



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Caren DeWitt Merrick
Secretary of Commerce and Trade

July 27, 2022

The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
P.O. Box 2608
Reston, Virginia 20195

The Honorable Barry D. Knight
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
1852 Mill Landing Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23457

The Honorable Roxann L. Robinson
Chair
House Finance Committee
P.O. Box 4627
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

Senator and Delegates:

I am writing to report on the Virginia Investment Performance (VIP) and Major Eligible Employer (MEE) grants that were awarded during the second quarter of the 2022 calendar year as required by § 2.2-5103(D) of the Code of Virginia.

In the second quarter, ending June 30, 2022, one VIP grant was awarded. No MEE grants were awarded in the second quarter of 2022.

Virginia Investment Performance:

1. **Birdsong Peanuts** will expand its peanut shelling and processing facility in the City of Suffolk. Awarded a \$250,000 grant, the company will invest \$25.1 million and create 0 jobs by June 30, 2025. This project has been announced.

Major Eligible Employer:

No MEE grants were awarded.



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For the second quarter of the 2022 calendar year, disbursements from the VIP were made to WestRock, Greif, Continental, Ashland, McKee Foods, Hollister, Dominion Packaging, Canon, Kingspan, Unilever, HP Hood, and Sabra.

It should be noted that the VIP legislative cap has been reached and that no further VIP grants may be offered at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Caren Merrick'.

Caren Merrick

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cc Mr. Jason El Koubi
President and Chief Executive Officer
Virginia Economic Development Partnership