



## Cyber Security Proposals

### 1. Develop a Higher Education Research Portal

- Lead Agency: Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) in partnership with SCHEV
- Budget Amendment: \$400,000? - cover staff, resources necessary to create and maintain the portal...ongoing years will require less \$ once infrastructure is in place
- Link to Portal off of yesvirginia.org, cyberva.virginia.gov
- Create advisory group to consult on development of portal -- University Based Economic Development Officers (UBED), private sector, legislators, representatives of the Secretaries of Technology, Commerce & Trade
- Consider making one of the staff positions a "higher ed liason" to create a formal connection between economic development & public institutions of higher education

### 2. Statewide Cybersecurity Conference

- Economic development tool to showcase Virginia's cyber strengths
- Planned/administered by VEDP
- Conference would involve sponsorships, so unclear if any direct funding would be necessary

### 3. Establish K12 Grants

- \$250,000, to be used to match funds raised by school -- maximum of \$5,000/school
  - To be used for programs that support STEM education, such as CodeVA, FIRST Robotics Teams, etc.
  - Administered by Department of Education
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#### 4. Matching Grant Fund for Collaborative R&D

- Establish a grant fund in the Code of Virginia, subject to appropriation
- Funding goal: \$5 million initially
- Matching funds provided (dollar-for-dollar) to private entities who partner with a Virginia public institution of higher education for cyber-related R&D projects -- match would be based on money used on infrastructure and resources related to the project

