



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 16-14

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director  
DATE: February 25, 2016

### AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH TO ADDRESS VETERANS EDUCATION IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission was involved in coordinating a regional response to the 2005 Base Re-Alignment and Closure (BRAC) and identified numerous issues.

WHEREAS, NVRC has been working with the Military on Section 331 (codified in 10 USC 2336) of FY13 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which allows for expanded partnerships through Intergovernmental Support Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia plays a role in providing a place of work for highly-skilled workforce to perform the volume, scope and cutting-edge work that the Department of Defense and the rest of the federal bureaucracy requires; and

WHEREAS, research has been conducted showing that one-third of newly separated service members opt to remain in the last community where they served, and transitioning personnel need strong community support to be successful; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and NVRC have identified workforce development as an important economic challenge for the Northern Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, one aspect of this issue is to have excellent civilian employment outcomes for service members transitioning from the military by improving access to education and training opportunities that lead to meaningful work for veterans; and

WHEREAS, this proposal seeks funding to provide staffing for ongoing partnerships established with the bases and to establish Community Centers to prepare veterans to develop their skills and lend their experience to protect national security; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff proposes to team up with CE Thomas & Company, LLC, whose founder is a disabled veteran who has developed a Holistic Transition Program concerned with four major areas where veterans often need help in transitioning to civilian employment: health and wellness, emotional/intelligence quotient, financial health, and need for mentoring; and

WHEREAS, this program includes intensive case management, employment coaching, soft skills training, financial literacy, skills testing, and "pre-apprenticeship" certificate training that will position veterans for success in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) career of his/her choice; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified grant resources available through the Office of Naval Research to test the concept of retaining those who are currently living in the Northern Virginia region; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to sponsor, and authorizes the Executive Director to submit, a \$200,000 proposal to the Office of the Naval Research to promote workforce skills tailored to the military transitioning to civilian life.



### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on February 25, 2016.

  
G. MARK GIBB, CERTIFYING OFFICER