served Business Builder (VS2B2) Training Program* provides no-cost business training for active or reserve servicewomen, women veterans, and military/veteran spouses who own businesses. Applications are now open for the Fall 2025 class.

For eligibility details, schedule and application info, email: vetsupport@sbsd.virginia.gov

Strengthen Your Financial Skills – Four Week Workshop Begins Sept. 10

[Executive Decisions, LLC](#) will host a free, four-part workshop series on Wednesday afternoons from October 8–29, from 4–5:30 p.m. at The HIVE. Sessions are open to the public and include [Business Credit Essentials](#), [LexisNexis for Businesses](#), [Business Credit: You're Approved! Now What?](#) and [Streamlining Your Financial Process Through Technology](#) –registration via the links provided.

Advance Your Career with No-Cost Professional Development Workshops

Virginia Beach Economic Development (VBED), in partnership with Virginia Wesleyan University Global Campus, is offering free non-degree continuing education workshops this fall. Each course provides in-demand skills and earns you a VWU microcredential and electronic badge.

Fall 2025 Workshops (Sept. 15 – Nov. 6)

- **IT Certification Prep** – Intro to computer concepts; prerequisite for CompTIA A+ and Security+.
- **CompTIA A+ Core 2** – Industry-standard IT certification prep.
- **CompTIA Network+** – Networking and cybersecurity fundamentals.
- **CompTIA Security+** – Entry-level cybersecurity certification.
- **Project Management Plus PMP** – Meets education requirements for CAPM® certification.
- **Logistics & Supply Chain Management** – Covering tariffs, customs, and international trade.
- **Public Speaking 1** – Build confidence and presentation skills.
- **Microsoft Excel Specialist** (Intermediate) – Advanced formulas, pivot tables, and formatting.

Space is limited. Some workshops require purchase of course materials. Questions or to re-enroll, email: ceinfo@vwu.edu

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VB UPLIFT Program Returns Sept. 10 – Nov. 5

The City of Virginia Beach and AGH Advisory Services are launching the 7th cohort of the VB UPLIFT Program, an eight-week initiative designed to accelerate small business growth—especially for women, minorities and service-disabled veterans. Hosted at The HIVE, this fall's program runs September 10–November 5 and offers expanded resources including the UPLIFT Capital Impact Fund, intensive workshops and a growing alumni network. Registration is closed.



Procurement Café: Learn How to Do Business with Virginia Beach Public Schools

Join us at The HIVE on September 11 from 10–11:30 a.m. to learn how to do business with the City of Virginia Beach and Virginia Beach City Public Schools. This small-business-friendly workshop features the VBCPS procurement team, offering practical tools, insights, and direct access to help you start or grow your contracting opportunities

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Disaster Assistance from U.S. Small Business Administration

The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) supports Virginia Beach businesses by helping them prepare for, respond to and recover from declared disasters. Through programs such as the [SBA Disaster Loan Program](#) and [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#), the SBA provides resources, funding and partnerships that build resilience, support recovery and reduce future risks.

Clancy & Theys Hosts Virtual Bid Info Session for ASC Expansion Project

Clancy & Theys Construction Company will host a virtual information session on Tuesday, September 9, from 2–3 PM for the upcoming Acoustical Sheetmetal Company Expansion Project in Virginia Beach. The session will cover bid opportunities, prequalification procedures, and SWaM participation, with time to engage directly with the project team.

[DOWNLOAD FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS](#)[REGISTER NOW](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE HIVE

**15
Sep**

[So, You Want to Write, Publish and Sell Your Own Book?](#)

10:30 – 11:30am

[Learn More](#)**15
Sep**

[Part 1: Navigating the Federal Contracting Landscape](#)

10:30 – 11:30am

[Learn More](#)**25
Sep**

[SWaM Certification Information Session](#)

3 – 4:30pm

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