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The Hampton Roads Innovation Collaborative to Host Regional CIO Roundtable

Traditional Information Technology is a form of innovation which contributes to regional company strength and job development.

The CIO Roundtable is made up of technologists including CIOs, CTOs and other senior technology leaders coming from all segments of the Hampton Roads economy including Private Sector, Governments and non-Profits. Collectively, these information technology leaders represent significant industry expertise and experience which is applicable to the advancement of this industry segment.

Seeking to assist the CIO Roundtable in advancing its mission, the Hampton Roads Innovation Collaborative (the former HR Technology Council, a 501c6), will act as an organizational host by providing project management, logistical support, meeting coordination services, membership collaboration and reporting. Outcomes are intended to include improved understanding of region-wide technology related needs and opportunities.

The working relationship between the two separate entities is in place only to forward common interests in technology, innovation and business improvements in the region while maintaining organizational independence

Mick Vollmer, Vice President, Cyber Security and Risk Governance stated: "The CIO Roundtable is very pleased to reconnect with the Hampton Roads Innovation Collaborative. We have a common set of interests in technology innovation which we can capitalize on very effectively via this relationship."

Dan Bell, President of HRIC added: "HRIC offers itself as a bonding agent and execution platform for the CIO Roundtable. Together I believe we can help to enhance the information technology business environment in Hampton Roads."

The first series of activities scheduled for this new collaboration in 2017 are:
1) Launching a Regional Cyber Accelerator activity.
2) Working with Education to enhance workforce development.
3) Conduct IT Needs Assessment surveys toward strategic initiative planning.