



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

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May 3, 2016

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Senate of Virginia  
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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.  
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones  
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Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

I am writing to report on the grants that have been awarded during the first quarter of the 2016 calendar year as required by § 2.2-5103(D) of the Code of Virginia.

For the first quarter, ending March 31, 2016, two Virginia Investment Partnership grants were awarded. In the Major Eligible Employer category (over \$100 million in capital investment and at least 1,000 new employees or corporate headquarters and other basic employers that make a capital investment of at least \$100 million and create at least 400 jobs paying at least twice the prevailing average wage for the area), there were no grants awarded.

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Virginia Investment Partnership:

1. **Printpack, Inc.**, located in the City of Newport News, is a manufacturer of packaging containers. Awarded a \$200,000 grant, the company will be making a \$25.7 million investment and creating 50 new jobs by December 31, 2019.
2. **Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.**, located in Rockingham County, is a global healthcare company. Awarded a \$1.3 million grant, the company will be making a \$168 million investment by February 1, 2019.

Major Eligible Employer:

No Major Eligible Employer grants were awarded.

For the first quarter of the 2016 calendar year, three disbursements from the Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund were made to Ashland, Orbital Sciences, and Whitewave (Morningstar). One Major Eligible Employer grant disbursement from the Fund was made to Altria (Philip Morris).

Sincerely,



Maurice A. Jones

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cc: Mr. Daniel C. Gundersen  
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Operating Officer  
Virginia Economic Development Partnership