

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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February 5, 2019

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee Pocahontas Building, Room E603 900 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable R. Lee Ware Chairman House Finance Committee Pocahontas Building, Room E308 900 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23139 The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. Co-Chairman Senate Finance Committee Pocahontas Building, Room E507 900 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable S. Chris Jones Chairman House Appropriations Committee Pocahontas Building, Room W1312 900 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

I am writing to report on the Virginia Investment Performance (VIP) and Major Eligible Employer (MEE) grants that were awarded during the fourth quarter of the 2018 calendar year as required by 2.2-5103(D) of the Code of Virginia.

In the fourth quarter, ending December 31, 2018, two VIP grants were awarded. No MEE grants were awarded in the fourth quarter of 2018.

### Virginia Investment Performance:

- 1. **Essel Propack**, located in the City of Danville, is a manufacturer of seamless high output tubes. Awarded a \$300,000 grant, the company will be making a \$31.2 million investment and creating 45 new jobs by December 31, 2021. This project has been announced.
- Enviva, located in Southampton County, is a producer of wood pellets. Awarded a \$400,000 grant, the company will be making a \$75.7 million investment by December 31, 2021. This project has been announced.

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### Major Eligible Employer:

No MEE grants were awarded.

For the fourth quarter of the 2018 calendar year, four disbursements from the VIP were made to White Wave Foods, Merck, Continental Automotive, and Rubbermaid for projects previously reported. No MEE grant disbursements from the Fund were made.

Sincerely,

Brian Ball

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cc Mr. Stephen Moret President and Chief Executive Officer Virginia Economic Development Partnership